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ASTROTHEROLOGY AND THE "JESUS STORY" OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: DOES IT ORIGINATE WITH THE STARS?



My life has been one long arduous study of religion since graduating Southwestern Theological Seminary in 1988. After the first 7 years of such study I was forced to resign my Pastorate as a Christian Pastor having been thoroughly convinced that I was not teaching the truth concerning the "Jesus Story" nor "the Christ" but only reiterating an aberrant tradition that had strayed so distantly from the truths of the Ancients concerning this "Jewish Messiah" whom was believed to be "the Christ". After reading hundreds of books over those years and studying usually 5 hours a day, year after year, I have come to see without a doubt that all the world's religions, including Christianity, are nothing more than rewritten versions of an older story held dear by the earliest sages and priest of mankind that can be found on this planet; namely, the story of the birth, death, and rebirth of the Sun as it makes it circuit through the sky and the Zodiac once a year.

Please understand that I would not make such a statement unless I could prove it beyond any doubt to the interested reader

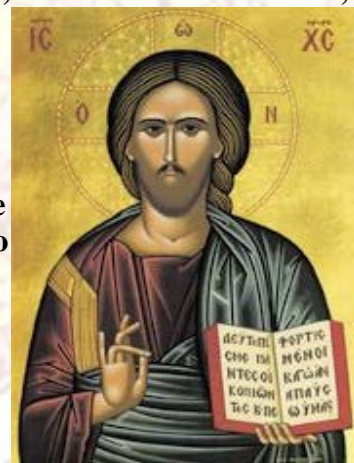
The summary of my studies these past twenty years can be summarized and categorized rather easily in 3 basic classifications which you will see yourself if you undertake similar studies. I found that there are three schools of thought down through history concerning the interpretation of just whom is this "Jesus Christ"!

- **The Historical Jesus Christ** (the presentation of "the Christ" as taught through the medium of a presumed historical person to serve as an example for all mankind to emulate and follow)
- **The Mythical Jesus Christ** (the personification of the Sun as it moves on its prescribed path through the Heavens where we find it moving through each house of the Zodiac which goes hand in hand with the changing seasons of the year [Spring Equinox, Summer Solstice, Autumn Equinox, Winter Solstice])
- **The Mystical Jesus Christ** (the allegorical expression of a hidden teaching, a secret doctrine, given under strict and exacting conditions to approved candidates by the Ancient Masters of Spiritual Wisdom regarding the descent of the Logos (God) into matter, ie., mankind). Believe it or not we find that Paul speaks of this in the New Testament:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

On entering now on the study of the life of "the Christ", of the rites of Christianity, its sacraments, its doctrines, it would be disastrous to ignore the facts presented by comparative mythologists and religionists down through history. **These facts regarding the identity of "Jesus Christ", rightly understood, hold the "key" to answering the biggest question ever posed to mankind: "Who is Jesus Christ"?**

Over the many, many years of my religious studies following Seminary the puzzle pieces slowly came together and the answers to problematic questions came to ease my concern for the "swiss cheese" theology that I was taught there. It was in Seminary that I first discovered that many of the "Jesus Stories" were remarkable parallels with earlier "Sun god" stories from a host of Aryan nations. What I did not know then and what escapes the vast majority of Christianity in today's world is that many of the stories of these "solar gods" and "godmen" down through history which parallel the events in the life of the New Testament "Christ" as found in the New Testament and which **appear at first thought to be apparently historical were really purely allegorical**. This is why the stories of Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Attis, Adonis, Mithra, and a host of others read like the New Testament "Jesus Story". Nowhere, perhaps, is it more necessary to understand this than when we are studying the story of Jesus (called in this website the "Jesus Story"), surnamed "the Christ", for when we fail to separate the allegory from the literal truth, and see where the symbols have been mistakenly taken and believed as "historical events, allegories as histories, we lose most of the instructiveness of the narrative and much of its "Eternal Truth" once given to the Ancient Spiritual Masters by the Creator. Men fear that Christianity will be weakened when one comes to this understanding, and that it is "dangerous" to admit that events thought to be "historical" have a deeper significance in both a "mythical" and "mystic meaning". That simply is not the case but those who advocate not delving into these deeper areas of understanding of "the Christ" keep others from recovering the truths concerning "the Christ" as the Ancients who gave us those concepts understood them and "him" in the first place. **Let us not forget that as Egypt taught in the beginning of recorded history mankind was made in the image of God and not God in the image of man!** The "halo", or nimbus, surrounding the picture of Jesus above should be a "tip off" that there is much about this "Jesus Christ" that escapes our simple understanding of him as presented by the typical "historical" understanding of him handed down in Roman Christianity today. Inquiring minds should want to know:



"Who really is this Jesus Christ of the New Testament and why can the chronological events of his life as written and recorded in the New Testament be shown to be a perfect parallel to the allegorical understanding of the path of the Sun through the houses of the Zodiac as well as the Equinoxes and Solstices as taught by the Ancients"?



Bet Emet Ministries has presented over the last several years the collective research and data gathered from our scholarly study of "the Christ" and have presented this presentation in various [websites](#) on the Internet. **But this presentation of the "Mythical Jesus Christ" is the most explosive revelation concerning "Jesus Christ" yet to date.**

It is not my desire to harm anyone or their "faith" but truth should matter to you and me; especially if we love God and desire to know as much about Him in our lives today. Much of what we at Bet Emet Ministries share with our readership will be new information to the vast majority of our readers mainly because Roman Christianity has chosen not to teach these truths and to a large extent down through history suppressed them. Just because you have never heard of some of what we write does not mean it is not true; it only means you have not seen it yet in your corner church house.

Prov 3:3-4 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. (KJV)

Prov 23:23 23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. (KJV)

What passages! Truth is not free today; it costs you sometime. First of all it costs you time and energy where you invest your life to confirm what you read from Bet Emet to be the "ultimate truth". We have done our homework for over 20 years well and unto the Lord. It is our gift to all mankind because of our love for God and all His children; many of which never dreamed like I once before I began serious study into my faith that I could have believed "lies" given me by Rome instead of "truth" in my relationship with God and His "Christ".

Prov 12:17 17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit. (KJV)

Let me warn you that as we study that you will see that we can approach the "Jesus Story" from a **"LITERAL" perspective** and draw from it patterns of conduct and behavior to be followed by all of mankind, and we have done just that; in fact that is where we started with our presentation of a "Jesus Christ" from a literal perspective in our ministry's earlier websites hoping to expose the "dejudiazation" of this "Jesus Christ" by Rome on the pages of the New Testament. In so doing we tried to expose how Rome replaced the concept of the Jewish Messiah with one of their own making as well as show how the Laws and Commandments of God are in effect today and are the very building blocks of our Covenants with God. A few years later I was able to construct and present a deeper understanding of "the Christ" and we were able to present the **"Mystical Jesus Christ"** whereby we showed how the earliest Christians (actually called Chrestians and not Christians in the beginning) and the **First New Testament from Marcion**, which Rome would later corrupt and destroy, understood "the Christ" as a Divine Allegory of a Divine Concept inherent within all of mankind and not exclusive to just one person. That is why this First New Testament of these earliest Gnostic "Christian/Chrestian" believer did not teach a "fleshly" or a "historical Jesus Christ". That is why the seven authentic epistles of Paul never taught a "fleshly Jesus" but only in the later forgeries do we find such ideas. **This Roman Second New Testament was the production of a radical reinterpretation of the earlier concept of "the Christ" as held by the earliest Gnostic Christians as handed down by the Ancient Spiritual Masters as far back as Egypt. This Roman Second New Testament was also a reinterpretation of "the Christ" from what both Jewish and Gentile Gnostics believed about "the Christ" in the first century.**

The Gnostic First New Testament, which today can be reconstructed by the study of the attacks of the early Church Fathers on Marcion and these Gnostic Chrestians, goes a long way in helping today's student see just what was believed about this "Christ" in the first century before the rise of Roman Christianity and the production of their Second New Testament. Understand your studies will show what I discovered; namely that **this earlier and Ancient understanding of "the Christ" (both Mystical and Mythical)** which we identify in this website as the "Gnostic" understanding of "the Christ" will be lost to the world by the fifth century and forced "underground" by Roman Christianity and their military might. These earlier Gnostic Spiritual Masters will be almost persecuted out of existence by Rome and the "Divine Allegory of the Christ Within" will be later "literalized" by Rome in their Second New Testament. Lost to the world will be the earliest understanding of "the Jesus Christ" as known since the beginning of recorded time. **This is where most of Christianity exists today believing in a "Literalized Jesus Christ" which has been presented as a historical person when the deeper truths of the "Christ Within" are seldom heard and that goes double for the "Mythical**

Christ".

LET US NARROW OUR FOCUS A BIT

Now we come to the most explosive presentation of "Jesus Christ" yet to date: **The Mythical Jesus Christ.**

Answer for yourself: Yes, I said it correctly. We speak of the "Mythical Jesus Christ" but don't think for a moment that there is not behind these "spiritual concepts" hidden and deeper truths that reveal our God like never before. God again is not a man and we need to get that straight in spite of what the Roman council at Nicea might say in the early 4th century.

Our focus on the "Mythical Christ" will take us back to the beginning of recorded history. In fact we go beyond recorded time to the oral traditions of pre-dynastic Egypt where they saw God and His message to all mankind in the Sky and Heavens. I call it today **"Theology in the Stars".** It is a known historical fact that Rome did burn the many libraries of the world to cover up their lies and falsification of "the Jesus Christ" but no man or no false religion can burn the stars above our heads or forge the sky as they do books like Rome's Second New Testament. God still writes on the blackboard of the nights His Divine Message to us. Sadly few of us know it is even there or how to read and interpret it. Truly you need "keys" to understand what God is saying on the Night's Blackboard and His Heavens and I will give them to you in this website if you so desire to study along with us. If you continue on this website be advised that what you will learn about "Jesus Christ" will be the most startling and upsetting information you may have ever heard yet to date but I cannot help that. I can only say you will survive it as I did when I so desired the truth that I would not stop my quest for God and His ultimate truth because it "went against what my church had taught me". Let us remember as demonstrated on so many of our other websites that we as Christians and followers of "the Christ" have a spiritual book given us by Rome that is "forged" in key places which hides these deeper truths from us. It is well past time we get new "keys" to understand our Creator and His true message to us. We in our studies will go to the very origin of what later becomes the whole of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament, from start to finish and in-between, and we will show you that without a doubt that the **whole of the "Jesus Story" and the major events in it comes from Ancient allegories told about the Sun and its path through the sky, the Heavens, and its path through the Zodiac once a year as it moves through the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, the Autumn Equinox, and the Winter Solstice. It is in these movements of the Sun you will see as I did the exact "chronological story" of "Jesus Christ" as recorded in the New Testament.**

This statement will be backed up with copious presentations of astronomy and astrology which proves beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is a parody and takeoff of the path of the Sun through the Heavens. **These facts about the Mythical Jesus Christ, and I mean facts, undeniable facts, address so many problems that exist today concerning Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament and settle all debates about him once and for all!!!** Once you see these facts for yourself then you will understand why there exists no unforged evidence for the existence of a "Historical Jesus Christ" in history outside of this one book that Rome gave the world in their presentation of a "Literal Jesus Christ". **These facts about the Mythical Jesus Christ will explain why the exploits of Jesus in the New Testament are but a recopying of the ancient lives of the Sungods and the Sungodmen.** These facts about the Mythical Jesus Christ will explain why all Sungods had a death on a cross and a resurrection 3 days later and it only begins there. **These facts concerning a Mythical Jesus Christ will explain why the Jewish sages and Rabbis down through history cannot accept the Christian Jesus Christ as their Messiah.** In fact all questions about "Jesus Christ" will have been answered for all time. Then we can focus on the Creator God, as we should have been all along, having dealt thoroughly with this "Jesus Christ" for the last time.

But again the good news is that in such a study you will see God and His true message for all mankind; not as we have it today from Rome where it is altered and adulterated almost beyond recognition in our New Testaments. The Ancients knew this God like few nations today every hope to and they recorded their

knowledge and in spite of Rome's purge of the world's libraries has surfaced today with the aid of archeology and it lays before us if we only desire to look. We truly live in a blessed age where such Divine Truths have been restored to all of mankind and the hope of a renewed brotherhood of man that moves beyond traditional religious walls lays at our grasp. For you see God and His message to all mankind is the same regardless of man's religious camps.

Words escape we when the magnitude of what I have discovered and what I will present to the reader rushes to the forefront of my mind. I am yet overwhelmed by what I have uncovered and have seen in my studies of the "Mystical" and "Mythical Christ". But understand that you, if reared a Christian, will need all the courage and fortitude you can muster to work through this website for it will touch all of your emotions and challenge the typical Christian to his utmost being and at times leave you breathless. But your final destination is "TRUTH" and let nothing in your life stop you from reaching this destination for God has never lied to us and never gave us a falsehood as large as the "Literal Jesus Story" which Rome has done and which we have been fed to us in the Western Hemisphere our whole lives. We embark to such a destination of undeniable truth right now.

In order to recover such truths regarding the question posed at the beginning of this article then 3 areas of study will be necessary. It is to these areas of study we now turn in order to see what we have to thoroughly consult to ever hope to arrive at the answer to the question posed at the beginning of this article "Whom is Jesus Christ" and resounds in the New Testament in Mark 8:27:

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? (KJV)

This will be a long and challenging study but before we begin I want to give inform the student and reader of what will be required of them if they every hope to come to terms with the "Jesus Puzzle" or the "Jesus Story" as I call it. This is a complicated weaving of different strands of theology mixed together over thousands of years and to make sense of it today, especially with our Western mindset, is no easy task and nigh impossible if we don't possess adequate knowledge and "keys" for proper interpretation of the "Jesus Story". After we "get our feet wet" by reading the article on the "4 areas of study necessary to understand correct 'Jesus Christ'" we will proceed to the meat of this study.

[4 Areas Of Study Necessary If You Every Hope To Come To An Accurate Understanding Of "Jesus Christ" and "the Christ"](#)

[On to the main website containing the articles for our study](#)

Recover "The Faith Once Given To The Saints" Which Has Been Perverted By Gentile Christianity And Their "Literal" and "Historical" Interpretation of the Sacred Texts

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In our CD of all out websites contained on one disk we provide a "study plan" for the student and give [detailed instructions as how to study these websites "in order"](#) to facilitate one's study. Please inquire for the CD for such through study will take you some time if you ever hope of cracking the "Jesus Puzzle" and coming to the answer of the question: "Who do men say I am?".

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If one undertakes the study of Bet Emet's Websites, and understand it is a life's work, then one is prepared to understand what has happened to Christianity down through the centuries and how **Divine Truths, once expressed through allegory, metaphor, and simile by the Ancients who first received the Revelations of God, has been suppressed, altered, and tragically lost today through the "literalization" of such revelations given to us by the Ancients.** This is a tragic story to say the least and renders us as "believers" and "followers of the New Testament Jesus" as idolators and we never know it because our Bibles inherited from Rome are "forged" in key "theological places". If you are diligent to study and learn from what is shared on these multiple sites then over time you will understand how it is possible to follow the "New Testament Jesus" in one way which ends with idolatry and in another way which ends in holiness and righteousness. The key to all of this rest in the true identity of "the Christ," "the Logos", and "Christ Jesus". We are all familiar with these terms but we will see hopefully there is a big difference between what we have been taught about them today and what they meant to the original Christians. Rome's has played a key role in the loss of these Divine truths and the substitution of falsehoods as you will come to see. "Surely that is not possible" I hear you say, but I only wish it were so. For your study and thought are these websites which were developed and revised over the years as Bet Emet Ministries' studies have progressed and deepened and more parts of the "theological puzzle" of Christianity became apparent to myself and others associated with Bet Emet.

These websites are intended to be "a step by step" process in your pilgrimage of learning. We begin by looking at the surface of the texts and then moving deeper as the websites progress we look often at the hidden and esoteric meanings that lie beneath these same texts. In other words we begin our websites with a "literal-historical" interpretation of "the Christ" and "Jesus Christ" and move later to the "Mystical Christ" and finally to the "Mythical Jesus Christ". As alluded previously we begin by looking at the "literal historical Jesus" and the texts and explain them "literally" as we have been taught since growing

up most like since childhood in the Christian faith we inherited. In so doing it is my intent to show you and separate for you a Jewish Messiah and Judaism's truth from a non-Jewish Messiah and untruths given us by Rome. **Only in such a "literal-historical" interpretation can we at first compare and contrast Judaism's truths against the later corruption of them by antisemitic Rome.**

I don't expect all the readers to "agree" with what I write and reveal from my 20 years of scholarly studies from must reading an "article" or "two", but I do expect you to listen and take seriously what I show you since more than likely you have never looked into these matters and studied them out for yourselves as of yet. So be patient and "think" and in time I promise you as you get more of the puzzle pieces of this "Jesus Story" you will come to agree with what I have shown you in these articles for the facts and evidences, once possessed by you, will bring the necessary repentance in many areas of our Christian religious belief system which is so desperately needed today.

As your studies progress it is my hope that you will come to see the depiction of this "Jesus" in the New Testament in a deeper light; not as a historical-literal person but the "personification of Divine truth of 'the Christ'" that was entrusted to the Jewish nation for the Gentile world. As the websites progress you will come to see just whom this "Divine Christ within" really is and how this concept has tragically be changed by Rome and given a literal-historical life of its own. It is a real shame that the only Jew to ever came to you and me was this New Testament this "Christ" dressed up like Constantine and bearing **"literalized sunworship concepts"** which simply are not true in their "literal sense" since they bring idolatry with them. Over time you will come to see the Divine Truth within them however when they remain as **allegories** as they were intended for it is then and only then can they express the Divine truths as originally intended and as understood by the ancients who gave them to mankind in the first place. Rome changes them and never tells us in the book we inherited; the Roman Bible.

In closing it is my intent as a yet ordained Pastor who desired to serve the Creator and help His children do the same that once this information came to light over the years of my studies I realized that someone has to share and tell others of this deception in order that our worship of the Creator be in "Spirit and in Truth. Bet Emet, Hebrew for "House Of Truth", has done as best it can to present these truths in hopes that your love for and worship of God be perfected by what you learn from these articles.

The order of our study is very important. If you start from the beginning and work your way through these websites as if you are reading the "best of many books" (which you are) then you will end your study with few unanswered questions and you will have arrived as the truth you sought and have a very clear picture of whom God is and what He requires of you, the non-Jewish believer in Christianity today. Sure the trip is hard, long, and time consuming and filled with both tears and joy as you deal with what has happened at the hands of men who served themselves rather than God. But the goal must be kept squarely before you....to come to the Truth once known about God by these Ancients who framed many of the very same religious doctrines that sadly have come down to us altered today and sadly cover the pages of our Bibles. **You will come to see that there is a very big difference from the Jewish Bible and the corrupted Gentile Christian Bible we inherited from Rome and for this reason I adopt a "literal-historical" approach to "Jesus Christ" in order to contrast Judaism's truths vs the Roman deception that lines the pages in our Christians Bibles.** As we study we will come to see that the depiction of this "literalized Jesus Christ" as the "Jewish Messiah" by Rome in our forged Christian Bibles is a total deception. There are many reasons why the Jewish people and their Rabbis don't accept our "Christian Jesus". This forgery and deception and destruction of Divine Truths is Rome's doing! All of this is dealt with on our websites and you will get to it in time if you are diligent in your study. But to see this then we are forced to approach "Jesus Christ" assuming that what we read in our New Testaments is a "literal-historical" reality and only later will we examine in detail the evidence for a "literal-historical Jesus Christ" and in so doing come to see that the concept of "Jesus Christ" existed in Ancient Egypt over ten thousand years ago and begin to correctly see "the Christ" through eyes that see this Divine Concept "mystically" and "mythologically" as did the Ancients for thousands of years; that is until the

3rd century when Rome "reinterpreted" this Christ for the world at the point of a sword.

Let us end with one passage from the Hebrew Scriptures:

14 Then the LORD said unto me: 'The prophets prophesy lies in My name; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke I unto them; they prophesy unto you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their own heart.'

It is time that we do diligent study in order to overcome these "lies" which we have inherited from Rome and others and repent of such error if it be in our life. It is time we search out and return to the faith of our Fathers who carry the Ancients traditions and truths with them. Today we find these "truths" in Judaism which itself is the Spiritual legacy of Egypt. Few know this because of lack of study but the beginning study has been done for you by Bet Emet where you can come to the knowledge of these things which were almost destroyed out of existence by the Roman purges of knowledge during the Dark Ages. **It is time you accept the mantle of study which in first century Israel was "the highest form of worship".**

Lev 20:77 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am the LORD your God (the Jewish Tanakh)

PRESENTING THE "JESUS STORY" THROUGH THE 4 WAYS OF RABBINICAL TEACHING

The Websites and our spiritual pilgrimage follow but I must say that what I uncovered when getting to the bottom of the origin of the "Jesus Story" is that **the "New Testament Jesus" can be understood in many different ways** and in so doing yet communicate Divine Truth to the reader. I have discovered through my 20 years of study that we basically have 3 different ways to understand "the Christ" and the "Jesus Story" as I and others see it. We at Bet Emet Ministries have covered all 3 different understandings and presentations of "Jesus Christ" through the totality of our websites. Taken in order our Websites take the student through these 3 different understanding of "the Christ" in systematic order.

- **Historically**...(Ancient myths which were taught by Rome through the medium of a presumed historical person; although not accurate to the existence of a historical person yet important for us in that it can and does serves as an example of spirituality and righteousness to be emulated by all mankind)
- **Mystically**...(expressing a hidden teaching, a secret doctrine, given under strict and exacting conditions to approved candidates by the Masters of Wisdom regarding the descent of the Logos into matter, ie., mankind), which when properly understood with the necessary "keys of interpretation" is revealed as the metaphysical teaching of the Descent of the Soul into matter; said more simply the Descent of God/Spirit/Energy into matter (eventually the flesh of mankind) and we see this presence of God in man as the indwelling Christ within).
- **Mythically**...(personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and the 4 seasons of the year; the equinoxes and solstices, which when properly understood with the necessary "keys of interpretation" is revealed as the mystical teaching of the gestation, birth, life, death, and rebirth of the Soul/Christ in mankind).

Paul speaks of this Mystical and Mythical Christ:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are all three methods of presenting Jesus Christ equally accurate to truth? No, they are not, and our Websites will provide the evidence you need to not only see this for yourself but make adjustments in your religious belief system when needed. We will show you how Judaism maintained these Divine truths of "the Christ" and how later Rome will not only burn the libraries of the world to cover up their adulteration of the truth about "the Christ within" but almost eradicate this knowledge for the world by the "literalization" of "the Christ" where He is limited to only one man instead of indwelling in every child of God. **Our focus needs to be on correctly interpreting the Mystical and Mythical Christ and then dealing with the erroneously interpreted "Historical Jesus...the Christ with flesh".**

We must study in order as we progress from a "literal-historical" understanding of "the Christ" which we were given first in our Christian experience and progress to the deeper understandings of "the Christ". It goes without saying that we all begin to read and study the Bible from a "literal" perspective assuming that it is the vehicle for "literal truth" about Jesus Christ, never realizing that often these stories were written to be understood as allegories by the original writers let alone ever realizing that our "Jesus Story" can be found in identical form all the way back to pre-dynastic Egypt over 13,000 years ago. Bet Emet Ministries began several years ago to present websites dealing with Christianity which at first adopted this **"Literal Interpretation" of Jesus in the "Jesus Story"** since the "literal" approach toward Jesus in the New Testament is taught today by almost all of Christianity as they **assume** that Jesus Christ was a historical person. **We all grow up in the Western Hemisphere assuming that the "Jesus Story" is a historical reality; that is until we do the serious study of our faith required to get to the bottom of the "Jesus Story" and the religious synthesis within it. Only with the study of Comparative Religions where I found "my Jesus Story" repeated over and over again since Ancient Egypt in almost ever nation under the Sun but also later in my studies of Gnostic Christianity did I come to clearly see the Mystical Christ "within" which had been so tragically altered by Rome beginning in the second century. Many of our websites, especially the early ones from years ago, begin by approaching the "Jesus Story" from this historical-grammatical method of interpretation because this is how we first meet this "Christ" and grow up hearing only of a "literal-historical Christ". This is how we first get acquainted with the "Jesus Story".** This "literal-historical" approach I felt was necessary to get the reader and student started in order to reveal the greater Spiritual Truths that lay within Biblical Judaism that does not come with the added baggage of idolatry which we find in Gentile Christianity. As a pastor I realized that it takes time for a "seed to grow" and if I strike out and were to say that "almost everything you believe about Jesus that Rome taught us in their Second New Testament is wrong" I would lose any hope of reaching people with the fruits of my studies. **So the beginning study of the Jewish Roots of Christianity follows the Rabbinical Methods of teaching and I applied them to Bet Emet's presentation of the "Jesus Story" and the totality of our Websites.** There are 4 levels of Rabbinical teaching.

PASHAT

The first level of understanding is PASHAT (simple). The Pashat is the literal meaning. It is similar to what Protestant hermeneutics calls "Grammatical Historical Exegesis" and also similar to what Protestant Hermeneutics calls "The Literal Principle." The PASHAT is the plain, simple meaning of the text; understanding scripture in its natural, normal sense using the customary meanings of the words being used, in accordance with the primary exegetical rule in the Talmud that no passage loses its PASHAT (b.Shab. 63a; b.Yeb. 24a). While there is figurative language (like Ps. 36:7) symbolism (like Rom. 5:14); allegory (like Gal. 4:19-31) and hidden meanings (like Rev. 13:18; 1Cor. 2:7) in the Scriptures, the first thing to look for is the literal meaning or PASHAT. This is how and why I developed the first websites and in so doing try to reveal the beauty of Biblical Judaism to the Christian student desiring the truth of his Jewish Roots. History teaches us today that, yes, Israel was hoping for and looking for one that might come like their famous King David and conquer the Gentiles, but more than this history today also teaches us that **these first believers in "the Christ" in Israel, both Jew and Gentile, were followers of "Chrestus" (the Christ within). We must not confuse these two terms for "Chrestus (the Christ within) is NOT the "Christos" of Rome's later imagination.** You have to study to see this. For it is in Biblical Judaism do we find our links with Egypt in their

purest form thus preserving better than any these Ancient understandings of God and the Cosmos and "the Christ within" and man's responsibilities to the Creator. **These following websites approaches "the Christ" as an assumed "historical person" yet never telling the reader that behind this motif of a "historical Jesus" lies the greatest deception know to mankind (the Christ within was later 'literalized' and placed in a 'historical' setting of Rome's choosing.**

- **RETURNING TO THE JEWISH ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY...THE FAITH OF JESUS/YESHUA**
 - <http://returntofaithofjesus.netfirms.com>
 - (The examination of the Jewish and Hebrew Roots of the Christian Faith as taken from a **literal perspective**. In so doing we expose many of the errors in doctrine and practice of today's Gentile Christianity with special emphasis upon the non-Jewish believer and his Divine place within the Israel of God instead of enmeshed in replacement religion as exists today in Gentile Christianity. We pay no attention in this site to the many problems concerning the Historical Jesus and approach the study from the normal assumption that the historical Jesus is true since that is how most of us grew up believing in the first place...in later sites we look at this problem in greater detail).
- **THE COVENANT OF NOAH & THE LAWS OF NOAH AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
 - <http://covenantofnoah.netfirms.com>
 - (**Now we look in depth to the non-Jewish believer and how he fits into true Biblical Faith.** This is very important information and necessary for every Christian to read and study in detail. This is a very revealing study of the Covenants of God with special emphasis upon the Covenant concerning the non-Jew which are called today the Covenant of Noah comprising the 66 commandments of Noah; included in this site are OT references to this covenant as well and revealing exposition of this same covenant in the NT as taught to the non-Jews in fulfillment of the Great Commission before Rome would change everything in the 3rd and 4th century; **see how the Pattern of Worship was the same for the Jew and non-Jew** as they both kept and observed the same Biblical Festivals (equinoxes and solstices) and how denominational Christianity has missed the mark throughout history due to it's antisemitic background, the reinterpretation of these sacred times and appointed times of God along with altering Ancient spiritual dogmas).
- **THE BIBLICAL "PATTERN" OF WORSHIP & THE GENTILE GOD-FEARER IN THE FIRST CENTURY SYNAGOGUE-"CHURCH"**
 - <http://jewishrootscx.netfirms.com>
 - (Having learned all of this knowledge from the above websites and fully convinced that repentance is needed in my "Christian religious belief system" then the question that should be asked is this one as I see it: ***"If I, as a non-Jew, who had not converted to Judaism, had lived in the first century in Israel and had come into contact with this "Joshua-Jesus Movement within Israel as we find it in Acts 15 for example, then what would you have been taught about how a non-Jew is to "worship" the Creator"? Is there a "Pattern of Worship" of God that I need to know about?"*** Other questions come to mind: What are we to do as we study and learn the truth about the early Gentile inclusion into the Israel of God? How are we to worship today since learning these truths which reveal the ruse and deception of Rome which changed the worship of God in the 3rd century? How can I bring this understanding into my life today? How can I worship the Creator in "Spirit and in Truth" in light of what I have learned in the above websites that has shown me that I have been badly taught and so badly misguided by my spiritual leaders in Christianity today? If you want those answers then this website is for you. My apologies that it is not finished but under "construction" but better to begin to learn what we can when we can than waste any more time. I trust that in time the website will be finished.

REMEZ

The next level of understanding is called in Hebrew REMEZ (hinting at a prior truth or a hidden truth that

goes beyond the current text). Peculiarities and contradictions in the Biblical texts are treated and presented to the reader as hinting at a deeper truth than that conveyed by its PASHAT. The fun of discovering our Jewish Roots, Sabbaths, and Biblical Festivals is over and it is time for serious investigation of our inherited faith. **Our Websites get more challenging as I begin using the principle of Remez to hint that there are problems with the "Jesus Story" and begin to question many of the teachings of Christianity and their presentation of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah.** We still approach these issues as if "historical" but as your studies progress you begin to slowly get the picture that there is severe problems with what Christianity teaches about "the Christ" and its presentation of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. It bears saying again that we approach this information again as if "historical" but as our websites progress we will soon move to the "Mythical" and the "Mystical" presentations of Jesus Christ. You might say we are in the process of cracking the egg shell regarding the "Jesus Story".

• **RETURNING TO THE BIBLICAL FAITH OF JESUS/YESHUA BY EXAMINING CLOSELY OUR BIBLES**

- <http://www.faithofyeshua.faithweb.com>
- <http://geocities.com/thefaithofjesus>
- (We move on and begin to look at our New Testaments since it is within them that we have the core of the problems concerning this Jewish Messiah portrayed as Jesus. Here we encounter examples of such textual and scriptural falsifications in our Christian Bibles, both Old and New Testaments as mentioned in the previous sites.. hundreds of examples where the facts and truths that once existed in the Jewish Masoretic Old Testament texts were purposefully changed in the Greek translation of the Jewish Scriptures by the Essenes and later incorporated into almost all Christian Old Testaments and the implication of such purposeful alterations by not only the Jews of Alexandria (the Essenes), but the later changing and altering of this solar-mythology by the Gentile Church in their final production.. the New Testament. Here we encounter the change of these Divine Concepts as they become altered and reinterpreted and attached to the life of the New Testament Jesus. So it is necessary that we become very familiar with the document called the New Testament which has incorporated such religious agendas over time)

• **AN UNBIASED LOOK INTO THE HISTORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT...AND THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ITS CANONIZATION?**

- <http://historyofformationofnewtestament.netfirms.com>
- (Now we must understand how we actually got this New Testament in the first place. This study is as best as possible an unbiased and intense study into the New Testament, its origins, its canonization, the disagreements of the early Church Fathers as seen for hundreds of years in the conflicts and disagreements concerning it, its falsification and purposeful mistranslation of the Jewish Masoretic text, the role of the Essenes in the falsification of the Jewish Old Testament and its impact of the later developing New Testament, and the determination of the role of the Holy Spirit in the production of the New Testament...if any)

• **PAUL...THE TRUE FOLLOWER OF JESUS...OR...SUBVERTER OF THE FAITH OF JESUS AND FOUNDER OF A NEW RELIGION?**

- <http://paulproblem.netfirms.com>
- (Now we move to the Paul Problem. Let it be said that I am hard on Paul since he has been presented to us on the pages of this New Testament in a particular way and reinforced by 2000 years of Church Tradition. I must say that I deal with Paul "literally" as this is the way he has again been presented to us on the pages of the New Testament and in so doing I spare no ink in pointing out the problems this presents regarding a Jewish interpretation of "the Christ". Understand that this is a very challenging website which exposes the deception behind the New Testament's presentation of the Apostle Paul and his assumed rejection of Judaism. This site reveals the truth behind the purposeful manipulation of history and facts to cover up the truth about a Gnostic Paul who actually and historically only wrote 7 epistles where he espouses a synthesis of Gnosticism, Mystery Religions, and Judaism...along with this I reveal his and later pro-Pauline writers purposeful misuse of the Jewish Scriptures by Pauline writers in their presentation to the non-Jewish world of a new

religion and how they made it seem as if Jesus was the cause for it...this is strong stuff and not for the faint-hearted. We will look at Paul in a different light when he is later put into his Gnostic setting which is historically accurate and only then we can say "kind things" about Paul...so hold on...we need to find the "real Paul" and we don't have it yet since Rome forged all but 7 of his epistles which he wrote and put his name on all others which they forged....modern scholarship will teach you this and how to spot this...so we have to be hard on Paul for right now since Christians believe that he taught all the things that carry his name. We will see as we study that he did not express an anti-Jewish faith and and anti-Law bias as portrayed in the Roman New Testament and the blame for this deception is again laid on the lying pens of Rome....so we deal on this site as "if" Paul was responsible for these writings since we are taught he wrote them all by Roman tradition)

• THE JEWISH CONCEPT OF "THE" MESSIAH....WHY CAN'T THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS AGREE?

- <http://jewishmessiah.netfirms.com>
- (Now we enter the beauty of Judaism and the truths they taught about their own Messiah and once knowing this then it is easy to contrast them with what we have been taught as Christians that come from our forged Christian Bibles. Ever wonder why the Jews and Gentile Christianity cannot agree on the Jewish Messiah? At last the unbiased truth concerning the Jewish Messiah and with it many explanations as to how the Christian theology concerning the Messiah deviates so drastically from the Jewish Messianic concepts as well as emphasis on the corruption of the Gentile's religious texts (OT and NT) which culminates in the creation of a Messiah which was never prophesied by the Jewish prophets.....the answers for the Gentile Christian are not always comforting but if you want the truth it is here for the interested and unbiased student and true seeker of truth. This is a selective summary of what went before on the other sites where I pull together pertinent information concerning one topic and one topic only: THE MESSIAH. If your desire is to study what the Hebrew Scriptures taught about the Jewish Messiah before they were altered and changed as they were later purposefully mistranslated into the Greek and even later carried over in their corrupted forms into the Christian's Old Testament and New Testament texts by Rome, then this material and information is for you. Along with this site is the examination of text after text not only in it's Hebraic original form but as it was altered and changed thereby causing New Testament believers to ignorantly accept and cherish beliefs about Yeshua/Jesus which not only are incorrect but which render them idolators before God).

• A TRUTHFUL ANALYSIS OF MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN THE HEBREW BIBLE AS CONTRASTED WITH THE CHRISTIAN TRANSLATIONS...DID JESUS FULFILL THEM?

- <http://messianicprophecy.netfirms.com>
- (A very detailed examination of the Hebrew Scriptures and how they were later altered when translated into the Greek, Latin, and English versions of Christian Bibles by Rome. We trace the corruption of the Jewish Scriptures from the Hebrew in which they were originally written and show how these Jewish Scriptures were later purposefully mistranslated, purposefully misquoted, purposefully misapplied, and even invented out of thin air in order to alter the hoped for human messiah into a "cosmic Godman" by the Essenes of Alexandria, Egypt. Later these very same altered passages will become forced "fulfillments" when applied to a supposed "literal-historical" Jesus in later Latin and English versions taken from the Greek forgeries of the Jewish Scriptures. We show repeatedly how the Greek translations were forged in order to include the Essene concept of their "angel messiah" and "cosmic Godman" and later how this concept would be further adulterated when applied to Jesus some two hundred years later through the further forgery of other Hebrew Scriptures by the Roman Gentile Church. In other words we show beyond any doubt how the Holy Word of God has been corrupted today. No wonder the Jewish people don't believe in the Christian Jesus; their Jewish Scriptures read completely different than those of the Christian Church in "key" messianic places)

• DANIEL 9:17-27: THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF YEARS AS TAKEN FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

- <http://seventyweeksdaniel.netfirms.com>
- (We now look at a very problematic piece of prophecy. Of all the Old Testament scriptures translated and quoted (or purposely mistranslated or misquoted) by Christian evangelicals in hopes of finding validation to most of their Gentile Christian doctrines, Daniel 9:17-27 and Isaiah 53 are perhaps the two most popular. In both cases, Christianity relies on a claim that the only reasonable interpretation of those scriptures is theirs. But is this true? Have our Christian Bibles been forged to force fulfillments as applied to Jesus when the true Hebrew Scriptures read differently than our Christian Bibles? Well...it is time to see the truth for yourself concerning Daniel's 70 weeks and then you decide who is right....Judaism or Christianity)
- **THE ESSENE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ITS LEGACY OF SUN WORSHIP**
 - <http://essenechristianfaith.netfirms.com>
 - (As stated earlier Divine allegory of the ancients has been "literalized by Rome" and presented to us in our Christian Bibles. We begin to see this through a comprehensive and challenging investigation into the true origins of the Essene-Christian faith as we begin in Egypt and it's worship of God. In so doing we spend some time understanding Egyptian Sun-worship where astral-theology and solar-worship was **personified** into "savior Godmen"...Osiris being both the first and the **"pattern" of all that followed**; tracing such solar beliefs through successive Gentile nations and making note of similarities as well as differences, until we come to the Essene/Qumran cult, who, in rejection of Biblical Judaism because of their inability to assume the Priesthood following the Maccabee war, evolved away from Biblical Judaism and adopted these astral-theological religious ideas which had more in common with Egypt, Persian, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Pythagoreanism, etc., than with Judaism, until we end up with a "corrupted Judaism" which is more commonly known today as Christianity. If these beliefs of "personified Sun worship" had remained but allegories and symbols we would not have a problem since they taught about the Descent of the Soul again in matter and the flesh of mankind, but they will not and under the Essenes were applied first to a "historical person" who lived long before the first century. The pattern is forged and later applied through oral tradition to one who was expected to come but did not. Thus we get the "literalized-historical Jesus Story" in hindsight. **What we find is that the Essenes "literalized" these prior Divine Allegories concerning Divine Truths expressed by the Ancients through the medium of myths and symbols and first applied them to a man and later to the "Joshua-Jesus" we see in our "Jesus Story" today as if a "historical reality".** It is in the hands of these apostate Essenes where these Divine concepts were "literalized" and were purposefully included in a falsified translation of the Jewish Old Testament called the Greek Septuagint. In so doing these Divine Concepts lose their original spiritual meanings and these reinterpreted doctrines become parts of the Greek Old Testament for the Greek speaking world and for all later Christians and the Christian Church; thus providing the substrate for all later quotes of the New Testament. The bottom line being that personified Sun-worship was applied to the life of the human Jewish Messiah as recorded in the New Testament and it is we today, not knowing that these concepts were only to be taken allegorically, have been misled to see in them a "literal" understanding when they never were originally intended to be taught as such. In so doing we spend a lot of time with the texts in order to see how this was done and how extensive this misrepresentation is in our Bibles).
- **THE PAGANIZATION OF THE FAITH OF YESHUA ...AND THE BIRTH OF "GENTILE CHRISTIANITY"**
 - <http://paganizingfaithofyeshua.netfirms.com>

This approach, teaching God's higher Divine truths through the vehicle of a godly example, the "assumed historical Jesus of the New Testament", works well up to a point because in doing so we are presented with a "Godly" example of a life to be emulated as found in the Jesus of the New Testament (for the most part). A life patterned after the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" will hopefully issue forth in one bearing the fruit of morality and ethics and one lived in the Fruit of the Spirit. This is the reason why Israel does not evangelize today because Christianity has accomplished for them their task as God's

Priesthood. As a pastor I wish they could have accomplished this without the masked idolatry connected with the "Jesus Story". The non-Jew has learned of the God of Israel and has learned how to live in peace and harmony through the teachings of Christianity. Sadly in all of this the main character, the Jewish Messiah, has been so badly misrepresented in the character of Jesus who, for example, is made to cleanse all foods and abolish the kosher laws in Mark 7:14. This is rather strange for a Jew who is obligated to observe Kosher. Hopefully you see the problems of what I speak. Again through our websites the student is made aware of the problems inherent in places in this New Testament's depiction of the New Testament Jesus as the expected "Jewish Messiah". Yet, in such a presentation then Jesus is the non-Jew's "pattern" for he, real or not, is the only Jew to ever witness to us and came knocking on the doors of our lives to teach us of God. Sadly the Jewish community is closed to the non-Jew for the most part due to the tragic treatment of their people by the Christian Church these last 2000 yrs. As I say often it is so sad that when we answered the door of our lives as we heard the "knock" of this New Testament Jewish Rabbi named Jesus that we did not possess, at that time, enough knowledge of the truth about "the Christ within" and the true "Jewish Messiah" as taught from the Hebrew Scriptures and not the forged ones Rome gave us, that we could not recognize that this Jew named Jesus, as God's "light to the Gentile world", came dressed like the idolator Constantine teaching a replacement religion that nullified Judaism's truths. Lacking this knowledge which Bet Emet's Websites provide the student we bought unsuspectingly into the Roman counterfeit and no wonder the Jews cannot accept this Roman Jesus as their Messiah. Good for them! But hopefully as your studies mature you begin to see that there are other ways to understand the "Jesus Story" but surely understanding the "Jesus Story" as a historical truth concerning a literal person who lived 2000 years ago and who embodied the historical Jewish Messiah is not one of them. The facts and evidence proving this cannot be denied when seen by any "thinking believer".

DRASH

Another level of Jewish hermeneutic and understanding the Scriptures is called in Hebrew "drash" meaning "search", this is the allegorical, typological or homiletical application of the text. Creativity is used to search the text in relation to the rest of the Scriptures, other literature, or life itself in order to develop an allegorical, typological or homiletical application of the text. This process involves eisegesis (reading of the text) of the text. Ironically as I found this expression or interpretation of the texts reflected most accurately the type of "belief" of the earliest Chrestians, mistakenly called Christians by Rome later, who were not only looking for a historical Jewish Messiah to be revealed but at the same time understood that the "logos" or "the Christ/Sophia/Egyptian Karast" lived within all mankind. This understanding of "the Christ" reflects Paul and his 7 authentic epistles where he teaches the "Christ within".

As you might expect a few years later, as time allowed, Bet Emet provided a website dealing with the Mystical Interpretation of the "Jesus Story" and "the Christ" as we showed that the religious beliefs of the earliest "believers" who were called the first "Christians", long before Rome emerged to dominate the Christian faith, did not accept a historical Jesus at all but rather understood "the Christ" as a Divine Concept that lives within every man and woman and is not exclusive to just one person as is portrayed today by "literalistic Roman Christianity. It is in this site that we restore the earliest Egyptian and later Gnostic Chrestian (Christian) understanding of the "the Christ" as it existed for almost 5 centuries before being utterly destroyed by Rome with its replacement religion we have today which I call "Literal Christianity".

- MARCION AND THE "FIRST" NEW TESTAMENT...WHO WERE THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIANS AND WHAT DID THEY BELIEVE ABOUT "THE CHRIST"?
 - <http://firstnewtestament.netfirms.com>
 - (Now we put all the pieces together and the whole picture comes into focus. We now look at the true Paul, a Gnostic which never taught a human Jesus Christ but rather "the Christ within" in his 7 authentic epistles. We trace in this website how the earliest "Christian" believed in the "Christ within" and not "a Christ without". We see how the ancient religious allegories were

understood not only by these ancients who were given them but by the Gnostic Jews and Gentiles in the earliest centuries of the church as well long before Rome will come an "literalize" all of it and give it a fictitious historical timeline in creating a "historical Jesus". In so doing we will see how the earliest New Testament expressing these allegorical Divine truths is butchered by Rome and destroyed and how we end up with the forgery we have today. Never let it be said that archeology and hard study are not our friends.

An unbiased study of History will show you that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence or any "unforged" anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence exists that will prove that it did not. An unbiased through study of Comparative Religion will reveal to you that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. To you amazement, if you continue your study, the personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods as it moves through the Zodiac and as followed in chronological procession through the year matches **EXACTLY the chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book at Matthew 28.** This will take your breath away for event after event, saying after saying, from chapter to chapter parallels the Ancients' story of the personified "sungods" in their lives and events. There truly is nothing new under the Sun (forgive the pun). But take heart, a deeper spiritual understanding of this cycle is before us as again God is teaching man of the "gestation, birth, life, death, and rebirth" of the Soul in mankind and when expressed through allegory and simile it took the form of the stories of the lives of the sungod which later the "Jesus Story" was copied from. That explains why they read the same.

This website will be a lot different from anything you most likely have ever studied. Growing up in the Western Hemisphere we are traditionally taught a "literalistic" and not an "allegorical" or "symbolic" understanding of Christianity. This "literalistic" interpretation of "Jesus" and "the Christ" is based upon the inherited religious documents we received from Rome which we were taught to accept as infallible and inerrant without every questioning them. However great advances in Biblical Studies and archeology have been made in the last two hundred years and one in particular in the last 50 years has made a startling impact upon Christianity and few know of this. I am referring to the discoveries of the Nag Hammadi Library along with the Essene's Dead Sea Scrolls in the last 50 years which has turned our traditional Roman understanding of Christianity upside down and basically taught us that almost everything we had through we had "known" from Roman Christianity up to now concerning "Jesus" and "the Christ" was most likely wrong. That is simply because when we discover from study of these archeological finds and see for ourselves that the First New Testament written and given to us by the earliest Gnostic Christians like Marcion and Paul did not teach a "human Jesus Christ" but rather an allegorical and symbolic "Christ" as the Logos within each of God's children. This explains why there were no genealogies, birth or infancy narratives, or the 4 traditional Gospels in the earliest Gnostic Gospels until the second century when Rome created the "literal-historical" Jesus Christ. It is this "allegorical Christ" and "allegorical Joshua-Jesus Christ" [pattern] that the earliest New Testament and the authentic Pauline epistles taught but few know this today since Rome's efforts to destroy all of this literature as well as murder the Gnostics until few remained to safeguard this Revelation which can be traced to the beginning of mankind. In this website I reveal these truths concerning the "allegorical Christ" of the earliest Chrestians (Christians). Along with this we tackle the difficult problem of Christian forgeries of later Pauline Epistles and Gospels in their attempt to create a "historical Jesus" and a "historical Christ" in order to mimic their Godman-Emperor. This information goes a long way not only in explaining the lack of credible and unforged evidences of a historical Jesus but show how a Second New Testament was latter forged in Paul's name, who was long dead, along with the names of long dead Apostles in Rome's attempt to **place a historical Jesus within an appropriate timeline.** By comparison of what was written and contained within the First New Testament with what was later written later by Irenaeus and others in Rome's attempt to refute the Gnostic Christ and the Gnostic Joshua-Jesus we can easily now come to terms with this creative theology of Rome which was little more than a synthesis of "literalized" Sun Worship as exposed on our other sites. What should strike you as

you study these materials is that the concept of the "Logos" and the "allegorical Christ" goes all the way back to the beginning of mankind where God gave Revelation of Himself and His plan to the Ancient Egyptians who first wrote of the Karast/Christ.)

SOD

The 4th and final level of understanding the Scriptures is called in Hebrew "Sod" meaning "hidden". **It is here that I reveal the hidden links to Egypt and Astronomy which they "allegorized" to capture for all time the Divine Concepts that they witnessed written in the sky and Heavens above them.** God, writing on the blackboard of the sky and Heavens, expressed to these Ancients sages and Priest eternal principles that were later captured in "myths" and "legends" to preserve for all time these Godly truths that would last through all time and yet today survive in spite of the destruction of Egypt by Alexander the Great and later Rome. These Laws of the Cosmos were expressed in allegorical myths that were reaffirmed by the same Laws witnessed operating in Nature. Ancient man, understanding that these same Laws operated within himself and his body saw therefore that "he was created in the image of God "; the image he witnessed operating above and around him when noticing the same Laws and Cycles in the Heavens and in Nature operating within his physical body as well. This is truly beautiful when you see it as it brought tears to my eyes to see and comprehend Gods' earliest message to me and you that has not been changed or adulterated by the agendas of men down through history. It is so simple when you see it. That is the way God intended it to be in the beginning but we strain at a nut and swallow a camel today with our highly developed and evolved theologies down through Christian history.

It has been a hard and long process for me to accomplish but my task is about through when I complete this **last website on the "Mythical Jesus Christ" as seen in the stars.**

Now it is time to devote this website to the comprehensive understanding of the **"Mythical Christ"**. In so doing we will prove that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for the path of the Sun "personified" as it travels through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac and through the 4 seasons of the years (the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, the Autumn Equinox, and the Winter Solstice). You will come to see that this is the oldest and most important story humans ever knew as it also is full of Divine Truths that are to be understood "allegorically" and not "literally" as we have erroneously been taught today by a literalized Christianity of Rome's making. We owe a great debt to Ancient Egyptians and their great wisdom and their foresight in preserving for the world this earliest understanding of God.

• **THE EGYPTIAN RELIGION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY**

- <http://www.egyptcx.netfirms.com>
- We have all heard that "all roads lead to Rome" but in reality all roads lead to Egypt. This is especially true when one studies Christianity and Judaism and finds that these sister-faiths are nothing more than evolutionary developments of the Egyptian Religion. Understand from the beginning that Judaism is a much more faithful picture of this Planet's original understanding of the Divine than Christianity. Judaism comes in a close second. As a Pastor I am amazed where my studies have taken me and the things I have learned over these last twenty years in my pursuit of Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith. Never did I expect to find what I have uncovered and consider myself fortunate to live in an age where archeology and other such disciplines are giving back to mankind what Rome destroyed, covered up, and took from us over the last two thousand years. The study of error is often a little less important than the study of truth. The history of the human mind, in its progress from ignorance towards knowledge should tell us the mistakes into which it has sometimes wandered, as well as its steps in the right path. This is the goal of this website: to re-examine Gentile Christianity as to its earliest roots and determine if what is considered "Christian orthodoxy" today is a faithful representation of the earliest understanding of God by the Ancients since it is they who coined the religious concepts which we are told that we adhere to today in the primarily Christian Western Hemisphere.
- There is much to say about the knowledge contained in this Website but let me be brief. This

website will reveal to you how the Ancients understood the message of God and His revelation to them from their critical observations about the Heavens and the sky as well as Nature. The Egyptians Priests and scholars understood that God was revealing His Laws and intentions in the operations of the Divine Laws that governed the Cosmos. These Ancients holy men saw that these same Laws operated within their own bodies as well and that they were "created in the image of God" as what God was doing "above them" and "around them" He also was doing "within them". These Ancients sought out God and His way like no other nation has ever done on the face of the earth and tragically this knowledge was lost to us until only recently with the discoveries of archeology. We must understand that when allegory, metaphor, simile, and myth which expressed both the identity and actions of the Creator as understood by the Ancients in grasping for understanding of God and His workings in the Cosmos, was altered and stripped of its symbolism and rendered for all time as if "literal" by those who will come later through "conquest" and destroy Egypt and their understanding of God, then not only is Divine Truth lost forever but it plunges its recipients into abject idolatry. Such is the plight of the primarily Christian Western Hemisphere as these allegories and metaphors that once expressed Divine Truth were altered by Rome and "literalized" and applied to men's lives; in this case Jesus. If you have been diligent to study the website referenced just above this one then you saw for yourself this tragic loss of Divine Truth by Rome's "literalization" of such Egyptian Ancient truths concerning the "Logos" and "the Christ".

• **ASTROTHEOLOGY AND THE "JESUS STORY" OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: DOES IT ORIGINATE WITH THE STARS?**

- <http://jesusaastrotheology.netfirms.com>
- This will be the last website for Bet Emet Ministries and in so doing we will go where few have gone. In this website we will show beyond any doubt from Astronomical examples of the Sun, Moon, Stars, and Constellations, that the Ancients preserved what they witnessed in the stars and Heavens seen in the cycles, patterns and paths and movements of these Heavenly orbs in "allegories" and in "myths" and "legends" not only concerning physical movements of these Celestial orbs as taken from their observations but expressed within these "solar myths" and "lunar myths" deeper Divine Truths of a Mystical Nature. These hidden deeper Divine Revelations from God to mankind dealing with the Spiritual Nature of mankind and his expected Spiritual maturation were again saved for all time through the agency of Myth which was never to be interpreted "literally" but rather were to function as "allegories" and "symbols" only that were but vehicles for transmission of higher truths from God. From these celestial patterns the Ancients extrapolated the Laws, Ordinances, Commandments, and Covenants of the Creator and gave them to mankind as a "blueprint" for our existence. These myths held the message of God to mankind. Later these myths were told through lives of personified man-gods like Osiris, Dionysus, Attis, Amon, Mithra, and Jesus. Since we include Jesus in the same sentence with other astral myths then this will be a hard study for as you examine the evidence presented you will see without a doubt that an unbiased study of History shows that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a real historical man named Jesus. In fact the evidence, or should I say the lack of it, and the forgery of all that does exist outside this one New Testament, is hard to deny and makes a belief in a historical Jesus almost impossible when knowing from the above studies the hundreds of forgeries in the religious texts of the Christian Bible. Nowhere outside of this one forged book by Rome can we find this "historical Jesus". As if that was not enough an unbiased and through study of Comparative Religion reveals to the reader as seen in the above studies and sites that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. What is most startling is when you see for yourself that the personification of the Sun and its path through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when

personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book. The Synoptic gospels follow the path of the Sun in its travels through the sky from beginning to end. Most may have no idea of what I am saying I can only tell you to hold on and read the articles on this site and you will quickly come to see of what I spoke. Let it be said when you see this and that all the other "Jesus Stories" are but Ancient allegories of the Heavens and the Sun and its path through the Zodiac which was later "literalized" then without a doubt there is no more room for idolatry connected with any Jesus of any kind. Then we can follow in the footsteps of Moses and quit worshipping a false "god-man" and return to worshipping our Creator in Spirit and in Truth. You come to see that the "Jesus Story" is nothing but a retelling of the "Osiris Story" and the "Horus Story". It is from these two Ancient Egyptian stories that all other "saviors" have come.

Orthodox Christians, since they are committed to a belief in the literal truth of the Bible, hold that after the flood men became even more evil than they were before, so that 4,000 years after the creation of the world, god sent his only begotten son to suffer and die for the salvation of the human race. **This ministry of Jesus, the Christ, was supposed to be a unique event in human history but as we show it is anything but that. This opinion is no longer tenable among those who accept reason as the criterion of truth.**

If you are diligent to study and read these websites then you have it all. There is little that exists that is not covered in one way or the other or has somehow escaped my attention over these almost 20 years of study. There is nothing I would trade for my years of study and the truths that I have gathered and although it has been challenging to my very core I fully am aware that because of such serious studies my walk with God, the true God, is closer than ever. It is truly well with my soul because **"I KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD AND HIS CHRIST AS SEPARATED FROM ALL THE FICTION"** that men have written down through history to promote their own religion and political agendas.

So we began our study with the question:

Matt 16:13 13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (KJV)

Now you have you answers! ?The rest is up to you to study to show yourselves approved..needing not be ashamed when you meet this Creator face to face when you cross your Nile/Jordan...(the same)

IN CLOSING

As stated earlier we begin our study with Bet Emet Websites with a "historical" assumption and present studies to show the beauty of Judaism over the dishonesty in Christian theological dogma and do so by using the depiction of the New Testament Jesus as if "historical" because he provides a vehicle for the teaching of Jewish theology, monotheism, morals, values, ethics, etc. It is not my purpose to reveal the weaknesses behind such a historical presentation of Jesus at this time as it will be developed and proven at a later time as one's studies progress through the Mystical Jesus and the Mythical Jesus as detailed on the above websites.

Of concern for us of course is the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament and its reliability as understood "literally" since it is being taught as a literal truth today about a historical man who lived 2000 years ago. You will come to see in time as you study that the Ancients as far back as Egypt understood this "Karast/Christ" entirely different from how we have been taught today under the direction of Roman and Protestant Christianity. Here are some big questions for you to ponder in light that most Christians trust in this Jesus Christ for their Eternal Salvation.

- **Answer for yourself:** Who or what is truly behind the name "Jesus Christ"? Can it be proven that the "Jesus Story" is nothing but the personification of the Sun and its passage through the various houses of the Zodiac as it passes through the 4 seasons and the equinoxes and solstices? If so then what do you do

now?

- **Answer for yourself:** Are the infancy narratives and later depictions of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament nothing more than solar stories told as allegories which were later "literalized" and subsequently written into Rome's New Testament and depicted as a literalized historical Jesus Christ when in fact they were understood by the Ancients as astrological myths taken from astronomy?
- **Answer for yourself:** Did Rome destroy the Gnostic Christ of the earliest "Christians" which had existed since the beginning of time over the first 5 centuries of the early Church and replace it one of their own making? What are you to do when you see this from your studies on our Websites?
- **Answer for yourself:** If I study the Websites and find that the "Jesus Story" follows chronologically the Gospel of Matthew from chapter one through the end of chapter 28 and see for myself that the "Jesus Story" presented there parallels identically the personification of the Sun in its path through the Zodiac then what should this mean to me regarding my belief in Jesus as the historical Christ and him being the Jewish Messiah?
- **Answer for yourself:** Have we as Christians and followers of the "the Christ" been deceived by Rome and spent a good part of our lives worshipping a man as God as Rome has declared in their New Testament since the Nicean Council (325 A.D.) when in fact we should have been worshipping the one true Creator as the Pharaoh Moses (Akhenaten) instructed when he stood up to the religious establishment of Egypt **when some** were straying from the truth in their worship of the "godman" similarity to what we have done today with Rome's historical Jesus? Are we guilty of idolatry as Christians because we have believed a fable no more real than Snow White and the seven dwarfs?

Well the following studies in the above websites is not for the weak of heart as I will present over and over again infallible proofs that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is but a hoax perpetrated upon us by Rome in their hatred of the Jewish faith and Jewish Gnosticism back in the first century. You will see, in the last website depicting the Mythical Christ, as we move chronologically from one sign of the Zodiac to the other, from month to month, from season to season, from Spring equinox to Summer solstice, from Autumn equinox to Winter solstice, and repeating again this cycle, along with the study of selected events from the depiction of the life of Jesus in Rome's New Testament, that if you study with us and finish the studies on this website, that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is nothing more than the literalization by Rome of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac along with other solar myths later incorporated into their "Jesus Story" as later literalized by Rome as well. In so doing you will see as I and many others have that we have not been taught the truth about "the Christ within" and how He is so integral to the proper worship of the Invisible God as Egypt and Moses taught. It would seem that Egypt got it right in the beginning but thanks to Hellenism and Romanism we lost these earliest and correct understanding of Divine Concepts witnessed in God's Heaven and Nature. In a way these were our classroom and where we were to be instructed by the Creator about our life and purpose in God's creation. We are truly blessed today to live in an age where archeology and the information age can bring these truths back to life for you and me.

As a "retired Pastor", and moved by what my studies revealed over the years, I feel moved to share this information and evidence from such studies with those interested in the truth behind the origin for "Jesus Story" which is taught to the world today as a historical reality when in fact it is not. In the websites that are delineated above such evidence is presented to the reader in hopes that the missing puzzle pieces concerning the "Jesus Story" will be plainly evident to him and he can, in the light of such knowledge, no longer be deceived by the astrological allegory of "the Christ" as found in the New Testament which is erroneously taught "literally" today. I make very few promises to our readers but I make this one now: If you do these studies, and read these articles on this website then you will be thoroughly convinced as I was that the "Jesus Story" was never meant to be understood "literally" as it has been taught to you and me. **Thus the worship of Jesus as a historical person or connecting this assumed historical person with God or believing him to be God is the most vulgar idolatry according to Moses and the Ten Commandments and a terrible affront to the Creator and constitutes blasphemy of the Name of God.**

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information is available for easy search and study where you can work through this material at your leisure. If you would desire the synthesis of our scholarly studies into these areas concerning the origins for the Christian faith and the truth behind "the Christ" and the Jewish Messiah along with the "Jesus Story" then one is available for a small donation to support the efforts of this ministry. Inquire is you so desire by e-mailing me at the link below. Shalom.

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4 AREAS OF STUDY NECESSARY TO FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT "THE JESUS CHRIST" & "THE CHRIST"

We ended the last article by stating that in order to recover the truths regarding the question "Whom is Jesus Christ" then 4 areas of study will be necessary. It is to these areas of study we now turn in order to determine whom this "Jesus Christ" of the New Testament really is and how he was understood by the Ancients and writers of the New Testament. These 4 areas of study are:

- **The Analysis Of History In Relationship To The Documentation Of The Historical Jesus**
- **The Analysis Of Gnosticism**
- **The Analysis Of Comparative Religion**
- **The Analysis Of Solar Mythology**

I will deal with these "areas" of study in more detail later but this is but a short introduction for what lies ahead. This article will help begin to open our eyes to what lies behind the "Jesus Story" but mind you this is but a short introduction to the more in-depth studies that come later. You might say we are just getting "or feet wet".

THE ANALYSIS OF HISTORY IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE "HISTORICAL JESUS"

We begin with the recorded history surrounding Jesus Christ in the first century, or should I say the "lack of it" along with examination of the text of the New Testament.

Troubling most for me during my years of study was the fact that **there isn't a single "unforged" reference to Jesus Christ anywhere in recorded history for the time he supposedly lived. The few references which some say *allude* to him are, according to modern scholarship, forged or manufactured long after the original writing in question in order to bolster support for the existence of a "historical Jesus" in the face of accusations to the contrary by Christian detractors. What should be inconceivable to a "thinking believer" is that during the alleged time of Jesus not one writer, either Jewish or Gentile, bothered to write down anything about this most extraordinary person and presumed Messiah.** Many people alive at that time wrote extensively about everything that happened for it was a very troublesome time in the Middle East, and yet there is not a single reference to Jesus anywhere in all this wealth of first hand accounts. This strange silence on Jesus Christ which pervades almost a century of Christian correspondence cries out for explanation. Modern scholarship to day will tell us that all references to Jesus Christ outside of this "one" book given to the world by Rome are either forged, fabricated, or purely invented in order to place this "Jesus Christ" into a historical time-line of Rome's choosing. **Of course they chose the Messianic time-line of the Jews but ironically the Jews tell us today that their expected Messiah never**

appeared and never fulfilled the expected Jewish and Hebrew prophecies in their Hebrew Scriptures.

If one does some serious study and examines when the New Testament of Rome was truly written they discover that the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John; the four books detailing the life of Jesus) are not referenced in any writings by any Christian writer or Church Father until the later half of the second century, a full 140 years after the "Christ Event" supposedly happened. You need to let that register. Not one reference to any of these 4 Gospels by name can be found in any Christian writer until after 180 A.D.

Answer for yourself: Would you stop for a second and ask yourself how that can be since harsh debates with the Jews and the emerging Roman Christianity were ongoing during these years.

But Rome will have their own dates to authenticate their "tradition". Even the Catholic Church admits a date of 70 A.D. for the earliest Gospel, a full 40 years after the alleged event. Some Bible Scholars accept this tradition but other more trustworthy Modern Scholars who possess the knowledge claim the Gospels were written in 170 A.D. mainly because there is no reference to them by anyone, Christian or non-Christian, prior to that time, especially by certain people who definitely would have included references to them had they existed. Justin Martyr, the first "Apologist" mentions no Gospel in his prolific writings in 150 A.D. in his debates with the Jews. This is where our inquiry has to begin and this will be addressed as we make our way through this website.

Next we must look into comparative religion. We already have addressed this in detail on [prior websites](#) by this ministry. But a few comments are necessary.

THE ANALYSIS OF GNOSTICISM

Gnosticism flourished in Egypt and Western Asia between 250 B.C. and AD. 400. It was a **Theosophic movement made up of elements of Egyptian mythology, Indian metaphysics, Judaism, and Greek philosophy.** Gnosticism was overwhelmed by Christianity in the fourth century, AD., but some of the lost Gnostic literature has been recovered, and I shall briefly consider it. The ancient Gnostics were those who "knew", just as the modern Agnostics are those who "do not know". Gnostics believed in a Supreme God who was both unknown and unknowable. This unknown god was not the creator of the world; this task was delegated to lesser gods, who were emanations of this Supreme God. **Egypt called this the "many in the One".** These subordinate gods or emanations (attributes) from the One true God, who created and governed the world, were called "Aeons". Among the Aeons were:

- **The Logos (The Word, Christ [masculine])**
- **Sophia (Wisdom [feminine])**
- **Nous (Mind)**
- **Phronesis (Judgment)**
- **Dynamis (Power)**

What I uncovered in my studies is that all of the above are but attributes of the One Supreme God, yet they exist separately but yet are interrelated. The Supreme God and the Aeons altogether formed the Pleroma (**Fullness** of the Godhead).

Col 1:19 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; (KJV)

Col 2:8-9 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (KJV)

In the Gospel of St. John, the Logos, or Word, is identified with "the Christ" which to these earliest writers was not a "historical fleshly person" but a manifestation of God existing in the metaphysical realm. The Gnostic

influence among the primitive Christians was very strong. **St. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, was Gnostic.** As Rhys has observed: It will be noticed that generally speaking **the earlier Epistles show signs of Gnostic influence, while the later show signs of anti-Gnostic bias.** In the earlier epistles long before Rome's later forgery of the First New Testament, "the Christ" is spoken of as a spiritual being who has always existed. . . . This Christ spirit was in Paul himself, just as it had been in Jesus: ***"Christ liveth in me."* (Galatians 2:20)** (Rhys, Shaken Creeds, p. 39.) A later Christian Gnostic, Manes (216-275), formed a sect known as the Manichaeans. The Manichaeans according to Rhys, ***"believed that Jesus descended from heaven in the form of a man about thirty years of age. His body was illusory, as he was in reality a purely spiritual being; and in the same way the dove (Holy Spirit) which descended upon him, or rather into him, at his baptism was also an illusion."*** This explains why Paul never concerns himself with a "fleshly Jesus" or mentions hardly any teachings associated with the later traditions of "Jesus of Nazareth". Paul's Christ was not a human being; that is until Rome makes it look that way by later forgeries of anti-Gnostic writings to which they attach Paul's name thereby giving these anti-Gnostic forgeries immediate "authority".

Manes, the founder of this sect called Manichaeans, described the Virgin Birth story as a fable which had grown up around the **imaginary figure of this pre-existing spirit Jesus**, and drew attention to the fact that **no first-hand witness gave evidence to its occurrence.** (Rhys, Shaken Creeds, p. 173.) A later form of Manichaean Gnosticism was established in the late sixth century of Mazdak, who combined his religious doctrine with socialism: Mazdakism is mentioned in Chapter XLI of Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, and Professor J. B. Bury appended the following note on this esoteric cult: Its religious character distinguished Mazdakism from all modern socialistic theories. His doctrines were embraced by the ancient Gnostics and Mazdak was enrolled by them with Thoth, Saturn, Zoroaster, Pythagoras, Epicurus, John and **Christ as teachers of the true Gnostic doctrines** (Gibbon, History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, ed. by Oliphant Smeaton, Vol. II, Modern Library Two-Volume Edition, pp. 255-256).

If you wish to do your own study into this most important area of study of the earliest understandings of "the allegorical or Gnostic Christ" then I recommend to the readers that you consider:

- **Gnosticism, Judaism, and Egyptian Christianity** by Birger Pearson
- **Fragments of a Faith Forgotten** by G. R. S. Mead
- **Pistis Sophia, A Gnostic Gospel** by G. R. S. Mead
- **Did Jesus Live 100 B. C.?**, by G. R. S. Mead,
- **Thrice Greatest Hermes** by G. R. S. Mead,
- **Shadow of the Third Century**, Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn,
- **Early Christian Heresies** by Joan O'Grady
- **The True Origins of Christianity and the Bible** by Andrew Benson
- **The Beginning Of Christianity** by Andrew Welburn
- **The Historical Jesus And The Mythical Christ** by Gerald Massey
- **Jung And The Lost Gospels** by Stephan Hoeller
- **Gnosticism: New Light On The Ancient Tradition** by Stephan Hoeller
- **Gnosis: The Nature & History Of Gnosticism** by Kurt Rudolph
- **The Gnostic Gospels** by Elaine Pagels
- **The Gnostic Paul** by Elaine Pagels
- **The Gnostic Scriptures** by Bentley Layton

I discovered in all of my studies over these years that after the Roman Emperor Constantine made the Christian religion the State religion of the empire the remaining Gnostics were persecuted out of existence and their literature was destroyed. How and why Gnosticism was destroyed by organized Christianity is, as a rule, glossed over in history textbooks. One American scholar has penned an accurate and colorful account of these episodes. I ask the reader to read the following slowly and gleam the truths from it that I have found reiterated consistently throughout my studies by many infallible proofs:

"Preceding Christianity there was a school of science and philosophy which had accumulated practically all the wisdom and knowledge understandable to mankind. The object was to broadly educate the masses of the people by a unit system which would give to humanity a wisdom in common. This was the most potential period in human intellectual advancement the world has known. This school was called Gnosticism. Gnosis means to know - knowledge. Christianity means to believe - ignorance. These are the two schools; the one advocating the universal education of men, the other the universal ignorance of men. The one desired to develop the unit man, the other desired to suppress the unit and level all mankind to a common plastic mass. To accomplish this necessitated the suppressing of all extant knowledge; the closing of all the avenues through which people might acquire independent learning, education and intellectual training, and the debasement of humanity in abject ignorance The school which pitted itself against Gnosticism assumed the name Ecclesia. This name at once identified the purpose for which the organization was created to seize control of government, that it might exploit mankind for profit, and for its own glorification. Temporal power was the church goal. The name Ecclesia was derived from the Greek, and signified the legislative body which governed ancient Athens long before Christianity was invented. The first essential act of the Ecclesiasts was to suppress Gnosticism, and confiscate its vast accumulation of wisdom and knowledge, in order to control the education of future generations in a manner to adjust mankind to its purposes. Therefore the Gnostic wisdom was not wholly lost to the world but its great, universal educational system was supplanted and displaced. It is a well-established historical fact, not denied by the church that it required about 500 years to accomplish this submersion of Gnosticism, and to degrade the new generations in ignorance equal to the state of imbecility. History again points its accusing finger at the living evidence. The horrible results of such a crime against nature and mankind are pictured in the Dark Ages . . . Not even priests or prelates were permitted to learn to read or write. Even bishops could barely spell out their Latin. During this period of mental darkness, the ignorant masses were trained in intolerance, bigotry, fanaticism, and superstitious fear of an invisible power secretly controlled by the church; all of which begat a state of hysteria and imbecility. Through this terrorism popes seized control of the temporal power, retaining this control for nearly 500 years. They appointed and deposed kings at will, hence they dictated legislation to their ends and purposes - the very essence of government . . . This process of legislating evil into mankind is to vindicate that damnable doctrine of original sin, which slanders nature and insults all mankind . . . Originally the motive was to confiscate the intellects of man, but the modern policy is much more concerned in confiscating their personal rights and property. Here is the other aspect of the suppression of Gnosticism. Its method of teaching was an understandable symbolism. It specifically recognized nature as the great teacher, and visible things as the traditional records of past events, in progressive evolution from the lowest state to the highest, with thinking, reasoning man as the highest evolved being. Man did not fall, he was raised up by a natural promotion. Hence every man was a Gnostic to the extent of his accumulated knowledge and understanding. Thus each unit man became a teacher, and all men were given equal rights in the acquirement of knowledge. It was wholly an educational system, and a natural consequence in evolution. The Ecclesiasts, the Roman church, being thoroughly familiar with the Gnostic wisdom concerning astronomy, chemistry, and mathematics, as demonstrated by the splendid systems of Babylon, Egypt and Assyria, conceived the idea of developing a religio-political form of universal government, to control and exploit the future generations of people upon the earth through living, personified agents of the imaginary heavenly powers. . . to monopolize such a divine power as that contemplated it was necessary to personify nature, using the Gnostic system of symbolisms, and to give to these wholly imaginary beings names and functions. The Gnostic system had to be confiscated, and Gnosticism suppressed, to prevent exposure. This is why Christianity is so viciously antagonistic towards science and philosophy (Thomas Sawyer Spivey, . The Last of The Gnostic Masters, Beverly Hills, California: Published by the author, 1926, pp. 544-551.)

Let me say in closing this part of the article that once I obtained a through understanding of Ancient Gnosticism I could see the terrible and horrific transformation of their earlier and simpler Ancient truths as presented through the hands of Rome today that line the pages of our New Testaments. Not only would Rome burn the libraries of the world for hundreds of years to eradicate this prior knowledge of the Divine as understood since the beginning of time on this planet but would be responsible for the tragic reinterpretation of

all things "Gnostic" and in so doing present the world with a counterfeit religion in the name of a "historical Jesus" which up to that time has been treasured and believed by the Ancient Egyptians on down through every successive nation as the "Christ Within" which was of a Mystical Nature and not possessing "flesh" of any sort. Paul and his authentic 7 epistles taught it correctly:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

Paul and the earliest Christians, which I found upon my intense studies and the reading of the best of the books on these issues that exist today, knew no "Historical Jesus" and had no belief in a "fleshly Jesus of Nazareth". I discovered that only later with Rome's falsification and forgery of the earlier existing Gnostic New Testament presented by Marcion will the "Mystical Christ Within" and the "Gnostic Christ" be given "flesh" and in so doing be able now to be fit into a historical time-line of Rome's choosing. Our websites deal with this issue in detail. The more I studied the more my "Historical Jesus" began to vanish into the background of Rome's lies and deceptions and alterations of "the faith once given to the Saints which was definitely as I was finding more "Mystical" than "literal-historical". I have studied these areas and allied areas of study in detail along with Egyptian studies as they are related for over the last 6 years and the more that I study the more I see that this view of the Ancients Egyptian "Karast/Christ" is accurate to the earliest wisdom of the Ancients. My turmoil at discovering uneasy things concerning my Jesus finally turned into harmony and peace the more I found these Ancient Truths for myself and saw God as the earliest Ancients understood Him and these earliest Ancient Divine Truths which were captured for all Eternity through the medium of allegory and myths. Finally I found the peace and truth behind the "Jesus Story" but there were other problems that yet needed my attention if I were to cover all my bases in getting to the bottom of the "Jesus Story". I had yet to deal with the realm of Comparative Religion to the degree necessary as well as Mythology. That was next on the agenda.

THE ANALYSIS OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION

Following graduation from Seminary more study into the "Jewish Jesus" and "the Christ" only disconcerted me more. It was in such studies that I found myself up to my neck in reasons why the Jewish rabbis did not believe in my "Christian Jesus". Well at that time I was not going to "accept" their denial as "the ultimate truth" for I had been conditioned to believe the "Jews were blinded" to "the Christ". But in being an "apologist" myself as a Christian Pastor in a mega church in Dallas and trying to disprove these "Jewish" arguments against my "Jesus" I encountered book after book that began to open my eyes to what had happened over the Dark Ages by Rome and how they had altered the earliest understandings of "the Christ". In fact I found over time that the concept of "Jesus Christ" originated in Egypt no less. It was when reading many books on Comparative Religion that I uncovered and saw for myself the hard fact that the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, had existed thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus; in fact it began in Ancient Egypt thousands and thousands of years ago. If one looks into such study he finds that many other religions have identical stories of a crucified savior who was resurrected and ascended 3 days following their deaths; and it only begins there. I was to find over time as I studied Astronomy and Egyptian religion that the whole of the "Jesus Story" from beginning to end in the Gospel was "written in the stars".

The fruit of my studies in comparative religion as I contrasted it with the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament showed plainly that the exact same story and the various accounts and events in the "Jesus Story" already existed in numerous religions prior to the alleged time of Jesus dating thousands of years earlier. This I came to understand because other nations, not only being influenced by Egypt, but seeing these same events in the Sky and Heavens, used similar allegory to express what they saw and understood was God "speaking to them". I was overwhelmed when I discovered that the accounts of

Chrishna, Horus, Orpheus, Bacchus, Osiris, Dionysus, Buddha, Apollo, Hercules, Adonis, Ormuzd, Mithras, Indra, Oedipus, Quetzalcoatl, etc., all read like the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament. But my fear upon seeing such things in my studies would turn to "joy" as I continued to study and see for myself how these Ancient Spiritual Masters expressed what they saw in the Sky and the Heavens in "allegories" which were to be understood not in a "literal" sense but in a way that revealed deeper truths about God and His message to all mankind. It is these "allegories" and deeper truths which are lost to us today because Rome would later discount and reinterpret these Ancient "truths" as if "literal" and in so doing mankind lost the truth about the "Mystical Christ" and the "Mythical Christ" which mankind had understood since the beginning of time.

My studies would show me that other than the names being changed in each nation's recital of this "Mystical and Mythical Christ" the ancient story read the same from nation to nation. The motif of a Crucified Savior was already existent thousands of years prior to the alleged time of a "Historical Jesus". When reading comparative religions I found that they basically all had virgin births, were visited by wise men and shepherds, were given the same 3 gifts, had to flee a king which desired to kill the new born infant, was tempted by a devil, turned water into wine, raised the dead, walked on water, had transfigurations and shined brightly, had 12 dedicated disciples, were betrayed by 30 pieces of silver, were pieced, had a twin for a disciple, were wounded in the house of their friends, were crucified between two thieves, had darkness at their deaths, was dead for 3 days, raised from the dead after 3 days and ascended, was expected to return, etc. The story was the same. Even a blind man could see that there is a common story here or a common mythology that ties all these stories of these sungods together with the Christian's "Jesus Story". The more I read about the "Jesus Story" and saw its origin as far back as Egypt then I seriously had to doubt the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament being a **divine and unique revelation** as presented by Rome as they cast it in a "literal" motif. The more I studied it appeared as if my "Jesus Story" was a historical fraud. I began to wonder where I could find any truth concerning this supposed "Jesus Christ" of history the more I studied comparative religions as well as the texts of the New Testament which are replete with forgeries when compared with the Hebrew Scriptures. What is even more startling is that Early Christian apologists admitted this themselves in their writings when confronted by those by Celsus and many others who exposed such Christian plagiarism in the first and early centuries and believe it or not Christianity's only answer is that they tried to explain this all away by saying that this plagiarism and "replay of the lives of the Solar gods in their Jesus Story" was the work of the Devil. This is laughable and their detractors thought the same as well.

Now hold on. The Bishop of Carthage, Tertullian, says that Christians were considered as sun worshippers because they prayed towards the east just like their pagan counterparts who also worshipped the sun. Tertullian goes on to say, ***"You say we worship the sun; so do you."*** (Catholic Encyclopedia, xiv, 525; Ad. Nationes, xiii; Ante-Nicene Father, iii, 123). Here we have the testimony of a highly esteemed Christian Early Church Father who admits to this plagiarism.

Answer for yourself: How much do you know about Tertullian?

Tertullian went on to renounce Christianity and admitted that he was in error in accepting the "Christian interpretation of 'the Christ'".

When challenged by their opponents the Christian's general argument was, "What better way to for the Devil to combat our True Religion than for the Devil to have previously created a whole bunch of false religions identical to our True Religion." I don't know how gullible you have to be to believe such a thing but they had not another course of action when called out; they were exposed as copy cats and they knew it! It is we who don't today!

THE ANALYSIS OF SOLAR MYTHOLOGY

I had to know how this "Jesus Story" had begun in the beginning and where it had come from. Desiring to know how the "Jesus Story" began I began to trace the "Jesus Story" backwards down through history. Over time I would find that all roads led to Egypt. Chronologically other nations down through history inherited the

Egyptian wisdom where they adopted these "doctrines" and that explains why the events were the same but only the names of the characters were different in the various "Jesus Stories" down through history. In such study I ran into the **revelation that the whole "Jesus Story", as well as the stories of all the other crucified saviors and godmen prior to Jesus, were nothing more than an allegory of the Sun's annual journey through the Zodiac and the transit of the Sun and stars through the 4 seasons of the year (the Spring equinox, the Summer solstice, the Autumn equinox, and the Winter solstice).** I quickly realized that this one solar event, the path of the Sun through the Heavens, repeated and observed by mankind year after year, for thousands of years, recorded and chronicled by all nations for thousands and thousands of years, explains why all these stories of the sungods and Jesus are essentially the same. The allegory of the personified Sun in its path through the sky was the original precursor to the "Jesus Story" in my New Testament.

I quickly came to realize that the parallels of the Ancient legends and myths (as told by the Ancients of the personified Sun in its annual path as it travels through the Zodiac) with the "Jesus Story" are so numerous that it is impossible to explain them away as just a coincidence. During the course of such study I was so overwhelmed by what I saw at first I could not believe what I was encountering; in fact I began a simultaneous study of Astronomy and Astrology in order to see for myself the "Jesus Story" in the sky. **The fruit of such study was the personal accumulation of mounds of data that showed without a doubt that the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is nothing more than Rome's plagiarism of the personification of Sun and its path through the sky.** Never had I dreamed when in Seminary that my studies would ever lead into such areas as Comparative Religions and Solar Mythology but pursuing such studies in these areas **proved beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Story" is just an allegory for the sun passing through the Zodiac and the passage of the seasons of the year.** This common origin, the personification of the Sun by nation after nation, explains why all the stories of crucified saviors are essentially the same as the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament.

As a "retired Pastor", and moved by what my studies revealed, I feel moved to share this information and evidence from such studies with those interested in the truth behind the origin for "Jesus Story" which is taught to the world today as a historical reality when in fact it is not. In the website that follows such evidence will be presented to the reader in hopes that the missing puzzle pieces concerning the "Jesus Story" will be plainly evident to him and he can, in the light of such knowledge, no longer be deceived by the astrological allegory of "the Christ" as found in the New Testament which is erroneously taught "literally" today. I make very few promises to our readers but I make this one now:

If you do these studies, and read these articles on this website then you will be thoroughly convinced as I was that the "Jesus Story" was never meant to be understood "literally" as it has been taught to you and me.

Thus the worship of Jesus or connecting him with God or believing him God is the grossest idolatry according to Moses and the Ten Commandments and a terrible affront to the Creator.

When all the evidence is amassed from History, Comparative religion, and Solar mythology and compared with the accounts of New Testament and its "Jesus Story" then any thinking believer will be convinced that the depiction of Jesus Christ as found in the New Testament is not the Jewish Messiah and not even a real historical person. He is just a myth. **But?**

TRUTH HIDDEN IN MYTH?

There is one thing I have found that cannot be denied from my studies of Egypt and Egyptian Religion; namely,

that myths and legends are vehicles for truth and often Divine Truths from the Creator. The Ancient sages and priest immortalized these Divine Truth by the agency of myth to ensure their eternity and immortality and they yet live today thousands of years later. These myths, legends, and stories told that captured these Divine Truths might not be "real" but that does not mean that the Divine Truths held within these myths are not "real". Although the "Osiris Story" might not be real that does not mean that it is not chocked full of Divine Truths recognized by the Ancient Magi, sages, and priests of Egypt. The same applies to the "Jesus Story" (in places)!

Now for some really good news for all Christians. Although the "Jesus Story" might be not a historical truth that does not mean we cannot, once understanding that it is but an allegory that was later "literalized", look within it for God's Divine Truth to us for when you do you will find that such Divine Truths rest within it as well. It is important to understand that we find "truth" often in myths and legends for no myth exists that has not a seed of truth within it.

What I also uncovered when getting to the bottom of the origin of the "Jesus Story" is that the New Testament Jesus can be understood in many different ways and in so doing yet communicate Divine Truth to the reader. As stated above we basically have 3 different ways to understand "Jesus Christ" as I and others see it:

- **Historically**...(myth taught through the medium of a presumed historical person to serve as an example to be emulated by all mankind)
- **Mythically**...(personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and the 4 seasons of the year)
- **Mystically**...(expressing a hidden teaching, a secret doctrine, given under strict and exacting conditions to approved candidates by the Masters of Wisdom regarding the descent of the Logos into matter, ie., mankind). Paul speaks of this:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

FROM LITERAL TO MYSTICAL TO MYTHICAL

It goes without saying that we all begin to read and study the Bible from a "literal" perspective assuming that it is the vehicle for "literal truth" about Jesus Christ, never realizing that often these stories were written to be understood as allegories by the original writers and their later "copyists".

I now random study of Bet Emet Websites can be "confusing"; that is why we caution readers to "study in order"! Bet Emet Ministries began several years ago to present websites dealing with Christianity which adopted this "Literal Interpretation" of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" since the "literal" approach toward Jesus in the New Testament is taught today by almost all of Christianity as they assume that Jesus Christ was a historical person. We all grow up in the Western Hemisphere assuming that the "Jesus Story" is a historical reality; that is until we do the serious study of our faith required to get to the bottom of the "Jesus Story" and the religious synthesis within it. Many of our websites, especially the early ones from years ago, begin by approaching the "Jesus Story" from the historical-grammatical method of interpretation because this is how we grow up and first get acquainted with the "Jesus Story". This works well up to a point because in doing so we are presented with a "Godly" example of a life to emulate as found in the Jesus of the New Testament (for the most part). A life patterned after the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" will hopefully issue forth in one bearing the fruit of morality and ethics and one lived in the Fruit of the Spirit. This is the reason why Israel does not evangelize today because Christianity has accomplished for them their task as God's Priesthood. The non-Jew has learned of the God of Israel and has learned how to live in peace and harmony through the teachings of Christianity. Sadly in all of this the main character, "the Christ" has been so badly misrepresented. In such a way then Jesus is our "pattern" for he, real or not, is the only Jew to ever witness to us and came knocking on our door. As I say often it is sad that when we answered the door of our lives we did not possess, at that time, enough knowledge that we could not

recognize that this Jew named Jesus, as God's "light to the Gentile world", came dressed like the idolator Constantine teaching a replacement religion. We bought into the Roman counterfeit and no wonder the Jews cannot accept our Roman Jesus. But hopefully as your studies mature you begin to see that there are other ways to understand the "Jesus Story". That is the great news I bring!

A few years later, as time allowed, we at Bet Emet provided a website dealing with the **Mystical Interpretation of the "Jesus Story" and "the Christ"** as we showed that was the religious belief of the earliest "believers" who were called the first "Christians" or "Chrestians", long before Rome emerged to dominate the Christian faith, did not accept a historical Jesus at all but rather understood "the Christ" as a Divine Concept that lives within every man and woman and is not exclusive to just one person as is portrayed today <http://firstnewtestament.netfirms.com>.

So 2/3 of our quest to restore to the world the hidden truths behind "the Christ" has been realized. We have one to go. It has been a hard and long process for me to accomplish but my task is about through when I complete this last website on the "Mythical Jesus Christ" as seen in the stars.

Now it is time to devote a website to the comprehensive understanding of the **"Mythical Christ"**. In so doing we will prove that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for the path of the Sun "personified" as it travels through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac & through the 4 seasons of the years (the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, the Autumn Equinox, and the Winter Solstice). You will come to see that this is the oldest and most important story mankind has ever known as it is full of Divine and Spiritual Truths that are to be understood "allegorically" and not "literally" as we have erroneously been taught today by a literalized Christianity of Rome's making.

LET US CONSIDER THE MYTHICAL JESUS CHRIST AND SOLAR MYTHOLOGY...JUST FOR A SECOND AS WE BEGIN

A good teacher makes his students "think"; think thoughts that they have never thought before in their whole lives. This short introduction is intended to do just that; to get us to recognize and begin to notice what up to now has gone unnoticed by the vast majority of Christians. This short introduction is intended to get our feet wet and prepare us for a deeper look into these issues which lies just around the corner. But let us think and begin our preparation for what comes next by expanding our horizons by considering the following.

For most Christians, a "Christian astrology" or a Christian astronomy" cannot exist; the very idea is a contradiction in terms (oxymoron is the fashionable word). But you might be surprised by what you find if you look hard at Egypt and other nations that had the "Jesus Story" thousands of years before the supposed historical Jesus was supposed to have lived.

It was during my studies in recovering the Jewish Roots of my Christian faith as a Pastor and ex-Seminary graduate that I first ran into this concept and wanting to be apologetic for my faith I entered into such a study to prove my Christian faith correct in the face of such challenges. A year later I had cried rivers of tears and had a broken heart over what I uncovered. I was almost 45 years old and this knowledge had completely escaped me while even going to Seminary no less. This fact, that Christianity is a parody on the Sun and its path through the Zodiac, once proven beyond any doubt, absolutely devastated me during my years of study following Seminary and during the years of my Pastorate. I would finally resign my Pastorate at a large mega church in Dallas having proven to myself that I was preaching a false "Christ". I am indebted to Seminary however for it was there I was equipped with the necessary knowledge and tools to do such religious studies and researches necessary to find these truths and do them well. Unlike most of the graduates there I left Seminary and entered into my pastorate while yet consumed with my studies. No time on the golf course for me.

Answer for yourself: But since Christianity begins with signs in the heavens and the visit of Wise Men or Magi (literally, astrologers-astronomers) to the Christ child then should this statement not tell us that something is amiss and we have not had a proper

understanding concerning the Bible, Astronomy, and possibly Astrology as taught us by Christianity today? Has it ever dawned upon you yet that to investigate the link between the stars and the "Jesus Story"? It took me several years with all of my studies but I finally got there. I firmly believe the study of Jewish Roots of Christianity, if done correctly, will take you to Egypt where you find the first "Karast/Christ" from which all others originate.



Matt 2:1-10 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. 9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Who were these Magi and why would they be seeking a presumed Jewish messiah of all things? These Magi were not Jewish for they were from Iraq and were of another faith so why would they be concerned about a Jewish king? This is a time bomb when it finally hits you but these Magi at the time of the supposed birth of Jesus were an ancient priestly caste dwelling within the Parthian empire that **practiced astrology and what we now call astronomy!**

Answer for yourself: Should we not be concerned why astrologers and astronomers were seeking anything in Israel let alone another religion? What has astrology or astronomy have to do with religion in the first place?

Well it has everything to do with it as all world religions find their origin in the Heavens with the Sun and stars as they travel the Heavens whether they know it or not and you the reader will come to see this soon.

The Bible itself states in its first chapter (Gen.1.14) that the lights in the heavens were put there as "signs" and signs exist to be interpreted.

Gen 1:14 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: (KJV)

Notice the book of Job:

Job 38:31-32 31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? 32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What is the "Mazzaroth"?

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon:

4216 mazzarah- Mazzaroth; **the 12 signs of the Zodiac and their 36 associated constellations**

Answer for yourself: What is the Zodiac doing in the Bible? I was taught it was evil by my Christian church and told the people who do such things were going to hell. Was that your experience? What is with this and have we been led astray in these regards? How can the Zodiac be in the Bible and it be evil yet God speak about it in such a positive light?

Ps 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Were you aware that the origins of Hebrew astrology are popularly attributed to Abraham or even Noah? How can these men be examples for us yet involved in something that is supposed to be so evil?

Yet when you begin to look into these issues one finds that it **the Zodiac can be traced to Egypt in which the Hebrews at once lived as well as Babylon where later we find the Jews living in exile.** Beginning earlier with Egypt and later through the influence of biblical figures like Daniel, who had access to the wisdom of the Ancients in Babylon, or Ezekiel whose vision of the four creatures around the throne has profound relations to the astrology of the elements and the four fixed signs, **we find that the Jews became well versed in both astronomy and astrology through experiences with both Egypt and Babylon. We should expect to find such principles as well behind the traditions we find in Judeo-Christianity and you will quickly come to see that we can.**

In fact, the book of Ezekiel is pure astrology. Ezekiel, in his vision, sees in sublime form the Lords of the signs of the zodiac, the revolving planets, the constellations, and the angels of the four points -- the elements; in Aquarius, the man; Taurus, the ox; Leo, the lion; and Scorpio, the eagle.



Num 9:2 Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed season. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: How were they supposed to know when the "season" of Passover had come? By watching the Sun, the moon, and the stars; in particular watching for the Full Moon.

Exod 3:18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. (KJV)

You might not be ready for this yet here is a very important "key" to understanding the "Jesus Story". **When the Sun "PASSES - OVER" the CROSS of the Zodiac (intersection of the celestial equator of the earth with the intersection of the ecliptical orbit of the earth around the Sun) at the Vernal Equinox it is time for the observance of the "passover".** This will become clear as water as we continue our study.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever wondered what festival and what sacrifice Moses asked the Pharaoh to allow his people to bring God as he asked that they be allowed to go into desert in order to worship God? Did this special time, the "Passover" and this "appointed season" already existed way back then long before Moses? Was this the "passover" as we have been taught in the Bible or the "pass-over" of the Sun at the Vernal Equinox as it crosses the intersection of the earth's celestial equator and the ecliptic? Did Egypt already know of

this "pass over" of the Sun at the Vernal or Spring Equinox? You will understand later I assure you. Just keep up.

THE ORIGIN OF ALL RELIGIONS...THE DIVINE TRUTHS FROM GOD'S HEAVEN

Now get ready for the shock of your life. Today, after more than 15 years of arduous study I can say without a doubt that **the Christian religion is nothing more than a re-telling of the ancient Egyptian and Hebrew religions that were founded upon an allegorical interpretation of the Sun and the stars and their movements in the Heavens and sky.** I

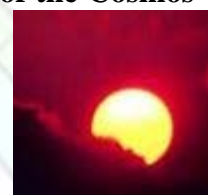


mention "Hebrew" in the same breath as "Egyptian" because modern scholarship today has shown that not only has Ezra corrupted much of the ancient history of the Jewish people to hide their Egyptian roots and their Egyptian parents when he "rewrote" the Hebrew Scriptures following their release by Persia but that **much of Christian religious dogmas and religious doctrines are but aberrations and deviation from which the earliest Egyptians both believed about the Creator and reasoned from their astute observations of the Sun, the Stars, and the Constellations and their movements in the Heavens. In the same breath understand that modern scholarship is proving today that the whole of the "Jesus Story" is little more than the personification of the Sun and its path**

through the Zodiac and the Heavens!

*There is **NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN** as they say.*

It all began with Egypt but it does not end there. The ancient Egyptians held a set of belief systems which were very primitive as far as simplicity but they were extremely knowledgeable in their understanding of the Cosmos as you will come to see when you begin to study some of our **websites that reveal this hidden knowledge to you.** **It doesn't matter what religion you are today, there is a common underlying source of ideas to all world religions and these ideas are what have come down through history. Therefore all religions have certain things in common and have all borrowed their current ideas and doctrines from older religions; by older I mean Egypt and Sumer which preceded them. This can be seen by looking a common symbolism common to all world religions in one way or the other...the Sun. More to the point this explains why the "Jesus Story" is almost identical to the previous stories and myths of the Sungods and Sun-godmen the world over but for us we should be interested not so much about this myth, although it is important, but how we are to interpret and understand this "Jesus Christ" and the "Christ Myth" of the New Testament.**



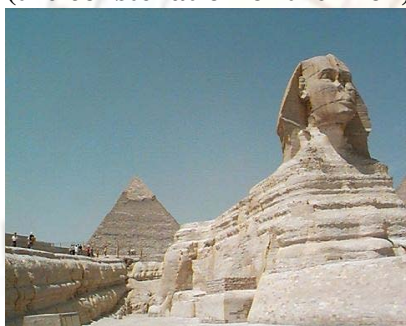
THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF THE SUN...THAT'S RIGHT...I SAID "SUN"

Space does not permit the full disclosure of what we have to share but let me address some things in summary fashion as we begin our study. First of all, in ancient times, there were certain things which obviously mystified the early people and there were certain apparent features of the landscape which were difficult to ignore. Of course I mean the Sun for **ancient mankind looked upon the Sun as their "Savior".** If the sun, which is the source of all life fails to come up the next morning the ancient people would not have lived long and they knew this. The Sun energizes you with its energy and causes the crops to grow through the process of photosynthesis. The Sun gives up its life force which is its energy to provide us with warmth, food, and protection and many

other things. So it could be said, and we find that the Ancients did say and believe, that the **Sun of God gives it's life up for mankind and it is the TRUE SAVIOR for it has risen (daily). The Sun was mankind's "Risen Savior".**

Now before you go and say "they were sun-worshippers" you need to understand their religion and that cannot be done when reading Christians who write of it as I found but when you do your independent study from the hands of scholars and historians then you see that these peoples did not worship the actual Sun but the **Sun was but a SYMBOL of the Divine God and Creator to them.** When the ancient people would track the Sun on the "Sun dial", as some still do today, they saw that the Sun travels South until the **Winter Solstice** when it cold and harsh, **representing darkness and death** and the **Sun would stop "ON THE SUN DIAL FOR THREE DAYS and on December 25th, the Sun would be said "To be BORN AGAIN" or be "BORN FROM THE DEAD" as it was on the CROSS OF THE ZODIAC" after having died for three days in which it had remained motionless on the southwestern horizon when it set in the same place for 3 days in a row.** The Ancients reasoned in this dead of winter when the days were the coldest and possessed the shortest amount of light and when food was the scarcest that **"the Sun had died".** But glory to God; on the 3rd day, on **December 25th, on the Winter Solstices, the "Sun was risen" and had been raised from the dead and began to set northward of this fixed 3 day position once again on it ascension back toward the soon coming Vernal Equinox of Spring when nature brought forth the fruits of its new "birth".** December 25th is when the Sun begins it's annual journey back to the Northern Hemisphere with its promise of salvation through the medium of heat and light and the promise of a bountiful harvest to come and this was recognized and celebrated in the Spring at the Vernal Equinox (Easter) when the manifestation of this "prior birth" was fully realized with the new greenery and food and Harvests of Spring.

Now this gets a little more technical. The Ancient calendar also started at a different time. Some began their calendar when the Sun entered into the constellation Virgo (the constellation of the virgin) and ended it in Leo (the constellation of the Lion), that is why some believe the Sphinx has the head of a Virgin and the Body of a Lion. When the Sun of God was re-born, the Sun was in the Constellation of Virgo, so it was said to be **"Born of a Virgin".**



Answer for yourself: You mean we get the concept of the Virgin Birth from the star and the path of the Sun through a constellation in the sky? Yes we do.

The Sun was thought by the Ancient Egyptians to be the "Eye of God" or as called "Eye of Horus". **Ra was the Sun God in Egypt. His full name was Amen Ra.**

Answer for yourself: Who was **Amen?** Do we as

Christians end our prayers with the name of an Egyptian god?

Well stop right here and understand how I used the word "god" for it refers to an Egyptian concept of God called the "neteru". **Stop right now and read the article on the "neteru" please.**



Amen or Amon was originally a local god from Thebes in Upper Egypt and he became popular in the New Kingdom when kings from that town came to power. His name meant - "the hidden one", suggesting that he once had been an invisible natural spirit of some sort. He was thought to be self-created and was incorporated with the old myths of how the whole world once was created. Texts from the Old Kingdom mention him as connected with the force of life .

Answer for yourself: Do you end your prayers with "Amen"? Do you know that that this name for God in the Egyptian religion is why we say "A-men" after our prayers never realizing as Christians that **this is but one of hundreds of parallels to the Egyptian religion and myths of old that are hidden in the Christian faith as well as Judaism?** All of the Egyptian beliefs and customs that are built into our Christian faith go unnoticed by the vast majority of Christians today but they are there at the foundation of our Christian

dogmas. The only problem is not that they are there but that Rome changed the meaning of many of them and few know that we have deviated from the earliest understanding of God given to this planet!

Take the origin of the Trinity, the father, the son (Sun), and the holy spirit for example. Horus, the personified Son of the Sun God (did you catch that?), comes up at the "Hor-izon". He is "Born" and this is understood as the beginning of the day at dawn, at 12:00 noon he is the "Most High", and then the Sun "Sets" as sun-Set (sunset); hence "Set" or "Satan", the prince of darkness does battle with the light of the world (the Sun) and wins (death of the Sun/Son), until the Sun slips beneath the "Hor-izon" and is dead. Of course this "SAME" Sun is "re-born" the next day at dawn. **This cycle of "death and rebirth" of the very "same Sun" is a Divine Concept that undergirds the doctrine of "Eternal Life"** not only as understood by Egypt but by Christianity and Judaism as well.

Every dualism claims that there are two essentially different principles of reality. Sometimes these two principles of are **"symbolically" represented** by pairs of opposites; for example as light/darkness, knowledge/ignorance, spirit/matter (also mind/body), good/evil, etc. The Trinity, in its oldest expression, is then but a further representation of the evolution of this life principle found in the Cosmos and this dualism within it. The only difference is the added "personification" of one of these parts of this dualism whereby the "two principles" become "three". For example the light of God becomes the "Son of God". The positive force or principle of life is further divided into a subset of sorts where we end up in this case with the Son of the Sun (light). So this dualism and the interplay of these basic "forces" or "powers" which are basic "neteru" is later defined and symbolized in Egypt in the process of "birth, or the beginning, mid-life starting in your teen years, and old age, leading to death, the end of life". This "tension" between these two principles of reality (light/dark, life/death) is also symbolized in other religions going very far back. In India, there is Brahma, the Father, Vishnu, the Son, and Shiva. Egypt did the same with Horus, the Son of the Sun of God. Horus is then easily understood as the "Son of the Sun" or the Egyptian "Jesus"! One only has to contrast the hundreds and hundreds of similarities of Horus and the New Testament Jesus to see this beyond any doubt!

Answer for yourself: What should we have learned from this?

We must be on our toes to not interpret something as "Literal and Historical" when the intended meaning by the writer and the Ancients was purely allegorical and in so being expressed deeper "Spiritual Concepts" no less real as if discussing a "historical entity".

In Malachi 4:2 of the Old Testament, it states ***"But unto you, fear my name, shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings."***



Answer for yourself: What is this? Why does the verse say "the Sun" instead of "the Son"?

One only need look at the above symbol from Egypt of the Sun (gold disk) and his wings. Does this echo Malachi 4:2 to you? It just so happens that Ancient man knew that it was the will of God that man entrapped on this earth make his way to God above whose home was believed to be in the Sky and Heaven above. So wings were only "symbolic" for man's desire and intent to make his way to God eventually.

Answer for yourself: Jesus was supposed to have 12 apostles but some early Church Fathers say he had only five? Could this reference to 12 be a reference to the 12 Houses of the Zodiac and not historically accurate to the historical record whom few even know exists or does not exist depending on how you look at it?

Let us move on. God challenges Job, ***"Have you fitted a curb to***

the Pleiades (a star cluster in the Constellation Taurus), or loosened the bonds of Orion (another Constellation which lies just off the ecliptic)? Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth (Zodiac) in their season, or guide the Bear with its train? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens; can you put into effect their plan on the earth?" (Job 38: 31-32).

This text is referring to Astronomy rather than Astrology. **The word Mazzaroth is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek word "Zodiac".** Believe it or not this verse is all about the Zodiac and the Constellations that lie around it. So this is a reference to the Zodiac and astrology. The definition of Mazzaroth in the King James Version of the bible is "The twelve houses of the zodiac".



Answer for yourself: What is hidden in the word for "Zodiac"?

The **Hebrew word Zodi** means; **The Way**.

Answer for yourself: What does "this Way" represent? Could it be understood as the "way to God" and His message to mankind hidden in the Sky and the Heavens?

Acts 9:1-2. " Then Saul (Paul) still breathing threats and murder against the disciples went to a high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogue of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of "The Way" whether men or women he might bring them bound up, to Jerusalem.

Acts 22:4 Paul said "I persecuted this "Way" to the death binding and delivering into prisons both men and women"

Answer for yourself: Is the connection between the Zodiac and meaning "the way" and the early Christian movement being called "thy way" just coincidence? You better think long and hard on that one.

In other words earliest man understood that God was speaking to them from His Heaven and it was this message originally understood by the earliest Spiritual Masters of mankind (the Egyptian Priests and Sages) which was understood by them as God's way and desire for mankind and mankind's path or road to inheriting God's salvation.

Let us look at another example. Jesus is said to have fed his people with two fishes and five loaves.

Answer for yourself: Could this reference to these two fishes represent "Pisces" (a constellation containing two fish) and the age of Pisces or that particular House of the Zodiac which ruled the Vernal Equinox during the time for the supposed "Historical Jesus"? Is this why Jesus of the New Testament is referred to as the "great fisherman"? Is this also why the Pope's headdress is shaped like a fish and that the symbol of the Christian age is the fish? If you turn it sideways you will see this. Rome ruled the world for 2000 years under the age of Pisces. This explains why in this same period of time, some 2,160 years that Pisces ruled the Vernal Equinox that "Dagon" is the Philistine fish God. **As you are beginning to see much of the Bible's symbolism is wrapped up in Astronomical terminology which we mistakenly understand today as if "literal" when in fact it was originally understood "allegorically".**



What I have presented up to now is just the beginning of the evidence which

proves that the New Testament is Astrology to the core and that the "Jesus Story" is the story of the Sun and its passage through the Zodiac later personified through a historical depiction of "Jesus Christ" which was originally understood by the Ancients as a Divine Allegory and was never understood as if a "historical person". The Ancients understood that Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Attis, and Mithra and others were not "historical persons" but personifications and symbolism of Divine Concepts that were working in God's Cosmos!!! Said another way these were but another symbolic representation for what Egypt called "the neteru".

In Matthew 28:20 it states "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

Answer for yourself: With everybody talking about the return of Jesus all the time then have you ever noticed when consulting a **Strong's Concordance** or a **Thayer's Greek Lexicon** that the New Testament changed the Greek word for "age" (aion) into the word "world" when the word never said or meant that in the Greek? What is being covered up here in manipulation of the texts?

What is being talked about here in this famous verse is the "End of the Age"! "But which one" we should ask as there are many and each new age replaces the earlier one every 2,160 years according to the Precession of the Equinoxes.

Answer for yourself: When was this "end of the Age" to occur or has it happened yet? How many times has it happened down through recorded history? Did the end of the Age occur for example when the Age of Taurus was replaced by the Age of Aries? When the Age of Aries was replaced by the Age of Pisces? The answer is "yes" to such questions.

As you are beginning to see this verse refers to the age of "Pisces" which was just beginning just prior to the first century according to Roman reckoning of time. I must stress again that this passage does not mean "end of the world" or some other cataclysm. This makes such apocalyptic literature like the Book of Revelation for example appear rather silly today when you understand the concepts as they were originally understood. I cannot begin to tell you how far off we are as Christians when trying to understand the New Testament since we possess little knowledge of the "keys" necessary to interpret such a book written almost 2000 years ago. Thus the end of the "Age" is often mistaken for the "end of the world", creating the "Apocalypse fears" and a rash of new prophecies to quiet such fears. Let me apologize to the reader but this information is again a little premature but with each "end of an age" there is a change of the ruling constellation at the Vernal Equinox. Each constellation rules for 2,160 years according to the Precession of the Equinox and the moving of the Heavens by the "finger" of God. That explains why Mithra was symbolic for God whom was understood as the "Great Kosmokrator"; the "Mover of Heaven". More important for us is the fact that the more you study you will come to see that there is a new interpretation of "the Karast/Christ" of God with each one of these periods of 2,160 years and each period of 2,160 years is connected with the ruling Constellation during that time at each Vernal Equinox and its rule and reign lasts for this 2,160 years. This understanding and more "keys" will come in time to the reader. As you know the Constellation Aquarius follows Pisces and we await its arrival and with it another "end of the world/age".

Answer for yourself: What are we to do when the "Historical Jesus" does not appear when the Age of Aquarius officially begins? He was to be with us till the "end of the Age" but what about a "different Age"?

Answer for yourself: Were you aware that Joshua, whose name is often identified with "Jesus" was called the **Son** of Nun, which in Hebrew means "fish"? Who is this "Nun"? Could this be the Heavens and Sky in Egyptian Religion which is called "Nun"? Nun is an Egyptian concept that represents chaos; the original ocean which before the creation contained all the germs of all plants and animals. The Egyptians called him "Father of the Gods". Sometimes he was found represented as a figure plunged up to his waist in water, with his arms upreached to the gods.

The new "Age of Aquarius" is coming. The symbol for the age of Aquarius is the "Water-bearer", or the man with a water pitcher.

In Luke 22:10, when Jesus is asked by his 12 apostles where he will go to settle his new kingdom, he responds, *"Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you bearing a pitcher of water, follow him into the house where he entereth in."*

Answer for yourself: Is this a reference to the "House of Aquarius"?

In Matthew 12:32, "The holy spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come."

In Matthew 13:39, "The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels". 13:40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age". In

Matthew 24:3 "and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Luke 18:30 "the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

First Corinthians 3:6, "We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age who are coming to nothing".

Hebrews 6:5 "Who have tasted the goodness of the word of god and the powers of the coming age". and in

Revelation 15:3 "Great and marvelous are you Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the Ages."

The Sun, our Lord, is the King of the Ages and we are in the "End Times" and entering a "New Age". There is nothing to fear in this regard, of a "New Age" or the "End Times" for one only replaces the former.

As stated earlier the "Passover" is the Sun passing over the Cross of the Zodiac which happens twice a year; at the Spring Equinox as the Sun moves into the Northern Hemisphere and the Autumn Equinox when the Sun traces its path and descends into the Southern Hemisphere. It is at this Autumn Equinox we see the Sun moving toward the Winter Solstice from the Fall Equinox on its way to its death and rebirth. This too was borrowed from the Hebrews who borrowed it from the Egyptians.

THE WORLD'S 3 BASIC RELIGIONS

Notice with me the very interesting word Israel.

Israel (Is-Ra-El):

- **Isis (Moon)**
- **Ra (Sun)**
- **El (Saturn)**

Answer for yourself: Did you before today know that Israel has strong Egyptian roots?

Originally, there were 3 basic religions of astrology:

- **The Lunar Cult (Moon),**
- **The Solar Cult (Sun) and**

The Stellar Cult (Saturn).

Answer for yourself: Does that mean we should expect to find in Judaism and later Christianity Lunar, Solar, and Stellar background for our "theologies"? It sure does!

The original Hebrew religion was based on the Lunar Cult and the moon, but went back to the Stellar cult and the worship of El (Saturn). The Christians, as they emerged and separated from Judaism, were bringing back elements of the Solar Cult of the Sun. That is why there is the ongoing dispute about the correct day of worship as well as the similarities between the "Jesus Story" and the path of the Sun through the Heavens. The Hebrews worship on Saturday (Saturn) and the Christians worship on Sunday (Sun). **It is very simple if you understand what the priesthood is hiding but it goes much more deeply than I have shown you at present.**

In times of social change, new religious movements would respond to the demands of the times. These movements were derived from the Ancient original traditions but were also reactions against it. The new sects would eventually rewrite the old doctrine to accommodate the new social views and reinterpret them through their evolution as a specific sect or nation. In this way Buddhism was derived from Hinduism and **Christianity from Judaism (the emergence of Christianity was at the time of the beginning of the age of Pisces...remember?). This helps explain why the Age of Aries (Judaism) was "Lamb centered" since the ram/lamb was the symbol of the Constellation Aries which parallels the emergence of Judaism and likewise the fish the symbol of the Age of Pisces in which times or "age" Christianity emerged. As you are beginning to see the validity of today's religions are entirely dependent upon the earlier religions from which they were derived and evolved.**

The first astronomers were in fact astrologers. As an interesting piece of information we find that lacking all scientific knowledge these Ancients interpreted the sky as a lid or cover on the earth, with the stars as distant holes through which heaven and God were observed. It was if God and His eyes was watching them from behind a barrier or a dark screen full of "holes". This Sky for them was the home of God; it was His Heaven. From this perspective the sun appeared to be a small piece of the deity seen through the distant holes. This was the birth of the Egyptian tradition of Osiris, Isis and Horus (Ra). They associated the stars (holes) of Orion with Osiris, the god who cared and provided for them. And to the left of him is the star Sirius which they saw as his consort Isis. They ruled the kingdom of the dead, the kingdom at night. And by the day Ra the Sun of God (early idealistic form of the Son of God) ruled the land of the living.

On another of our Websites we show the reader that an important religious change came in the year 1379 BC. The Egyptian Pharaoh Akhenaten (whom many believe was the Biblical Moses and himself a Pharaoh of Egypt) tried to change the evolved religion of Egypt from the worship of many Gods and Osiris as the godman to the worship of the one invisible Incorporeal Creator God. Since the rule of Pharaoh Akhenaten most religions have encouraged parishioners to worship one chief deity. **And all chief deities were nothing more than personifications of the Sun since the Sun was again "the Savior" of mankind.** That list goes on and on back through ancient history. Jesus is no different. **Jesus, as the personification of the "Son of the Sun" is referred to as Gods sun, the light of the world, who is our salvation because he has risen.** This hidden theology is evident in every Sun burst around the head of Jesus as the personified Sun. In fact all Sun deities including Jesus have been pictured wearing a sun disk as a crown. If you think this is far fetched, take a look at how the Holy Bible describes Jesus. **Revelation 1:7; "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him."** There is only one light of the world every eye can see that comes with clouds. That, of course, is the Sun. Even more in the New Testament we also read how Jesus walked on water. **Matthew 14:25;**



"And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea." All of us have seen the sunset at the beach or shinning off a lake or river. The Sun appears to be walking on the water as it casts its reflection off the water or off the moon. It is as simple as that.



We are also told that the son of God died with a crown of thorns. **Mark 15:17; "And they clothed him with purple, and platted a**

crown of thorns, and put it about his head," That is precisely how the Sun was pictured in ancient days, with a crown of thorns, or sun rays. In antiquity, the sun-god was represented as the driver of a fiery chariot who wore a crown of thorns or fiery rays. The chariot was the sun which was pulled through the sky above the clouds by four horses that represented the four seasons (Vernal equinox, Summer solstice, Autumn equinox, Winter solstice).



T17.1 Helios the Sun

Over time as you can take note of the many evidences from your studies that the Holy Bible is nothing more than a rewritten account of the most ancient story the world has ever known, the story of the Zodiac and the path of the Sun and the constellations through Heaven (the sky above). **Jesus of Nazareth, Chrishna, Horus and sixteen other saviors represent the Sun down through recorded history.** The largest and most important thing that appears to travel through the houses or constellations of the Zodiac was the Sun. **Over time the Ancients molded stories and personified them and the "Sun became the Son of the Sun" and Divine Truths connected with the Creator and His message to mankind as observed in the Laws of His Cosmos and its working was handed down throughout history. Allegories were later "literalized" and the myths lost their original meaning and the truths once held sacred by the Ancient Priest of Egypt and other nations were lost when these allegories and myths were later "literalized by Rome" when they turned the "allegorical Christ into a historical Christ". We have a website describing how the earliest Gnostic Jews and Gentiles were believers in the "allegorical Jesus Christ" and not the "historical Jesus" of Rome's making over the first 5 centuries of the Gentile Church.**

The Bible is pure Astro-theology based on the zodiac.

Job 38:31; "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?"

Job 38:32, "Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?"

Job 38:33; "Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven?"

Orion, Arcturus and the Pleiades are all constellations. If you refer to the interpreting dictionary in the back of the King James Bible, the word Mazzaroth means the twelve signs of the zodiac. So God is asking Job; Can thou control Orion, Arcturus or the Pleiades? Can thou bring forth a zodiac in the proper season? Knowest thou the commands of heaven? **This again is pure astronomy.**

As you study you will find that many, many stories throughout the bible depict its astrological origins. Let us learn right now that each astrological age is 2,160 years long. And around the year 2200 we will enter into the next "New Age"; the Age of Aquarius. In the scriptures Peter and John are told by Jesus to prepare for the **"Pass-over"** which is exactly what is to occur; namely, the passover to the next astrological age.

We mentioned above the account in which Jesus feeds his followers with two fishes symbolizing the two fishes in

the Constellation Pisces which had just replaced the Age of Aries. The text also mentions five loaves.

Matthew 14:15-21 15: When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16: Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17: They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18: And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19: Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20: And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21: And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The two fishes are in fact the two fishes of the constellation Pisces. Consequently there are twelve baskets of leftovers, one for each house of the zodiac. Other stories include Jesus Christ the Son of God born of a virgin, in reference to the constellation of Virgo the Virgin; the golden calf story in relation to the astrological sign of Taurus which was being replaced by Aries (ram/lamb) at the Vernal equinox in that age and I could go on and on and show this information as we proceed throughout this website.



While today as Christians in the Western Hemisphere we might not know of the connection between astrology and Christianity, middle ages Europe was very well aware of the connections. Many European cathedrals exhibit symbols of the zodiac in stained glass windows and other architectural features. In 1932, Archeologists unearthed a **fourth century synagogue in Israel. And in the very center of the temple they found a beautiful mosaic of the Zodiac. It was a representation of God surrounded by the twelve signs of the zodiac.**

Rome ruled the religious world for two thousand years under the age of Pisces; thus the fish is an appropriate symbol not only for Christianity but the Pope's miter (hat). That's why Christians have the fish on the back of their car and not a ram/lamb since we are no longer in the Age of Aries. Thus Jesus is referred to as the great fisherman. The pope's miter is actually a fish head representative of Pisces. The similarities and symbolism never seems to stop once you get the "keys" to their interpretation of this Bible since it is a book based upon Astronomy and few realize it; mistakenly interpreting it as if "literal" when it fact it is "allegorical" more than we ever dreamed.

SO WHAT IS THE TRUTH CONCERNING THE DEPICTION OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

The reality is that modern religions are based on archaic astrological fables as we will show you in detail in the following articles on this website. Don't take our word for it; you need to see these things for yourself.

Of concern for us of course is the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament and its reliability as understood "literally" since it is being taught as a literal truth today about a historical man who lived 2000 years ago. You will come to see in time as you study that the ancients understood this "Jesus Christ" entirely different for how we have been taught today under the direction of Roman and Protestant Christianity. Here

are some big questions to ponder in light that most Christians trust in this Jesus Christ for their Eternal Salvation.

- **Answer for yourself:** Who or what is truly behind the name "Jesus Christ"? Can it be proven that the "Jesus Story" is nothing but the personification of the Sun and its passage through the various houses of the Zodiac as it passes through the 4 seasons and the equinoxes and solstices?
- **Answer for yourself:** Are the infancy narratives and later depictions of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament nothing more than solar stories told as allegories which were later "literalized" and subsequently written into Rome's New Testament and depicted as a literalized historical Jesus Christ when in fact they were understood by the Ancients as astrological myths taken from astronomy?
- **Answer for yourself:** Have we as Christians and followers of the "the Christ" been deceived by Rome and spent a good part of our lives worshipping a man as God as Rome has declared in their New Testament and the Nicean Council when in fact we should have been worshipping the one true Creator as Moses instructed? Are we guilty of idolatry and blasphemy as Christians because we have believed a fable no more real than Snow White and the seven dwarfs?

Well the following study is not for the weak of heart as I will present infallible proofs that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is but a hoax perpetrated upon us by Rome in their hatred of Jewish Gnosticism back in the first century. You will see as we move chronologically from one sign of the Zodiac to the other, from month to month, from season to season, from Spring equinox to Summer solstice, from Autumn equinox to Winter solstice, and repeat again this cycle, that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is nothing more than the literalization by Rome of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac along with other solar myths later incorporated into their "Jesus Story" when literalized by Rome over the earliest centuries A.D. In so doing you will see as I and many others have that we have not been taught the truth about "the Christ within" and how this religious concept is so integral to the proper worship of the Invisible God as Egypt taught. It would seem that Egypt got it right in the beginning but thanks to Hellenism and Romanism we lost these earliest and most correct Divine Concepts regarding God. We are truly blessed today to live in an age where archeology and the information age can bring these truths back to life for you and me.

LET US EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE FOR OURSELVES...SEE THE ARTICLES ABOUT THE ASTRONOMICAL "JESUS STORY"

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ASTROTHEROLOGY AND THE TRUTH ABOUT "JESUS CHRIST" AS FOUND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



I provide the reader and avid student in our first article on this Website how he might come to understand that there are 4 different areas of study that one must master if he is ever hope to come to a proper understanding and interpretation of "the Christ" of the New Testament. Since the Reformation the Bible has been put back into the hands of the people, and the question that has risen among many students of the Bible is whether or not the Scriptures should always be taken literally. As is the case most Christians and believers in "the Christ" grow up from childhood being taught a "literal-historical" understanding of the "Jesus Story" which we find in the New Testament never knowing that archeology has proved today that the earliest believers in "the Christ" never understood "Jesus Christ" as a just one human being but rather understood the Divine Concept of "Jesus Christ" not in a literal manner but in an "allegorical" manner. Yes, we are today literal in every sense of the word when we first approach the New Testament but if we study hard and gather needed knowledge about the times and the people who generated these Ancient Divine Concepts we find that beneath what we have assumed was a "literal" and "Historical Jesus Christ" are but allegories, figurations, and symbolisms of the Sun, Stars, and Constellations and their path in the Heavens. On the surface this is hard for the normative Christian to hear let alone contemplate as even remotely possible. We have all grown up hearing from Christian teachers and pastors the basic rule for a literal interpretation of the Scriptures: ***"When the plain sense of Scripture makes sense, seek no other sense."*** But unknown to these preachers and teachers of old from which we received our "traditions" is the now discovered facts of modern scholarship that expose this axiom of New Testament "Literal" interpretation as totally false since behind the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament we find that those who gave us these Divine Concepts down through history were people called "Gnostics" and they interpreted and wrote allegorically and not literally in the times that they lived. History and archeology has shown us that there existed both Jewish and non-Jewish Gnostics as believers in "the Christ" long before **Rome replaced the "allegorical interpretation" of "the Christ" with a "literal interpretation" of "the Christ".** If one for whatever reason begins a serious study of the Christian Faith and its origin along with its Jewish Roots then he quickly finds over time that behind the "Jesus Story" which we have assumed was a historical account of a real person in the first century is multiple allegories for what would be innocently the oldest and most important story humans ever knew or wrote down; namely, that being the annual passage of the Sun through of the seasons of the year (the Equinoxes and Solstices) as interpreted through the Ancient's understanding of the path of the Sun, stars, and constellations in the Heavens which influenced these very seasons of the year. The Ancient Priests and magi made up stories which were allegories based on what they "literally" saw occur in the Heavens. **Later on, with the passage of much time, these stories took on a**

life of their own, as the stories were passed down from generation to generation but the knowledge of what the stories originally represented was lost. People started believing their "inherited" stories were real and actual history of events that actually really happened in the past, **when originally the stories were nothing more than allegories for what people saw happening in the Heavens with the Sun and the Stars.** The bottom line to all of this is that when one begins to study comparative religion one finds to his amazement that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", including his life, ministry, and motif of a crucified and resurrected savior after 3 days being dead already existed in many other Aryan religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of the supposed "New Testament Jesus". The "Jesus Story" is the oldest story recorded in the annals of mankind going back to Ancient predynastic Egypt and beyond. One only has to read books by Jackson and G. Massey to see this for themselves. This explains why there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence or any unforged evidence anywhere known today that exists anywhere outside of this one Roman New Testament the validates that the "Jesus Story" originated as a biography of a literal-historical man named "Jesus of Nazareth". In fact there exists to the contrary a mountain of evidence that the New Testament's account of "Jesus Christ" is not to be interpreted or understood in a "Literal-Historical" setting as we have been taught.

The problem to which I refer concerns how we have been taught to "interpret" the religious texts which we have inherited. The language of the Bible, when taken "literally" instead of "allegorically", in many cases has a way of leading the unwary reader not equipped with the "keys" to this religious puzzle into thinking it was recording human historical events when, in reality, it was referring to the patterns of the stars as well as their movement in the Heavens above. We will see the evidence for this now and prove the prior statement as factual. We will prove this to the reader and student beyond any doubt on this website with the articles that follow. By way of introduction this is a website quite unlike our others at Bet Emet Ministries in that in order to understand how the "Jesus Story" came from the stars the student will need to become quite familiar with much astronomical terminology as well as some astrology in order to follow and understand correctly how the "Jesus Story" can be taken from the path of the Sun in the Zodiac as well as the stars and constellations as they move in the Heavens throughout the year. With that in mind we begin our introduction of this website introducing the reader to the necessary astronomical concepts before examining the individual events in the life of Jesus as found in the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament. Blessings: Craig Lyons M.Div.

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SEARCHING FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS BEFORE WE LOOK AT ASTRONOMY AND "THE JESUS STORY"

Now it is time to view the factual evidence that exists today concerning the "historical Jesus". I will let you draw your own conclusions after having read and digested the information below.

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If you so desire I recommend our [Egyptian...Christianity website](#)....for truly the information there is astounding and enlightening like nothing you have ever seen before.

Now it is time to get behind this "Jesus Story" and find the Divine Truth hidden in it that is "true"!

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- [The Planets, Zodiac, And Ecliptic](#)
- [The Equinoxes And Solstices](#)

TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC THROUGH THE YEAR: COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT "JESUS STORY"?

- [Finding The Truth About Jesus In The "Jesus Story" In The New Testament](#)
- [The Precession Of The Equinoxes](#)
 - [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament "Jesus Story" #1](#)
 - [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Capricorn: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament "Jesus Story" #2](#)
 - [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Aquarius: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament "Jesus Story" #3](#)
 - [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Pisces: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament "Jesus Story" #4](#)
 - [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Aries: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament "Jesus Story" #5](#)

- [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Taurus: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament "Jesus Story" #6a](#)
 - [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Taurus: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament "Jesus Story" #6b](#)
 - [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Taurus: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament "Jesus Story" #6c](#)
- [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Gemini: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament ""Jesus Story" #7](#)
- [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Cancer: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament ""Jesus Story" #8](#)
- [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Leo: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament ""Jesus Story" #9](#)
- [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Virgo: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament ""Jesus Story" #10](#)
- [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Libra: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament ""Jesus Story" #11](#)
- [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Scorpio: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament ""Jesus Story" #12](#)
- [Tracing The Sun Through The Zodiac & Sagittarius: Could This Be The Origin For The New Testament ""Jesus Story" #13](#)

LOOKING AT OTHER "JESUS STORIES"...ARE THESE SUN MYTHS OR HISTORICAL EVENTS?

Now we come to the main reason for these pages. We wish to reveal, as others have sought to do, that the greatest of all the mythologies, the Christian, is entirely based on the zodiac & the stars. We will do so by examining key events in the depiction of the life of "Jesus Christ" and in so doing we will see the annals of history in search for the origin of such stories among the Sun and the Stars. Plato said "They deem him their worst enemy who tells them the truth". Well I hope that is not your opinion after you study these pages but rather recognize the love God has given us for His truth and the desire to impart that to many who have never been given these truths. After such a study one can quickly see that Astro-Theology can be used as an hermeneutic in all of the dogmas & creeds that the world is host to. We concentrate here, however, on the Judaeo-Christian ethos, as it is the one familiar to most persons in the Western Hemisphere and it constitutes the most pernicious form of theological lies that capture the intellect of mankind and subjugates the reason & character of humanity. **It has also been pointed out that if the name of "Jesus Christ", the Son of God, is replaced by the word Sun, every passage that relates to the personality will fit & make even better sense than if taken for a biography. Even a cursory familiarity with the precepts of Astro-Theology will make one clear on this point.** For those still skeptical we must be allowed to quote Rousseau: *The falsification of history has done more to mislead humans than any single thing known to mankind.*

NOW THE EVIDENCE

- [Astrology In The New Testament...I Bet You Did Not Know It Is There](#)
- [Astrology And Astronomy In The Bible...What Every Christian Needs To Know](#)
- [Is The "Jesus Story" The Same Story As The Sungods?](#)
- [How Did The Ancients View The Sun-god And Its Spiritual Implication For Us Today #1](#)
- [How Did The Ancients View The Sun-god And Its Spiritual Implication For Us Today #2](#)

- [How Did The Ancients View The Sun-god And Its Spiritual Implication For Us Today #3](#)
- [The Hidden Truth In Our Alphabet: Finding Jesus Christ In Egypt 10,000 B.C.E.](#)
- [The Famous Quote Of St. Augustine: How Could There Be A "Christianity Before Jesus Christ In The First Century?](#)
 - [Similarity Between The Egyptian God Osiris And Jesus Of The New Testament: Coincidence?](#)
 - [Comparison Of The Lives Of Horus And Jesus Christ: Coincidence?](#)
- [The Famous Quote of Eusebius: How Could There Be A "Christianity Before Jesus Christ" In The First Century?](#)
- [Understanding The Use Of Myth In Ancient Religions As Applied To The "Jesus Story"](#)
- [Why Is The "Jesus Story" Identical To The Stories Of Other Religions And Their God-men?](#)
- [Adam, Eve, And The Garden Of Eden: Who, What, Where?](#)
- [The Garden Of Eden: Could It Have Been In The Sky And Stars?](#)
- [The Astronomical Birth Of The Expected Savior Of The Jews](#)
- [The Fall And The Necessity Of The Salvation Of Jesus Christ...What Did It Mean In The Beginning?](#)
 - [Was The First Crucifixion In The Sky From Which All Others Were Taken? #1](#)
 - [Was The First Crucifixion In The Sky From Which All Others Were Taken? #2](#)
 - [Was The First Crucifixion In The Sky From Which All Others Were Taken? #3](#)
 - [Was The First Crucifixion In The Sky From Which All Others Were Taken? #4](#)
- [The Birth Of Jesus Christ As Recorded In The New Testament: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Nativity: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
 - [The Birth Of Horus: Was This The Prototype For The Birth Of Jesus?](#)
- [Born Of A Virgin: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Virgin Birth Of Jesus Christ As Recorded In The New Testament: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Constellation Virgo The Virgin Who Gave Birth To The Son Of The Sun](#)
- [Jesus' Birth Foretold By A Star: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Angels And Shepherds Visit The Infant Savior: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Heavenly Host Sing Praises At Jesus' Birth: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Visit Of The Three Magi: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Messiah Is To Be Born In Bethlehem: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Bethlehem And The Virgin...Is There An Astronomical Connection?](#)
- [Jesus Was Recognized At A Divine Child And Presented Gifts At His Birth: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Was Born In A Cave Or Manger: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus "Of Nazareth" Or Jesus Of The Autumn Equinox?](#)
- [Herod And The Massacre Of The Innocents: Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Slaughter Of The Innocents...Astrotheology Personified](#)
- [The Dove At The River Jordan: Truth Or Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Spent 40 Days In The Wilderness Tempted By Satan: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Between Ages 12 And 30...The Silent Years: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Turning Water Into Wine: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Was Transfigured On A Mountain: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold #1?](#)
 - [Jesus Was Transfigured On A Mountain: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold #2?](#)
 - [Jesus Was Transfigured On A Mountain: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold #3?](#)
- [The Twelve Ages Or Aeons Or Disciples: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Had Twelve Disciples And Apostles: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The 3 Year Ministry Of Jesus In The New Testament: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Was Tempted By The Devil: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Turned Water Into Wine At The Wedding Of Cana: Truth Or Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Good Shepherd: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus, The Prince Of Peace, Came To Bring A Sword Instead Of Peace: Truth Or Sun-Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Told Peter "Get Behind Me Satan": Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Casts Devils Out Of The Swine: Truth Or Sun Myth Retold?](#)

- [Many Mansions In My Father's House: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Miracle Of The 5 Loaves And 2 Fishes: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Sends Out 72 Disciples: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [The Raising Of Lazarus: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Had A Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem On An Ass: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Was Betrayed For 30 Pieces Of Silver: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Raise The Temple In 3 Days: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [There Was Darkness All Over The Land At Jesus' Death: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Was Crucified At The Place Of The Skull: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus Was Put To Death On A Cross: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Death On A Cross: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Resurrected From The Dead After 3 Days: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Jesus' Descent Into Hell For 3 Days As Recorded In The New Testament: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)
- [Mary Was First To The Tomb: Truth Or Is It A Sun Myth Retold?](#)

SO WHAT SHOULD ALL OF THIS SUNWORSHIP MEAN TO ME A CHRISTIAN TODAY?

Really, a better question would be to ask: "What did these sungods and dying/rising gods mean to these who heard these stories and these "theologies" thousands of years ago"? Yes, that is the question and the answers fill the questions that we have as Christians and followers of "the Christ" since the "Jesus Story" is so alike all these other solar gods why likewise "died and rose again 3 days later".

- [The First New Testament: The Historical Jesus Or The Christ Of Faith....Which Is It?](#)
- [The Truth About Early Christianity And The Roman Coverup](#)

Now we must learn a bunch from another website dealing with these early "Chrestians" or Christians as we call them today. We must deal with the Gnostic understanding of all we learned in Egyptian studies and all we learned in the Astrotheology studies and see how this was modeled in the lives and beliefs of these earliest "Gnostic Chrestians". For that we must go to another site for this information; ironically [a site dealing with the true First New Testament](#) which we don't have in our churches today.

But before we go I need to help you make sense out of why this Astrotheology and personifications of the Sun and its path through the Cosmos was so important to the Spiritual Masters of yesterday. For that we need to understand correctly how these ancient people looked as these similar "sungods" and "sungod stories" which mimic our "Jesus Story" today.

Answer for yourself: Did the Ancients understand these "sungods" as if "literal-historical"? How should we make comparisons to an "assumed literal-historical Jesus"? What is behind all of these representations of these "sungods"? Were all the Ancients going to hell according to Christian doctrine? Is there a common thread and hidden link we have missed between all of the above "gods"? Were all of these "sungods" nothing more than allegories and symbols for a deeper "spiritual reality" that escapes us today? Could it be that the Ancients understood all of these above "pagan gods and goddesses" as allegories for the Divine Energy and Soul within all mankind and we not know it?

Let us see if our whole Christian perspective on these "sungods" has been wrong from the traditional Christian perspective. What is the implication for the "Jesus Story" since it parallels completely these other stories of these "sungods"? Do we dare rethink the "literal-historical" interpretation of "the Christ"? [Were the Christian Gnostics right about "the Christ" and Rome wrong and have we believed a Roman lie and forged documents about this whole thing and could our Christian understanding of "the true Jewish Messiah" be incorrect?](#) What

a study. The truth is out there in these links to help the evidence mount to prove our points but first let us understand the deep spiritual insights behind these Ancient sungods which are forerunners of the later "Jesus Story".

- [How Did The Ancients View These Sungods And The Spiritual Implication For The Christian Today #1](#)
- [How Did The Ancients View These Sungods And The Spiritual Implication For The Christian Today #2](#)
- [How Did The Ancients View These Sungods And The Spiritual Implication For The Christian Today #3](#)

If you have studied our Egypt-Christian website as well as this Jesus-Astrotheology site then now you know why throughout all our websites that we advise that the Christian seriously look into Judaism for it is the living link today with these Ancient Truths found originally in the first religion of mankind, the Egyptian religion. Through Judaism today and their Torah we have made available to us today, the non-Jew, the most proper way for us to continually develop, mature, and perfect our Soul without being encumbered by the idolatry inherent in the Christology of Roman Christianity due to their falsification of these Ancient Religions texts where they "literalized" the Ancient Divine Allegorical Truths first given to mankind in the beginning of time and in so doing gave the world a false salvation message and destroyed the Spiritual Truth of the "Christ Within".

Recover "The Faith Once Given To The Saints" Which Has Been Perverted By Gentile Christianity And Their "Literal" and "Historical" Interpretation of the Sacred Texts

OTHER [WEBSITES #1](#) & [WEBSITES #2](#) TO HELP IN YOUR STUDY AND RECOVERY OF LOST TRUTH

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In our CD of all out websites contained on one disk we provide a "study plan" for the student and give [detailed instructions as how to study these websites "in order"](#) to facilitate one's study. Please inquire for the CD for such through study will take you some time if you ever hope of cracking the "Jesus Puzzle" and coming to the answer of the question: "Who do men say I am?".

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If one undertakes the study of Bet Emet Ministries' Websites, and understand it is a life's work, then one is prepared to understand what has truly happened to Christianity down through the centuries and how **Divine Spiritual Truths, once expressed through allegory, metaphor, Spiritual myth and simile by the Ancients who first received the Revelations of God, has been suppressed, altered, and tragically lost for the most part today through the "literalization" of such Spiritual revelations given to us by the Ancients.** This is a tragic story to say the least and renders us today as "believers" and "followers of the New Testament Jesus" as basically "idolators" as defined by this same Bible and we never know it because our Bibles inherited from Rome are "forged" in key "theological places" and this assures we inherit "untruth" never aware that we are doing so. That is until you study to see these issues! If you are diligent to study and learn from what is shared on these multiple sites then over time you will come to see and understand how it is possible to follow the "New Testament Jesus" and his teachings and examples in one way which ends with idolatry and blasphemy and in another way which ends in holiness and righteousness. The decision is yours; but such a decision must be based upon knowledge and not "emotion". This is the mystery that is tied up in understanding and interpreting the "Christ Story", or should I say the "Jesus Story" the way it was originally intended to be understood and not the way it was later "radically reinterpreted" by Rome during the 2nd through the 5th centuries. The key to all of this rest in the true identity of "the Christ," "the Logos", and "Christ Jesus". We are all familiar with these terms but we will soon come to see that there is a big difference between what we have been taught about these terms today and what they meant to the original "Chrestians" and "Christians" before Rome's rise to supremacy. Rome's has played a key role in the loss of these Divine truths and in their place the substitution of falsehoods and this will become all the more plain to see very soon. "Surely that is not possible I hear you say" but I only wish it weren't so. For your study and thought these websites were developed and revised over the years as Bet Emet Ministries' have progressed and deepened in its studies and more parts of the "theological puzzle" of Christianity became apparent to myself and others associated with Bet Emet.

These websites by Bet Emet Ministries are intended to be "a step by step" process in your pilgrimage of learning the truth regarding "the Christ". It has been rightly said: *"It is all about the texts"* and rightly so. We therefore begin by looking at the surface of the texts and their examination as to accuracy of translation which involves any possible purposeful mistranslation, misquotation, and lifting of such verses out of context in order to change the intended meaning desired by the original writers. We trace such changes when found from their inception all the way from their corruption when they were mistranslated moving from the Hebrew to the Greek and follow then through the Latin and later English Old Testament quotes as well as New Testament quotes. Only in this way can we be assured that what we have inherited in our Bibles is "God's Truth" and "God's Word". Then moving deeper as the websites progress we look often at the hidden and esoteric meanings that lie beneath these same texts and their later alterations as well. In other words we begin our websites with a "literal-historical" interpretation of "the Christ" and "Jesus Christ" and after having covered these many comparisons of Judaism vs Christianity do we then move deeper to look at the "Mystical Christ" and finally to the "Mythical Jesus Christ". If you followed all of this then you see that we will look at "the Christ" from three vantage points; beginning with the inherited "literal historical Jesus" we will take and examine all texts and explain them "literally" as we have been taught to "believe" since growing up since childhood in the Christian faith that we inherited. In so doing it is my intent to show separate for you the "Jewish Messiah and Judaism's Spiritual Truths" from a "non-Jewish Messiah and untruths" given us by Rome. There are two different "Messiahs" exemplified for us in the Rome's New Testament; a "Jewish Messiah" and a later "Roman Messiah" and only one can be true. Here is where the authenticity and reliability of the Scriptural Texts is of utmost importance because the reliability of the texts must determine for us which "Christ/Messiah" is the real one in the New Testament. This is why Bet Emet spends so much time in comparing the Hebrew to the later "purposeful alterations" for such alteration of the Hebrew Scriptures has a direct and disastrous implication for the truthfulness of the depiction of the New Testament Jesus as he has been represented to us in our New Testament. As you see these Hebrew passages, "line upon line and precept upon precept" being corrupted one after another as apply to a "Jesus Christ" of Rome's making this should stir your mind as to what then really stands behind this "supposed historical and literal person" who has been passed off to mankind as the "fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures" in spite of the Jewish people's denials now for 2,000 years. **As your studies progress it is my hope that you will come to see the depiction of this "Jesus" in the New Testament in a deeper light; not as some "supposed historical-literal person" due to the forgery of the Hebrew Scriptures as well as pure Scriptural invention but the "personification of Divine truth" that was entrusted to the Jewish nation for the person who was ever to be born in the Gentile world. As these websites progress I am confident that you will come to see just whom this "Divine Christ within" really is and how this concept of the "Indwelling Christ in all humanity" has tragically be changed and altered by Rome and given a "literal-historical life" of its own which was limited to but one person who only exists through the forgery of the Hebrew Scriptures and pure inventionism.** It is a real shame that the only Jew to ever come to you and me was this New Testament Rabbi and model for humanity came dressed up like Constantine and bearing literalized sunworship concepts which simply are not true in their "literal sense" since they bring the stain idolatry with them. This is another "big key"; literalized Sunworship is wrong. But when the Sun is seen allegorically for the "visible representation" of the "invisible God" and "Soul" then the reader will come to see that the Creator put this Orb in the Sky to teach us of the progressive growth of "Spirit/Soul" in the bosom of man. When understanding this "key" then the Sun is the example given man for the growth and Spiritual progression of his Soul as the Sun moves through the Sky and the Zodiac. This knowledge well come in time as your studies advance but know that Matthew, chapter 1 through Matthew chapter 28, follows this "Path of the Sun" through the Sky perfectly. We should expect our "Jesus Story" to do the same and it does! Of course it would because Paul states in Rom 1:20: *"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"*.

Over time as your studies advance you will come to see the Higher Divine Truths and how the ancients expressed then in Spiritual Allegories, myths, legends, metaphors and did not express them as we mistakenly think today as "literal" or "historical" stories. They understood what we have forgotten: God is not a man and God exists in a Metaphysical realm and they had to turn to and utilize pictures and symbols to capture such

High Spiritual Truths which we have lost the "keys" to understand today thereby taking them all "literally" not knowing how grievously we err. Their Divine Truths were expressed as Spiritual allegories and they were intended for all and easily remembered over some deep theological treatise. Simply said there exists an "unbroken chord" between this ancient Spiritual Wisdom from the beginning of mankind that remains unbroken down through time until the 2nd century with the rise Romanism and the beginning creation of the Roman Bible. During the next 3 centuries Rome will expend all effort and money possible to "radically reinterpret" the ancient Spiritual Wisdom of mankind and in so doing alter almost all, if not all, the Spiritual concepts cherished by mankind since the beginning of time. **The study of the Roman forgery of the earlier Sacred Wisdom and the Hebrew Scriptures, themselves the legacy of the Great ancient Egyptian Religion, is the beginning of our awakening to this great loss of Spiritual veracity to humankind.**

In closing it is my intent as a yet ordained Pastor who desired to serve the Creator and help His children do the same that once this information came to light over the years of my studies I realized that someone has to share and tell others of this deception in order that our worship of the Creator be in "Spirit and in Truth. **We can say we worship in "Spirit and in Truth" all day long but that does not mean we are doing it.** Bet Emet, Hebrew for "House Of Truth", has done as best it can to present these truths to other "truth seekers" in hopes that your love for and worship of God be likewise.

Now lets discuss the study. The order of our study is very important. If you start from the beginning and work your way through these websites as if you are reading the "best of many books" (which you are) then you will end your study with few unanswered questions and you will have arrived as the truth you sought and have a very clear picture of whom God is and what He requires of you as the non-Jewish believer in Christianity today. But above all your journey ends with the awakening of yourself to your True Identity and the Divinity that resides in you. You will discover beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Story" is YOUR STORY. That you are the "indwelling Christ/Sophia" in "matter" by which God is progressively evolving Himself and you are His Temple for his own progressive Self-awareness of Himself. You and God are truly "co-laborers". This is the very goal and purpose of your incarnation.

Sure the trip is hard, long, and time consuming and filled with both tears and joy as you deal with what has happened at the hands of men who served themselves rather than God. But the goal must be kept squarely before you in order for you to come to the Truth once known about God by these Ancients who framed many of the very same religious doctrines that sadly have come down to us altered and redefined today which sadly cover the pages of our Bibles of which we are not aware. You will come to see that there is a very big difference from the Jewish Bible and the corrupted Gentile Christian Bible we inherited from Rome and this corruption has blinded you to your true Self and Infinite Being. This is Rome's doing! All of this is dealt with on our websites and you will get to it in time if you are diligent in your study.

Let us end with one passage from the Hebrew Scriptures:

14 Then the LORD said unto me: 'The prophets prophesy lies in My name; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke I unto them; they prophesy unto you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their own heart.'

It is time that we do diligent study in order to overcome these "lies" which we have inherited from Rome during the 2nd through the 5th century and beyond and it is equally time that repent of such errors of "belief" that as well are in our life. It is time we search out and return to the faith of our Fathers who carry the Ancients traditions and truths with them. Today we find that best expressed in my opinion in Judaism because not only are they the "children" and legacy of Ancient Egypt but carry the hope for the whole of the Western hemisphere that they might yet, as Paul said in Eph 5:14: ***"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light"*** as well in Col 1:27: ***"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:"***.

Few know of these truths because of lack of study but the beginning study has been done for you. **It is time you accept the mantle of study which in first century Israel taught was "the highest form of worship".**

Lev 20:77 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am the LORD your God (the Jewish Tanakh)

Now let us look more deeply into the websites that follow and read their descriptions.

Recommended Book List

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INTERPRETING THE "JESUS STORY" THROUGH THE 4 WAYS OF RABBINICAL TEACHING

The Websites and our spiritual pilgrimage follow but I must say that what I uncovered when getting to the bottom of the origin of the "Jesus Story" is that **the "New Testament Jesus" can be understood in many different ways** and in so doing yet communicate Divine Truth to the reader. I have discovered through my 20 years of study that we basically have 3 different ways to understand "the Christ" and the "Jesus Story" as I and others see it. Let it be understood up front that our "Jesus Story" is not "new"; it exits from the beginning of recorded time as found in a host of other nations and other "religions" where this personified central character, often termed "the Krst" or "the Christ", is found to be identified by a host of other names in these different religious expressions. This fact alone should make us aware that something lies behind our "Jesus Story" other than a supposed "literal" and "historical" person. We at Bet Emet Ministries have covered all 3 different understandings and presentations of this "Krst" or "Christ" which is termed "Jesus Christ" in our Christianity and the presentation of our research is distributed throughout the totality of our websites. Taken in order our Websites take the student through these 3 different understanding of "the Christ" in systematic order where we progress from our supposed inherited "literal-historical" approach to the understanding of "the Christ" to the ancient "Mystical", "Mythological" and finally the "Metaphysical" understanding of "the Christ" as taught by the ancients down through recorded history until the 2nd century and the rise of Roman Orthodoxy. Here is what we find when we do the exhaustive studies into this area:

- **Historically**...(Divine Spiritual allegory and myth taught through the medium of a personified and presumed historical person; although not accurate to the existence of a historical person yet very important in that it serves as an example to be emulated and followed by all mankind).
- **Mythically**...(personification of the Sun (the Sun being only the visible representation of the Cosmic Divine Conscious & Intelligent Energy and Divine Mind of the Creator) and its path through the Zodiac and the 4 seasons of the year; the equinoxes and solstices which again personify the growth and Spiritual maturation of the Soul and Divine Mind in "matter" and humanity)
- **Mystically**...(expressing a hidden teaching, a secret doctrine, given under strict and exacting conditions to approved candidates by the Masters of Wisdom regarding the descent of the Logos and Divine Mind of God into matter, ie., again mankind). Paul speaks of this:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are all three methods of presenting "the Krst", "the Christ", or as we know of it as "Jesus Christ" equally accurate to truth? No they are not and our Websites will provide the evidence you need as a "truth-seeker" to not only see this for yourself beyond any doubt but make adjustments in your religious belief system when needed based upon the facts and evidence our Websites provide. Our focus needs to be on correctly interpreting "the Krst" and "the Christ"; both the Mystical and Mythical Christ and then being equipped with this understanding we can then and only then adequately deal with and understand what lies behind the erroneously interpreted "Historicity of the Christ" as seen in our inherited "Jesus Story" which is portrayed and interpreted to us as a supposed person of historical being, the Christ with flesh which is limited to but one person.

It goes without saying that we all begin to read and study the Bible from a "literal" perspective assuming that it is the vehicle for "literal truth" about Jesus Christ, never realizing that these ancient stories were written and were intended to be understood by the writers of this ancient Spiritual Mysteries only as Spiritual Allegories by the original writers and never to be understood as if a "literal" story. That is why we find upon study our "Jesus Story" repeated in identical form from beginning to end all the way back to pre-dynastic Egypt over 13,000 years ago. This "Christ Story" was never intended to be understood as if "limited" to but one person but to the whole of the human race. God had descended into "matte" and humanity had become the Temple of the Holy Spirit and Divine Mind of the whole Cosmos. It is this hidden mystery, that the Divine Mind incarnated into all "matter" and finds Self-expression in all manifestations of "matter", especially humanity, that is lost in our current understanding of "the Jesus Story" we have inherited today.

Bet Emet Ministries began several years ago to present websites dealing with Christianity which at first adopted this **"Literal Interpretation" of Jesus in the "Jesus Story"** since the "literal" approach toward Jesus in the New Testament is taught today by almost all of Christianity as they assume that Jesus Christ was a historical person. **We all grow up in the Western Hemisphere assuming that the "Jesus Story" is a historical reality; that is until we do serious study of our faith which is required to get to the bottom of this "Jesus Story" and the religious synthesis within it. Only when my studies into the truth behind our New Testament progress to where I uncovered the First Gnostic New Testament which was later corrupted by Rome with its Second New Testament did I see when studying Gnostic Christianity that "the Krst" and "the Christ" (the Divine Mind of the Creator in all "matter") did I come to clearly see the Mystical Christ and Mythological Christ for what it truly represented. Many of our websites, especially the early ones from years ago, begin by approaching the "Jesus Story" from this inherited historical -grammatical method of interpretation because this is how we grow up and first get acquainted with the "Jesus Story".** Only by submitting this "historical Christ" under the microscope of intense scrutiny can we be certain that the inherent problems in this interpretation of "the Christ" and the "Jesus Story" is a falsehood and then look elsewhere for its true meaning and find the "Mystical", "Mythological" and "Metaphysical" truths behind all the "Christ Stories" which remained intact for thousands of years until the 2nd century where we find Rome "radically reinterpreting" the whole of the "Christ Stories" and "limiting" this Christ to but one person the access to which only comes through the doors of the Roman

Church. Oh, how convenient for world domination and the manipulation of humanity through fear and ignorance. These "truths" I felt were necessary to get to the readers, students, and "truth-seekers" in order to reveal the greater Spiritual Truths that lay within Biblical and Mystical Judaism that are not taught by mainline Gentile Christianity today. As a pastor I realized that it takes time for a "seed to grow" and if I strike out and were to say "everything you believe about Jesus is wrong" I would lose any hope of reaching people with the fruits of my studies. We must understand our Jesus correctly; that is what all incarnational life is meant to accomplish whereby one "awakens" to his True Self; that he is the expression of Divinity and Divine Mind as a human being. We sing "in him we live, move and have our being"; more correctly it is in "us" that God moves, lives, and has His being and it is this agency of the indwelling Christ, not limited to but one, but in all that needs to be restored to humanity so that man can become ONE again with God and all world religions turn their swords into plowshares because we are all ONE. So we begin with the study of the Jewish Roots of Christianity by following the the Rabbinical Methods of teaching and I applied them to Bet Emet's presentation of the "Jesus Story" which we find evolves over the totality of our Websites. There are 4 levels of Rabbinical teaching. Let us learn them now as we return "to the Faith once given the Saints".

PASHAT

The first level of understanding is PASHAT (simple interpretation). The Pashat is the "literal" meaning. It is similar to what Protestant hermeneutics calls "Grammatical Historical Exegesis" and also similar to what Protestant Hermeneutics calls "The Literal Principle." The PASHAT is the plain, simple meaning of the text; understanding scripture in its natural, normal sense using the customary meanings of the words being used, in accordance with the primary exegetical rule in the Talmud that no passage loses its PASHAT (b.Shab. 63a; b.Yeb. 24a). While there is figurative language (like Ps. 36:7) symbolism (like Rom. 5:14); allegory (like Gal. 4:19-31) and hidden meanings (like Rev. 13:18; 1Cor. 2:7) in the Scriptures, the first thing to look for is the literal meaning or PASHAT. This is how and why I developed the first websites and in so doing try to reveal the beauty of Biblical Judaism to the Christian student desiring the truth of his Jewish Roots. For it is in Biblical Judaism do we find our links with ancient Egypt in their purest form thus preserving better than any nation these Ancient understandings of God, Divine Mind, and the Cosmos and man's responsibilities to the Creator. These following websites approaches "the Christ" as an assumed "historical person" yet never telling the reader that behind this motif of a "historical Jesus" lies the greatest deception known to mankind. We will see this deception emerge as we try to verify what our Roman Bibles say on its pages when compared with the Hebrew Scriptures from which it taken. Only by seeing the host of problems that emerge doing such comparisons of Christian dogmas and doctrines with the Jewish dogmas and doctrines as well as the Hebrew Scriptures from which our Bibles inaccurately quotes and purposefully mistranslates does the door "crack open" as to the many problems and falsehoods that lie behind a "literal" and "historical" interpretation of our inherited "Jesus Story". This needs be said for until we see these problems and falsehoods then moving to a deeper understanding and a more true understanding of "the Christ" and our "Jesus Story" has no purpose since being taught since childhood that our Bibles and Christian faith is "infallible, inerrant, and inspired". I will let the evidences which I bring the reader to determine if such an approach to Christianity is warranted and can be proven in light of modern scholarship.

- **RETURNING TO THE BIBLICAL FAITH OF JESUS/YESHUA BY EXAMINING CLOSELY OUR BIBLES**
- <http://www.christianjewishbible.netfirms.com>
- (We begin our study by looking at our New Testaments since it is within this New Testament given us by Rome that we have the core of the problems concerning this Jewish Messiah portrayed as Jesus. Here we encounter, maybe for the first time for many readers, a host of unlimited examples of textual and Scriptural falsifications in our Christian Bibles when compared with the prior Hebrew Scriptures which lie in stealth in both the Greek and later English mistranslation of our Christian Old and New Testaments. Hundreds of examples exist where the facts and Scriptural truths that exist in the Jewish Masoretic Old Testament texts are shown to be purposefully changed in the Greek translation of the Jewish Scriptures by the Essenes and later incorporated into almost all Christian Old Testaments. Not to be outdone, Rome later emerges and continues the Scriptural falsification on a much larger scale by changing and altering

the Hebrew Scriptures and eventually adapting its "literalized" solar-mythology" in their final production...the Second New Testament. Here we encounter the change of these ancient Divine Spiritual Mystical, Mythological, and Metaphysical Concepts as they become altered almost beyond recognition and reinterpreted and attached to the life of the "supposed literal and historical" New Testament Jesus. In order to see how "Mystical Divine Truths" of a "Metaphysical Realm" become "literalized", "historicized" and "limited" to but one supposed person of history one has to trace the adulteration of the Scriptural Texts and the forgery of the Hebrew Scriptures. So it is necessary that we become very familiar with the document called the New Testament which has incorporated such a religious agenda and the creation of a "replacement religion" over these last 1,800 years). This is our "introduction" to the "Jesus Problem" which can be laid basically at the feet of Rome and their "antisemitism".

- **[RETURNING TO THE JEWISH ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY...THE FAITH OF JESUS/YESHUA](http://returntofaithofjesus.netfirms.com)**
- **<http://returntofaithofjesus.netfirms.com>**
- (The examination of the Jewish and Hebrew Roots of the Christian Faith as taken from a **literal perspective**. In so doing we expose many of the errors in doctrine and practice of today's Gentile Christianity with special emphasis upon the non-Jewish believer and his Divine place within the Israel of God instead of enmeshed in "replacement religion" as exists today in Gentile Christianity. We pay no attention in this site to the many problems concerning the Historical Jesus and approach the study from the normal assumption that the historical Jesus is true since that is how most of us grew up believing in the first place. In later sites we look at this problem in greater detail but to stress the greatness of Divine Truth as found yet in Judaism today as well as over the last 2,000 years we compare basically "Roman Christianity and its dogmas with the dogmas of Judaism and all the while keep our eyes on the alteration of the Hebrew Scriptures which changed the ancient Divine Spiritual Wisdom as found in ancient Egypt and their later children the Jewish nation).
- **[THE COVENANT OF NOAH & THE LAWS OF NOAH AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH](http://covenantofnoah.netfirms.com)**
- **<http://covenantofnoah.netfirms.com>**
- (**[Now we look in depth to the non-Jewish believer and how he fits into true Biblical Faith without conversion to Judaism.](#)** This is very important information and necessary for every Christian to read and study in detail. This is a very revealing study of the Covenants of God with special emphasis upon the Covenants concerning the non-Jew which are called today the Covenant of Noah comprising the 66 commandments of Noah. Included in this site are Old Testament references to this covenant as well and revealing exposition of this same covenant in the New Testament as taught to the non-Jews in fulfillment of the Great Commission before Rome would change everything in the 2nd through the 5th century. It is here we begin to see the "pattern"; the "Pattern of Worship" which we find is the same for the Jew and non-Jew and how denominational Christianity has missed the mark throughout history due to it's antisemitic background and antisemitic dogmas and Scriptural forgeries inherited by Rome).
- **[THE BIBLICAL "PATTERN" OF WORSHIP & THE GENTILE GOD-FEARER IN THE FIRST CENTURY SYNAGOGUE-"CHURCH"](http://jewishrootscx.netfirms.com/)**
- **<http://jewishrootscx.netfirms.com/>**
- (Having learned all of this knowledge from the above websites and fully convinced that repentance is needed in our "Christian religious belief system" then the question that should be asked is this one as I see it: ***"If I, as a non-Jew, who had not converted to Judaism, had lived in the first century in Israel and had come into contact with the Messianic Movement within Israel as we find it in Acts 15 for example, then what would I have been taught about how a non-Jew is to "worship" the Creator"? Is there a "Pattern of Worship" of God that I need to know about?*** Other questions come to mind: What was I to do having learned these truths about the early Gentile inclusion into the Israel of God? How was I to worship in contrast as to how I learned from Roman Christianity? How can I bring this understanding into my life today? How can I worship the Creator in "Spirit and in Truth" in light of what I have learned in the above websites that has shown me that I have been badly taught and so badly misguided by my spiritual leaders in Christianity today? What lies behind these "Jewish and

cultural" expression of Worship of God as seen in the Biblical Festivals as well as the Equinoxes and Solstices? Is there a "Comic Pattern" of worship that is reflected in the Jewish Nation and their Jewish and cultural worship of God? Is there something bigger out there that I fail to see being limited by only the "Jewish expression" of the worship of God? Do I begin with a through study of Judaism and advance to a deeper understanding of the God of the Cosmos? **Is the Macrocosm reflected in the Microcosm of Jewish worship?** Yes, yes, yes! But all of that must come later. We must get our feet on the ground of Scriptural integrity and learn these "basic principles" and the truth about our New Testament and our corrupted "Jesus Story" before we move into much "deeper waters" and the hidden Divine Truths behind our "Jesus Story". If you want those answers then these forthcoming websites are for you. Now having mastered the above sites we move on to these "deeper Spiritual waters" that Rome never intended you know!

- **AN UNBIASED LOOK INTO THE HISTORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT...AND THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ITS CANONIZATION?**
- <http://historyofformationofnewtestament.netfirms.com>
- (Now we must understand how we actually got this New Testament in the first place with all of its purposeful mistranslation, misquotations, and Scriptural inventions. This study is as best as possible an unbiased and intense study into the New Testament, its origins, its canonization, the disagreements of the early Church Fathers as seen for hundreds of years in the many conflicts and disagreements concerning it; its falsification and purposeful mistranslation of the Jewish Masoretic text, the role of the Essenes in the falsification of the Jewish Old Testament and its impact of the later developing Roman New Testament, and the determination of the role of the Holy Spirit in the production of the New Testament...**if any**)

REMEZ

The next level of understanding of the Scriptures taught by the Rabbis is called in Hebrew REMEZ (hinting at a prior truth or a hidden truth that goes beyond the current text). Peculiarities and contradictions in the Biblical texts are treated and presented to the reader as hinting at a deeper Divine and Spiritual truth than that conveyed by its PASHAT. The fun of discovering our Jewish Roots, Sabbaths, and Biblical Festivals is over and is in reality only the "introduction" to the deeper Mystical and Metaphysical teachings to come. Now it is time for serious investigation of our inherited faith. **Our Websites get more challenging as I begin using the principle of Remez to hint that there are problems with the "Jesus Story" beyond the Pashat "interpretation" and begin to question many of the teachings of Christianity and their presentation of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah.** We still approach these issues as if "historical" but as your studies progress you begin to slowly get the picture that there is severe problems with what Christianity teaches about "the historical Jesus Christ" and its presentation of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. It bears saying again that we approach this information yet as if "historical" but as our websites progress we will soon move to the "Mythical" and the "Mystical" presentations of "the" Jesus Christ. You might say we are in the process of cracking the egg shell regarding the "Jesus Story".

- **THE JEWISH CONCEPT OF "THE" MESSIAH....WHY CAN'T THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS AGREE?**
 - <http://jewishmessiah.netfirms.com/>
 - (**Now we enter the beauty of Judaism and the truths they taught about their own Messiah and once knowing this then it is easy to contrast them with what we have been taught as Christians that come from our forged Christian Bibles.** Ever wonder why the Jews and Gentile Christianity cannot agree on the Jewish Messiah? At last the unbiased truth concerning the Jewish Messiah and with it many explanations as to how the Christian theology concerning the Messiah deviates so drastically from the Jewish Messianic concepts as well as emphasis on the corruption of the Gentile's religious texts (OT and NT) which culminates in the creation of a Messiah which was never prophesied by the Jewish prophets.....the answers for the Gentile Christian are not always comforting but if you want the truth it is here for the interested and unbiased student and true

seeker of truth. This is a selective summary of what went before on the other sites where I pull together pertinent information concerning one topic and one topic only: THE MESSIAH. If your desire is to study what the Jewish Scriptures taught about the Jewish Messiah before they were altered and changed as they were purposefully mistranslated into the Greek and later carried over in their corrupted forms into the Christian's Old Testament and New Testament texts, then this material is for you. Along with this site is the examination of text after text not only in it's Hebraic original form but as it was altered and changed thereby causing New Testament believers to ignorantly accept and cherish beliefs about Yeshua/Jesus which not only are incorrect but which render them idolators before God).

- **A TRUTHFUL ANALYSIS OF MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN THE HEBREW BIBLE AS CONTRASTED WITH THE CHRISTIAN TRANSLATIONS...DID JESUS FULFILL THEM?**
 - <http://messianicprophecy.netfirms.com>
 - (A very detailed examination of the Hebrew Scriptures and how they were later altered when translated into the Greek, Latin, and English versions of Christian Bibles. We trace the corruption of the Jewish Scriptures from the Hebrew in which they were originally written and show how these Jewish Scriptures were later purposefully mistranslated, misquoted, misapplied, and even invented in order to alter the human messiah into a "cosmic Godman" by the Essenes of Alexandria, Egypt. Later these very same altered passages will become forced "fulfillments" when applied to Jesus in later Latin and English versions taken from the Greek forgeries of the Jewish Scriptures. We show repeatedly how the Greek translations were forged in order to include the Essene concept of their "angel messiah" and "cosmic Godman" and later how this concept would be further adulterated when applied to Jesus some two hundred years later through the further forgery of other Hebrew Scriptures by the Roman Gentile Church. In other words we show beyond any doubt how the Holy Word of God has been corrupted today. No wonder the Jewish people don't believe in the Christian Jesus; their Jewish Scriptures read completely different than those of the Christian Church in "key" messianic places)
- **DANIEL 9:17-27: THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF YEARS AS TAKEN FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**
 - <http://seventyweeksdaniel.netfirms.com>
 - (We now look at a very problematic piece of prophecy. Of all the Old Testament scriptures translated and quoted (or purposely mistranslated or misquoted) by Christian evangelicals in hopes of finding validation to most of their Gentile Christian doctrines, Daniel 9:17-27 and Isaiah 53 are perhaps the two most popular. In both cases, Christianity relies on a claim that the only reasonable interpretation of those scriptures is theirs. But is this true? Have our Christian Bibles been forged to force fulfillments as applied to Jesus when the true Hebrew Scriptures read differently than our Christian Bibles? Well...it is time to see the truth for yourself concerning Daniel's 70 weeks and then you decide who is right....Judaism or Christianity)
- **THE ESSENE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ITS LEGACY OF SUN WORSHIP**
 - <http://essenecx.netfirms.com>
 - (As stated earlier Divine Spiritual allegory and Spiritual Myths of the ancients have been "literalized by Rome" and presented to us in our Christian Bibles as if a "literal" and "historical" truth that fits into a time-line of Rome's making. We saw when we looked at the manipulation and adulteration of the Hebrew Scriptures let alone the testimony of Judaism for these last 2,000 years that the "Jesus" of the New Testament is not their "Jewish Messiah". We begin to see this Christian deception through a comprehensive and challenging investigation into the true origins of the Essene-Christian faith as we begin in ancient Egypt and it's worship of God. In so doing we spend some time understanding Egyptian Religion where astral-theology and solar-worship was **personified** into "savior Godmen" such as Osiris which is the first and the **"pattern" of all personification of Divine Spiritual concepts that followed.** We trace such personified solar beliefs through successive Gentile nations and make note of similarities as well as differences, until we come to the Essene/Qumran cult, who, in rejection of normative Biblical Judaism because of their inability to assume the Priesthood following the Maccabee war, evolved away from Biblical Judaism and adopted these astral-theological religious ideas which had more in common with Egypt, Persian,

Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Pythagoreanism, etc., than with Judaism. The Essene mistake is the same one Rome will make later; they will "literalize" these Metaphysical Spiritual concepts and "historicize" them and apply them to the Jewish "human" messiah in the likeness of King David (historically really the Pharaoh Tuthmose III) until we end up with a "corrupted Judaism" which is more commonly known today as Messianic "literalized" Christianity. It is the same perversion of purely Metaphysical Spiritual Concepts. What we find is that the Essenes "literalized" these prior Divine Allegories concerning Divine Truth of the incarnation of Divine Mind in "matter" and humanity as expressed by the Ancients down through time through the medium of Spiritual myths and symbols. It is in the hands of these apostate Essenes where these Divine concepts were "literalized" and were purposefully included in a falsified translation of the Jewish Old Testament called the Greek Septuagint (LXX). In this Greek perversion of the Hebrew Scriptures the human "anointed of God" becomes a Superman! In so doing these ancient Spiritual and Divine Mystical, Mythological and Metaphysical Concepts lose their original and intended meaning and these "radically reinterpreted" doctrines become parts of the Greek Old Testament for the Greek speaking world and for all later Christians and the Christian Church; thus providing the substrate for all later quotes of the New Testament. The bottom line being that personified Sun-worship which is the ultimate Spiritual and Divine Truth for all created manifestation was applied to the life of the hoped for and expected Jewish messiah as recorded in the New Testament and it is we, not knowing that these existing ancient Divine Spiritual Mysteries and concepts, which were only to be taken allegorically and symbolically, have been misled to see in them a "literal" and supposed "historical" understanding when these ancient Divine Spiritual Wisdoms were never originally intended to be taught as such. In so doing we spend a lot of time with these altered texts in order to see how this was done and how extensive this misrepresentation of the Ancient Spiritual Wisdom is exemplified in our current Roman Bibles).

- **PAUL...THE TRUE FOLLOWER OF JESUS...OR...SUBVERTER OF THE FAITH OF JESUS AND FOUNDER OF A NEW RELIGION?**

- <http://paulproblem.netfirms.com>

- (Now we move to the Paul Problem. Let it be said that I am hard on Paul since the "real Paul" has been presented to us on the pages of this New Testament in a particular way and reinforced by 2000 years of Church Tradition. I must say that I deal with Paul "literally" as this is the way he has again been presented to us on the pages of the New Testament and in so doing I spare no ink in pointing out the problems this presents regarding a Jewish interpretation of "the Christ". Understand that this is a very challenging website which exposes the very depth of the deception behind the New Testament's presentation of the Apostle Paul. This website reveals the truth behind the purposeful manipulation of history and facts to cover up the truth about the Gnostic Paul who was supposedly understood by all in the first century to be an enemy of the Jerusalem church and remained so his whole life. I expose what the true religious belief system of Paul really is and show you how, in spite of the incongruities of the Paul Problem in the New Testament, is a synthesis of Gnosticism, Mystery Religions, and Judaism. That is not bad when we see that in so doing we are only restoring the Ancient Divine Spiritual Wisdom which had remained intact within humanity for over 10,000 years and only with the rise of Rome fell prey to their "radical reinterpretation" and "literalization" of the Ancient Spiritual Wisdom. Along with this I reveal this Romanized Paul and later pro-Pauline writers purposeful misuse of the Jewish Scriptures in their presentation to the non-Jewish world of a new replacement religion and how they made it seem as if this supposed "literalized" Jesus was the cause for it. This is strong stuff and not for the faint-hearted. We will look at Paul in a different light when he is later put into his Gnostic setting which is historically accurate then we can say "kind things" about Paul then so hold on; we need to find the "real Paul" and we don't have it yet since Rome forged all but 7 of his authentic epistles which he wrote and put his name on them. So we have to be hard on this Romanized Paul since Christians believe that he taught all the things that carry his name. Let me assure you he did NOT! We will see as we study that the blame for this deception is again laid on the lying pens of Rome so we deal on this site as "if" this Romanized Paul was responsible for these writings since we are taught he wrote them all by Church

tradition)

• **THE PAGANIZATION OF THE FAITH OF YESHUA ...AND THE BIRTH OF "GENTILE CHRISTIANITY"**

- <http://paganizingfaithofyeshua.netfirms.com>
- (We move on now to look at more "literalization" of Sun-Worship as it was applied to the Jesus of the New Testament by the writers of the this New Testament. This is a very, very challenging study and expose of how "literalized Sun-Worship and how "literalization" of the Ancient Divine Spiritual Wisdom today is masqueraded as "orthodoxy" in Christianity. The subject matter is diverse and will require adequate reading on your part but well worth the price as you learn of the origin of the Divine Allegories and Sun Myths which were later personified by the Indo-Germanic nations and later written into the translation of the Greek translation of the Jewish Scriptures by the Essenes of Alexandria, Egypt. These accounts would be later embellished by the Gentile Church as they applied them to the life of the Jewish Messiah as represented through this Jesus as they build it off the falsifications of the Greek Old Testament as altered by the Essenes of Alexandria, Egypt. This site exposes the false theology connected with Jesus which lines almost every page in the New Testament in one way or another. It is here we see that our "Jesus Story", taught to us as if a "literal" person, is but the repetition of the prior Divine Solar Spiritual Allegories of the nation's Sungods. Our "Jesus" is shown to be a collection of multiple personified identities collected and handed down through recorded history; such a collection of solar identifies is in truth a "nobody" when viewed again as if a "literal" and "historical" person. Not possessing this knowledge we read our New Testaments never aware that our "Jesus" is in truth not a "historical person" but behind this Spiritual Allegory is the highest Spiritual revelation that is possible to mankind. We just never knew it thanks to the Essenes and Rome's dishonesty with the Hebrew Scriptures. A through understanding of this site, as well as the others of Bet Emet Ministry, exposes beyond any doubt the lies and idolatry that has been foisted upon unsuspecting Gentiles who are yet today pawns of this theological deception and antisemitism of Rome)

This approach, teaching God's higher Divine truths through the vehicle of a godly example, the "assumed historical Jesus of the New Testament", works well up to a point because in doing so we are presented with a "Godly" example of a life to be emulated as found in the Jesus of the New Testament (for the most part). A life patterned after the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" will hopefully issue forth in one bearing the fruit of morality and ethics and a life lived in the Fruit of the Spirit. This is the reason why Israel does not evangelize today because Christianity has accomplished for them their task as God's Priesthood; for better or worse when looking at the Dark Ages and the impact of this "replacement religion". As a pastor I wish they could have accomplished this without the masked idolatry connected with the "Jesus Story". The non-Jew has learned of the God of Israel and has learned how to live in peace and harmony through the teachings of Christianity. Sadly in all of this the main character, the Jewish Messiah, has been so badly misrepresented in the character of Jesus who, for example, is made to cleanse all foods and abolish the kosher laws in Mark 7:14. This is rather strange for a Jew who is obligated to observe Kosher. Hopefully you see the problems of what I speak and they only begin here. Again through our websites the student is made aware of the problems inherent in many places in this New Testament's depiction of the New Testament Jesus and "the Christ within". Yet, in such a presentation this Jesus is the non-Jew's "pattern" for he, real or not, is the only Jew to ever witnessed to us and came knocking on the doors of our lives as non-Jews. Sadly the Jewish community is closed to the non-Jew for the most part due to the tragic treatment of their people by the Christian Church these last 2000 years. **As I say often it is sad that when we answered the door of our lives as we heard the "knock" of this New Testament Rabbi named Jesus that we did not possess, at that time, enough knowledge of the truth about "the Christ" and the true "Jewish Messiah" that we could not recognize that this Jew named Jesus, as God's "light to the Gentile world", came dressed like the idolator Constantine teaching a replacement religion.** Lacking this knowledge which Bet Emet's Websites provide the student we fell for the Roman "counterfeit Christ" and "counterfeit Jesus" and no wonder the Jews cannot accept this Roman Jesus as their Messiah. Good for them! But hopefully as your studies mature you begin to see that there are other ways to understand the "Jesus Story" but surely

understanding the "Jesus Story" as a historical truth concerning a literal person who lived 2000 years ago and who embodied the historical Jewish Messiah is not one of them. Now for enlightenment that will take your breath away!

DRASH

Another level of Jewish hermeneutic and understanding the Scriptures is called in Hebrew "drash" meaning "search", this is the **allegorical, typological or homiletical application of the text.** Creativity is used to search the text in relation to the rest of the Scriptures, other literature, or life itself in order to develop an allegorical, typological or homiletical application of the text. This process involves eisegesis (reading of the text) of the text. **Ironically as I found this expression or interpretation of the texts reflected most accurately the type of "belief" of the earliest Christians (called Chrestians who believed only in the Gnostic Metaphysical Christ within) who were not only looking for a historical Jewish messiah to be revealed but at the same time understood that the "logos" or "the Christ/Sophia/Egyptian Karast" lived within all mankind and could never be limited to but one person as Rome will make it appear. This understanding of "the Christ" reflects Paul and his 7 authentic epistles where he teaches the "Christ within". Now we find the true Paul who, like the earliest Chrestinas, taught only the "Christ Within".**

As you might expect a few years later, as time allowed, Bet Emet provided a website dealing with the **Mystical Interpretation of the "Jesus Story" and "the Christ" as we showed that the religious beliefs of the earliest "believers" who were called the first "Christians", long before Rome emerged to dominate the Christian faith, did not accept a historical Jesus at all but rather understood "the Christ" as a Divine Concept as Divine Mind that lives within every man and woman and is not exclusive to just one person as is portrayed today by "literalistic Roman Christianity.** It is in this site that we **restore the earliest Gnostic Christian understanding of the "the Christ"** as it existed for almost 5 centuries before being utterly destroyed and almost totally wiped out by Rome with its replacement religion we have today which I call "Literal Christianity".

- **MARCION AND THE "FIRST" NEW TESTAMENT...WHO WERE THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIANS AND WHAT DID THEY BELIEVE ABOUT "THE CHRIST" ...THE STUDY OF Gnosticism**
 - <http://firstnewtestament.netfirms.com/>
 - (Now we put all the pieces together and the whole picture comes into focus. **We now look at the true Paul, a Gnostic which never taught a human Jesus Christ but rather "the Christ within" in his 7 authentic epistles.** We trace in this website how the earliest "Christian" believed in the "Christ within" and not "a Christ without". We see how the ancient religious allegories were understood not only by these ancients who were given them but by the Gnostic Jews and Gentiles in the earliest centuries of the church as well long before Rome will come an "literalize" all of it and give it a fictitious historical time-line in creating a "historical Jesus". In so doing we will see how the earliest New Testament expressing these allegorical Divine truths is butchered by Rome and destroyed and how we end up with the forgery we have today. Never let it be said that archeology and hard study are not our friends. That is why Judaism has always taught that "study" is the highest form of worship!

An unbiased study of History will show you that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. An unbiased through study of Comparative Religion will reveal to you that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down; namely, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. Personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the

"Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through Matthew chapter 28. This truly is the most amazing study.

This website will be a lot different from anything you most likely have ever studied. Growing up in the Western Hemisphere we are traditionally taught a "literalistic" and not an "allegorical" or "symbolic" understanding of Christianity. This "literalistic" interpretation of "Jesus" and "the Christ" is based upon the inherited religious documents we received from Rome which we were taught to accept as infallible and inerrant without every questioning them. However great advances in Biblical Studies and archeology have been made in the last two hundred years and one in particular in the last 50 years has made a startling impact upon Christianity and few know of this. I am referring to the discoveries of the Nag Hammadi Library along with the Essene's Dead Sea Scrolls in the last 50 years which has turned our traditional Roman understanding of Christianity upside down and basically taught us that almost everything we had through we had "known" from Roman Christianity up to now concerning "Jesus" and "the Christ" was wrong. That is simply because when we discover from study of these archeological finds and see for ourselves that the First New Testament written and given to us by the earliest Gnostic Chrestians like Marcion and Paul did not teach a "human Jesus Christ" but rather an allegorical and symbolic "Indwelling Christ Only" as the Logos within each of God's children. This explains why there were no genealogies, birth or infancy narratives, or the 4 traditional Gospels in the earliest Gnostic Gospels and not added to the Roman Second New Testament till after 180 A.D. It is this "allegorical Christ" and "allegorical Joshua-Jesus Christ" ["pattern"] that the earliest New Testament and the authentic Pauline epistles taught but few know this today since Rome's efforts to destroy all of this literature by burning the libraries of the world as well as murdering the Gnostics until few remained to safeguard this Spiritual Metaphysical Revelation which can be traced to the beginning of mankind. In this website I reveal these truths concerning the "allegorical Christ" of the earliest Chrestians. Along with this we tackle the difficult problem of Christian forgeries of later Pauline Epistles and Gospels in their attempt to create a "historical Jesus" and a "historical Christ" in order to mimic their Godman-Emperor. This information goes a long way not only in explaining the lack of credible and unforged evidences for a historical Jesus but shows how a Second New Testament was latter forged in Paul's name, who was long dead, along with the names of long dead Apostles in Rome's attempt to **place a historical Jesus of their creation within an appropriate time-line**. By comparison of what was written and contained within the First New Testament with what was later written later by Irenaeus and others in Rome's attempt to refute the Gnostic Christ and the Gnostic Joshua-Jesus we can easily now come to terms with this creative theology of Rome which was little more than a synthesis of "literalized" Sun Worship as exposed on our other sites. What should strike you as you study these materials is that the concept of the "Logos" and the "allegorical Christ" goes all the way back to the beginning of mankind where God gave Revelation of Himself and His plan to the Ancient Egyptians who first wrote of the Karast/Christ and provided the "pattern" adopted by all later world religions until the rise of Rome!

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The 4th and final level of understanding the Scriptures is called in Hebrew "Sod" meaning "hidden". **It is here that I reveal the hidden links to Egypt and Astronomy which they "allegorized" to capture for all time the Divine Concepts that they witnessed written in the sky and Heavens above them.** The Sky is God's Bible! When you learn to "interpret" the Sky and the stars then no man can deceive you about Divine Truth any longer! God, writing on the blackboard of the sky and Heavens, expressed to these Ancients sages and Priests eternal Spiritual principles that were later captured in "myths" and "legends" to preserve for all time these Godly truths that would last through all time and yet today survive in spite of the destruction of Egypt by Alexander the Great and later Rome. These Laws of the Cosmos were expressed in allegorical Spiritual myths that were reaffirmed by the same Laws witnessed operating in Nature. Ancient man, understanding that these same Laws operated within himself and his body saw therefore that "he was created in the image of God"; the image he witnessed operating above and around him when noticing the same Laws and Cycles in the Heavens and in Nature operating within his physical body as well. This is truly beautiful when you see it as it brought tears to my eyes to see and comprehend Gods' earliest message to me and you that has not been changed or adulterated by the agendas of men and apostate religions down through history. It is so simple when you see it. That is the way God intended it to be in the beginning but we strain at a nat and swallow a camel today with

our highly developed and evolved theologies down through Christian history.

It has been a hard and long process for me to accomplish but my task is about through when I complete this **[website on the "Mythical Jesus Christ" as seen in the stars.](#)**

Now it is time to devote this website to the comprehensive understanding of the **"Mythical Christ"**. In so doing we will prove that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for the path of the Sun "personified" as it travels through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac and through the 4 seasons of the years (the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, the Autumn Equinox, and the Winter Solstice). You will come to see that this is the oldest and most important story humans ever knew as it also is full of Divine Truths that are to be understood "allegorically" and not "literally" as we have erroneously been taught today by a literalized Christianity of Rome's making. The Sun was viewed by the ancient Spiritual Masters as the "visible representation" of the "invisible hidden reality" of God. This Sun and its path through the Heavens is repeated over and over again for mankind so that man cannot miss the Truth and Message of God involving the Spiritual evolution of his Soul. It is we today who have not a clue to this Great Bible in the Sky. We owe a great debt to Ancient Egyptians and their great wisdom and their foresight in preserving for the the world this earliest understanding of God and Divine Mind and its incarnation into "matter" and humanity where we trace by looking at the path of the Sun the birth, life, death, rebirth and progressive Spiritual Evolution of man's Soul.

- **THE EGYPTIAN RELIGION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY**

- <http://www.egyptcx.netfirms.com/>
- We have all heard that "all roads lead to Rome" but in reality all roads lead to Egypt. This is especially true when one studies Christianity and Judaism and finds that these sister-faiths are nothing more than evolutionary developments of the Egyptian Religion. Understand from the beginning that Judaism is a much more faithful picture of this Planet's original understanding of the Divine than Christianity. Judaism comes in a close second. As a Pastor I am amazed where my studies have taken me and the things I have learned over these last twenty years in my pursuit of Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith. Never did I expect to find what I have uncovered and consider myself fortunate to live in an age where archeology and other such disciplines are giving back to mankind what Rome destroyed, covered up, and took from us over the last two thousand years. The study of error is often a little less important than the study of truth. The history of the human mind, in its progress from ignorance towards knowledge should tell us the mistakes into which it has sometimes wandered, as well as its steps in the right path. This is the goal of this website: to re-examine Gentile Christianity as to its earliest roots and determine if what is considered "Christian orthodoxy" today is a faithful representation of the earliest understanding of God by the Ancients since it is they who coined the religious concepts which we are told that we adhere to today in the primarily Christian Western Hemisphere.
- There is much to say about the knowledge contained in this Website but let me be brief. This website will reveal to you how the Ancients understood the message of God and His revelation to them from their critical observations about the Heavens and the sky as well as Nature. The Egyptians Priests and scholars understood that God was revealing His Laws and intentions in the operations of the Divine Laws that governed the Cosmos. These Ancients holy men saw that these same Laws operated within their own bodies as well and that they were "created in the image of God" as what God was doing "above them" and "around them" He also was doing "within them". These Ancients sought out God and His way like no other nation has ever done on the face of the earth and tragically this knowledge was lost to us until only recently with the discoveries of archeology. We must understand that when allegory, metaphor, simile, and myth which expressed both the identity and actions of the Creator as understood by the Ancients in grasping for understanding of God and His workings in the Cosmos, was altered and stripped of its symbolism and rendered for all time as if "literal" by those who will come later through "conquest" and destroy Egypt and their understanding of God, then not only is Divine Truth lost forever but it plunges its recipients into abject idolatry. Such is the plight of the primarily Christian Western Hemisphere as these allegories and metaphors that once expressed Divine Truth were altered by Rome and "literalized" and applied to men's lives; in this case Jesus. If you have been diligent to

study the website referenced just above this one then you saw for yourself this tragic loss of Divine Truth by Rome's "literalization" of such Egyptian Ancient truths concerning the "Logos" and "the Christ".

- **ASTROTHEOLOGY AND THE "JESUS STORY" OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: DOES IT ORIGINATE WITH THE STARS?**

- <http://jesuastrotheology.netfirms.com/>

- ***This website is presently under construction.*** This will be the last website for Bet Emet Ministries and in so doing we will go where few have gone. In this website we will show beyond any doubt from Astronomical examples of the Sun, Moon, Stars, and Constellations, that the Ancients preserved what they witnessed in the stars and Heavens seen in the cycles, patterns and paths and movements of these Heavenly orbs in "allegories" and in "myths" and "legends" not only concerning physical movements of these Celestial orbs as taken from their observations but expressed within these "solar myths" and "lunar myths" deeper Divine Truths of a Mystical Nature. These hidden deeper Divine Revelations from God to mankind dealing with the Spiritual Nature of mankind and his expected Spiritual maturation were again saved for all time through the agency of Myth which was never to be interpreted "literally" but rather were to function as "allegories" and "symbols" only that were but vehicles for transmission of higher truths from God. From these celestial patterns the Ancients extrapolated the Laws, Ordinances, Commandments, and Covenants of the Creator and gave them to mankind as a "blueprint" for our existence. These myths held the message of God to mankind. Later these myths were told through lives of personified man-gods like Osiris, Dionysus, Attis, Amon, Mithra, and Jesus. Since we include Jesus in the same sentence with other astral myths then this will be a hard study for as you examine the evidence presented you will see without a doubt that an unbiased study of History shows that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a real historical man named Jesus. In fact the evidence, or should I say the lack of it, and the forgery of all that does exist outside this one New Testament, is hard to deny and makes a belief in a historical Jesus almost impossible when knowing from the above studies the hundreds of forgeries in the religious texts of the Christian Bible. Nowhere outside of this one forged book by Rome can we find this "historical Jesus". As if that was not enough an unbiased and through study of Comparative Religion reveals to the reader as seen in the above studies and sites that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. What is most startling is when you see for yourself that the personification of the Sun and its path through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book. The Synoptic gospels follow the path of the Sun in its travels through the sky from beginning to end. Most may have no idea of what I am saying I can only tell you to hold on and read the articles on this site and you will quickly come to see of what I spoke. Let it be said when you see this and that all the other "Jesus Stories" are but Ancient allegories of the Heavens and the Sun and its path through the Zodiac which was later "literalized" then without a doubt there is no more room for idolatry connected with any Jesus of any kind. Then we can follow in the footsteps of Moses and quit worshipping a false "god-man" and return to worshipping our Creator in Spirit and in Truth. You come to see that the "Jesus Story" is nothing but a retelling of the "Osiris Story" and the "Horus Story". It is from these two Ancient Egyptian stories that all other "saviors" have come.

Orthodox Christians, since they are committed to a belief in the literal truth of the Bible, hold that after the flood men became even more evil than they were before, so that 4,000 years after the creation of the world, god sent his only begotten son to suffer and die for the salvation of the human race. **This ministry of Jesus, the Christ, was supposed to be a unique event in human history but as we show it is anything but that; it**

is the repetition of everything that came before. This opinion of Jesus' uniqueness is no longer tenable among those who accept reason as the criterion of truth.

If you are diligent to study and read these websites then you have it all. There is little that exists that is not covered in one way or the other or has somehow escaped my attention over these almost 20 years of study. There is nothing I would trade for my years of study and the truths that I have gathered and although it has been challenging to my very core I fully am aware that because of such serious studies my walk with God, the true God, is closer than ever. It is truly well with my soul because **"I KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM SEPARATED FROM ALL THE FICTION"** that men have written down through history to promote their own religion and political agendas.

- **THE SACRED MYSTERIES....OUR LAST WEBSITE**

- <http://thesacredmysteries.netfirms.com>
- This is what we have been waiting for; the conclusion of all of our websites and the final answer as to just "Whom" is this "Jesus" we have heard about all our lives and how this should affect our lives for the better. Central to the ancient Spiritual Wisdom is the concept of the Divine Spark/Cosmic Fire or seed buried within each person. It was the purpose of the ancient Spiritual Mysteries to bring to life this Divine Spark in the life of every person so that it would illuminate life on this Earth and so aid mankind in its Spiritual evolution of its True Self and True Being which is Divinity "incarnated" into "matter". This Divine Spark embedded within the "animal" body which housed man's Soul and Divine Mind was symbolized by various figures and characterizations at different times down through recorded history and in different nations and places. We find these symbolisms today in the nations as their personified Sungods and Goddesses which are preserved for mankind in the nation's Divine Legends and Spiritual Mythologies. Their names were Horus, Orpheus, Dionysus, Mithra, Krishna, Adonis, Tammuz, Hercules, Ishtar, Isis, Persephone, and even Jesus and so on. They were all labeled by Rome to be "pagan" Christs but these Divine Myths are, when correctly understood and interpreted correctly, are the highest expressions in metaphors and allegories of man's True Divine Self; as Plato has so appropriately said man is a "god in an animal body". The philosophers of the ancient world and even the ancient Egyptians before them knew that these figures were only symbolic of the highest Metaphysical reality within mankind and were never to be understood or taken to be historical men or women; it is we who do not understand this precious ancient Mythology today. Many writers today write of this subject completely devoid of its true understanding and mislead millions in so doing. These Divine Truths in these Spiritual Mysteries are "Spiritually discerned" and eclipse the intellect of many.
- We will see in this website that over 5,000 years ago in ancient Egypt and some 2,000 years ago in the area of the eastern Mediterranean, the Divine Soul or Spark within humanity was called the Christ (from Krst, Karast or Krist, Egyptian for the anointed ("messiah") mummy). What we find when we wade through all of this ancient theology found in ancient Egypt and the Gnosticism and Spiritual Mysteries of the ancient nations is that early Christianity was nothing new at all; in fact it was originally before the rise of Roman "literalism" only the re-statement of the ancient Spiritual Wisdom and Gnosticism of the ancient Spiritual Fathers as far back as ancient Egypt and beyond and not a replacement of this Spiritual Wisdom as Christianity as we know it today has tragically become. We come to see that a "radical reinterpretation" of almost all the ancient Spiritual Wisdom was the legacy of Roman Orthodoxy. Christians of any intelligence during the first two centuries at least did not regard their movement as the bearer of the first light into the heathen darkness, but only the republication of very ancient Spiritual Truth. If you undertake this study with Bet Emet you will find what all do; namely, that the earliest of the Church Fathers and their writings attest to this very fact that "True Christianity" (the religion of "the Christ" within humanity) has been with mankind since the beginning of time. [Augustine's quote to truth will wake the dead!](#) Sadly today Rome as "radically reinterpreted" all the ancient Spiritual Wisdom in order to dominate and control the world through fear and ignorance and in so doing forcing it through the doors of the Roman Church to avoid the supposed "fires of Hell" which don't exist by the way; it worked....we call the legacy of such theological inventionism today the Dark Ages and it lingers in our Churches

Sunday after Sunday and billions and billions of people have walked through their lives following "another Gospel" and "another Christ" never knowing that they never had the Divine Truths that this Creator imparted to humanity in the beginning of its infancy. The truth of this matter is that the indwelling god is himself being brought to birth within the womb of humanity; in you and me. This is our calling, this is your purpose; to aspire to progressive Spiritual Perfection by reaching toward the mark of your high calling in "Christ". We come to see in this website that man is a Spiritual Intelligence, who has taken flesh with the object of gaining experience in the worlds below the Spiritual, in order that he may be able to master and to rule them, and in later ages take his rightful place in the creative and directing Hierarchies of the Universe. Man, being himself, is to come to know the Divinity whose life he shares. Each individual is gestating a Divinity within the depths of his own nature from life to successive life. Yes, Christianity taught reincarnation as do all major world religions and did so until 533 A.D. when a vote of hands struck this Divine Law of Science and Physics from the pages of intended Spiritual Truth but once it was heard shouted in the halls of the Vatican.

- Christianity has fervently exhorted us to look into the empyrean to find the unapproachable God. All the while the infant deity slumbers unheeded within the heart awaiting to "come forth" from the "dead". Yes, resurrection from the dead was something to be experienced on this side of Jordan as the Gnostic Paul so appropriately says: *Eph 5:14 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (KJV)* Christianity has largely nullified the force of St. Paul's almost frantic cry to us: *"Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is within you?"* In fact we have heard of it all our lives but never recognized its because "being born again" has again had its "true meaning" radically altered once again by the Roman Church.
- In this last of our website we will see that the supreme Creator was at first given various names, such as the First Cause, the Great Spirit, God, the One. Creative energy emanates from the One and manifests in various ways, depending on the plane or level of existence that is involved. The ancients understood that the the gods of primeval religion were the active manifest powers, faculties, organs of God himself that flourish in the Universe and Cosmos. Nature was understood by the Spiritual ancients as God's body, elemental forces the agents and messengers (angels) of his operative economy, Universal and Divine Mind His thinking faculty and the ultimate contribution His Spiritual heart to mankind and all of this was imparted and incarnated into mankind awaiting "awakening from the deadness" of Spiritual apathy and ignorance of his True Being. The ancient system of Spiritual Wisdom thought it not blasphemy to define the organic structure of deity to explain to human grasp the cause and nature of the world. Reverence was not withheld from even the lowest instrumentalization of Godhood and its manifestation in our physical realm. The ancients deemed it not dishonoring to deity to recognize His being in all things. They saw God manifested in nature, and not as abstracted from nature. And they studied nature as the living garment of God's immanence. In so doing many cultures compare the Creator to the Sun. The Sun pours out its life giving rays, as does the Creator. In order to exist, all life absorbs a tiny amount of energy from the Sun. The Creator is our Spiritual Sun and it is the very embodiment of our cells and their nucleus. There have been various solar gods, such as Ra, Apollo, and Christ but they are all nothing more than personifications of the "Internal Sun" that is the core of every cell in our bodies and the very Living Conscious Energy within each cell that makes the Body of Christ or as the ancient Egyptians termed it the "Body of Ra". We come to see that there are many levels or planes of existence or manifestation. There are terrestrial and celestial worlds (as Paul says), noumenal and phenomenal realms, physical and ethereal planes, material and spiritual bodies, heavens, fairy-lands, underworlds, hells, limbos, Isles of the Blessed, Elysian Fields, the meadows of Aarru-Hetep and homes on high. And the beings on these worlds and planes of existence range from high divinity down to man and these beings are shown to be the very "gods" and "goddesses" of which we read in the ancient mythologies of the nations. The ancients understood that God, through the Law of Incubation and Incarnation, has filled all "matter" with Himself with an intended purpose of perpetual Self-awaking and Self-awareness of Himself. In all that exists, even in mankind, God has His being and He lives and moves and has His being in us as He does in all "matter". Through the

Law of Dismemberment God has "fragmented" Himself into infinite Divine Sparks that has "fallen" into "matter" and incarnated Himself into all existences as we see in the Egyptian Ennead, the Egyptian Ogdoad, and Jewish Kabbalah. Here again we see that all the world's religions before the rise of Rome shared the same Spiritual Ideas of God, man and Cosmos. All of life is shown to be perpetually evolving Spiritually until the Universal Mind inherent in all "matter" achieves the "fullness and stature" of the Divine Mind or "Krst/Christ". This is what Paul actually says in Ephesians 4:13 13: ***"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"*** This is why the "only Christ" that exists is the Divine Mind which "fell into matter" to save the Souls of mankind which equally "fell to their deaths" in "matter". This Divine Mind we see in his "fall into matter" was termed by the ancients the "death of Christ" as they recognized this "fall" of Christ to his "death" involved the "crossing of planes" of Celestial existences and termed this the "Crossification" or the "crucifixion of the Krst" or "the crucifixion of the Christ" in order to save the Souls trapped in Amenta/Hades/Hell and material incarnation in "matter". This is the only truth taught about the allegorical "dead of God" or "Krst/Christ" which was taught for thousands of years and existed in such integrity in all of the nation's ancient Spiritual Wisdom and was always taught in all world religions and their Spiritual Myths and Divine Allegories down through time until the rise of Roman Orthodoxy when the "indwelling Christ" and gestating Divine Mind was "externalized" and "separated" from humanity and confined to but one person of Rome's historical invention, the "Jesus" of the New Testament. In this "Jesus" of Rome's devise we can yet find if we possess the ancient "keys" to correctly interpreting the Ancient Spiritual Wisdom which has been so tragically twisted by Rome the compilation and synthesis of all "incarnated Christs" down through ancient religions which is so perfectly personified down through history by the ancient Spiritual Wisdoms of the major world religions; all having in common the same idea that man is a "god in an animal body" slowly evolving himself in his return to his Fathers' House as the Prodigal Son Divine Allegory so appropriately states. Let me finish this with a quote from Paul: ***"Know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you, unless ye be reprobate?" (2 Cor. 13:5).*** It is here we find the ONLY Christ ever given humanity and mankind will ever know! It is here we must call forth the Christ "from the dead" within us: ***"Come Forth"*** must be our cry as we find the Son, the Divine Mind in us, calling forth the Father from the "dead" within us and all humanity as we see so clearly in the resurrection of Osiris by Horus, his Son, the Egyptian Christ, which is re-told in the "Jesus Story" where the Jewish Christ calls Lazarus forth from the dead; "L-Asar-Us", is Egyptian for Lazarus in Hebrew. Here we see "Asar" is Osiris, the Father God of "the Christ", who is called forth from the death to which is "fell in matter". Here we see Horus calling his Father God Osiris from the dead within in all humanity to where humanity comes to know its True Self as Divinity in "matter". Humanity is to experience the Lazarus story personally. The cry is to come forth for every person as Paul shows us: ***Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, (KJV) Shame on you Rome for such a terrible deception that has robbed from mankind these last 1,800 years his true Divinity and purpose of his incarnation!***

So we began our study with the question:

Matt 16:13 13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (KJV)

Now you have you the "plan-o-gram" to find all the answers! ?The rest is up to you to study to show yourselves approved by verifying what we show youthen you can be assured that you will not stand ashamed when you meet this Creator face to face when you cross your Nile/Jordan...(the same)

IN CLOSING

As stated earlier we begin our study with Bet Emet Websites with a "historical" assumption and present studies to show the beauty of Judaism over the dishonesty in Christian theological dogma and do so by using the depiction of the New Testament Jesus as if "historical" because he provides a vehicle for the teaching of Jewish theology, monotheism, morals, values, ethics, etc. It is not my purpose to reveal the weaknesses behind such a historical presentation of Jesus at this time as it will be developed and proven at a later time as one's studies progress through the Mystical Jesus and the Mythical Jesus as detailed on the above websites.

Of concern for us of course is the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament and its reliability as understood "literally" since it is being taught as a literal truth today about a historical man who lived 2000 years ago. You will come to see in time as you study that the Ancients as far back as Egypt understood this "Karast/Christ" entirely different from how we have been taught today under the direction of Roman and Protestant Christianity. Here are some big questions for you to ponder in light that most Christians trust in this Jesus Christ for their Eternal Salvation.

- **Answer for yourself:** Who or what is truly behind the name "Jesus Christ"? Can it be proven that the "Jesus Story" is nothing but the personification of the Sun and its passage through the various houses of the Zodiac as it passes through the 4 seasons and the equinoxes and solstices? If so then what do you do now?
- **Answer for yourself:** Are the infancy narratives and later depictions of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament nothing more than solar stories told as allegories which were later "literalized" and subsequently written into Rome's New Testament and depicted as a literalized historical Jesus Christ when in fact they were understood by the Ancients as astrological myths taken from astronomy?
- **Answer for yourself:** Did Rome destroy the Gnostic Christ of the earliest "Christians" which had existed since the beginning of time over the first 5 centuries of the early Church and replace it one of their own making? What are you to do when you see this from your studies on our Websites?
- **Answer for yourself:** If I study the Websites and find that the "Jesus Story" follows chronologically the Gospel of Matthew from chapter one through the end of chapter 28 and see for myself that the "Jesus Story" presented there parallels identically the personification of the Sun in its path through the Zodiac then what should this mean to me regarding my belief in Jesus as the historical Christ and him being the Jewish Messiah?
- **Answer for yourself:** Have we as Christians and followers of the "the Christ" been deceived by Rome and spent a good part of our lives worshipping a man as God as Rome has declared in their New Testament since the Nicean Council (325 A.D.) when in fact we should have been worshipping the one true Creator as the Pharaoh Moses (Akhenaton) instructed when he stood up to the religious establishment of Egypt **when some** were straying from the truth in their worship of the "godman" similarity to what we have done today with Rome's historical Jesus? Are we guilty of idolatry as Christians because we have believed a fable no more real than Snow White and the seven dwarfs?

Well the following studies in the above websites is not for the weak of heart as I will present over and over again infallible proofs that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is but a hoax perpetrated upon us by Rome in their hatred of the Jewish faith and Jewish Gnosticism back in the first century. You will see, in the last websites depicting the Mythical Christ, as we move chronologically from one sign of the Zodiac to the other, from month to month, from season to season, from Spring equinox to Summer solstice, from Autumn equinox to Winter solstice, and repeating again this cycle, along with the study of selected events from the depiction of the life of Jesus in Rome's New Testament, that if you study with us and finish the studies on this website, that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is nothing more than the literalization by Rome of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac along with other solar myths later incorporated into their "Jesus Story" as later literalized by Rome as well. In so doing you will see as I and many others have that we have not been taught the truth about "the Christ within" and how He is so integral to the proper worship of the Invisible God as Egypt and Moses taught. It would seem that Egypt got it right in the beginning but thanks to

Hellenism and Romanism we lost these earliest and correct understanding of Divine Concepts witnessed in God's Heaven and Nature. In a way these were our classroom and where we were to be instructed by the Creator about our life and purpose in God's creation. We are truly blessed today to live in an age where archeology and the information age can bring these truths back to life for you and me.

As a "retired Pastor", and moved by what my studies revealed over the years, I feel moved to share this information and evidence from such studies with those interested in the truth behind the origin for "Jesus Story" which is taught to the world today as a historical reality when in fact it is not. In the websites that are delineated above such evidence is presented to the reader in hopes that the missing puzzle pieces concerning the "Jesus Story" will be plainly evident to him and he can, in the light of such knowledge, no longer be deceived by the astrological allegory of "the Christ" as found in the New Testament which is erroneously taught "literally" today. I make very few promises to our readers but I make this one now: If you do these studies, and read these articles on this website then you will be thoroughly convinced as I was that the "Jesus Story" was never meant to be understood "literally" as it has been taught to you and me. **Thus the worship of Jesus as a historical person or connecting this assumed historical person with God or believing him to be God is the most vulgar idolatry according to Moses and the Ten Commandments and a terrible affront to the Creator and constitutes blasphemy of the Name of God.**

Currently [Bet Emet Ministries](#) offers a [CD](#) with all our websites contained on it where the above information is available for easy search and study where you can work through this material at your leisure. If you would desire the synthesis of our scholarly studies into these areas concerning the origins for the Christian faith and the truth behind "the Christ" and the Jewish Messiah along with the "Jesus Story" then one is available for a small donation to support the efforts of this ministry. Inquire if you so desire by e-mailing me at the link below. Shalom.

We offer a CD of all out websites contained on one disk if you are interested with [detailed instructions as how to study them "in order"...](#)please inquire for the CD for such through study will take you some time if you ever hope of cracking the "Jesus Puzzle"

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Greetings

In response to your request for the CD from Bet Emet Ministries, a CD that contains all of our published studies, sixteen websites, total, sites on very important areas of thematic studies that provide the "key" to proper interpretation of Christianity as it exists today, then we ask that you consider a small donation to our ministry that allows us to continue to procure necessary materials to further our studies in these important areas that archaeology and Egyptology today are bringing to our attention. I ask that you consider a minimum donation made out to Craig Lyons of \$50.00 for literally my life's work...twenty years of scholarly study into the true origins of the Christian faith, the origin of the Bible and the true people who wrote these religious and Spiritual documents that came to be included in the Bible. As you will see, the origin for our Bible stories do not rest with the Hebrews or Jews, but with the Ancient Egyptians originally. Along with the CD is included a very important 10 pages of detailed instructions as to how to approach these studies and study them "in order." There is a certain and proper path, or order if you so wish to call it, in which these studies need be followed, studied and addressed for their maximum benefit to the student. It is rather like climbing the stairs of ancient knowledge...you cannot get to the 16th step without properly traversing the steps between each other in "order" if you desire to obtain the goal in your pursuit of Spiritual truth. Such a sequential order assures a constant and progressive evolution of thought and understanding. This "order" in the study of these sites is critical if one is to build upon this new knowledge and follow the studies one step at a time and not get "lost" or overwhelmed by so much "new information." So often we read the end of the book first and get confused or just quit, or worse, we get scared not knowing how the teacher arrived at his conclusions. Fearful or overwhelmed, many stop their quest for Spiritual truth and their incarnational evolution stops. Hence, this information, approached in sequential thought, is of a vital necessity if one is to trace the evolution and man's departure from these Ancient Divine Spiritual Truths that all mankind were once given in the beginning of Creation. It is important to see how these ancient Spiritual truths were held sacred for over ten thousand years before the rise of Roman orthodoxy where they will change radically and rapidly with Rome's "literalization" of the Divine. Today we are so far from this One Truth, this "faith once given the saints," that it is a crying shame and the fruit of such a departure from these ancient Spiritual truths, especially as seen in our country which prides itself of being a Christian nation, speaks of our departure in America today from the Creator's will for mankind. In fact, for over the last 1,800 years, Rome has sadly been the leading culprit and the greatest sinner in this tragic departure from Divine Truth yet both it and its daughter, Protestantism, have churches that fill our land but little truth comes from them, focusing on tradition than the historical-critical study of the Bible. There is hope for your "return" to "the Faith" once given the Saints and this CD will show you exactly what we have "lost" and how we are to "recover it all" once again.

If you would like to obtain this CD with its instructions as to where to begin and how to proceed, then please respond prayerfully with your gift for this abundant truth that will not only change your life as never before, but reveal to you the goal of your incarnational purpose, which is no less that your realization in this Earthly life of the fullness and stature of Christ. I ask that you respond as the LORD lays on your heart to with your gift and support to my efforts and I thank you for your support as we are endeavoring at this time to reach out on a much larger manner if God permits. Please address all checks or money orders to simply Craig Lyons and the CD is out asap. Thank you. Please share this knowledge with others for we are moving into a new age of awareness in a Cosmic sense; it is time for mankind to take their next step in the evolution of its Spiritual consciousness as we strive to become one with the Divine ONE Himself. And this cannot happen without truth and knowledge. Remember, the only religion that God ever gave man was TRUTH!

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CHRISTIANITY...DIVINE REVELATION OR A FRAUD?

Over the years I have at times written what I and many others have considered to be critical articles that brought their readers to crossroad decisions in their lives once knowledge was made available to them. These articles are possibly the most important ones I have ever written.

This paragraph as I write it is one of the most important statements I have ever made. On the surface it seems so simple but I assure you that the dynamics involved in its contemplation are explosive. I ask that you give serious attention and thought to what I will say and share with you in these articles. It has the ability to change your life and deliver you from the most darkest and vilest idolatry of which most of your are not yet aware.

In these articles I will disclose the substantial identity of Gentile Christianity as known and practiced today with the most popular and widespread "Pagan" religion of all time, Sun worship. You may be more familiar with such sun-worship by the term "Mithraism" or "Zoroastrianism." You might not be aware, and I find that the vast majority of Christians are not, but Mithraism was the closest and all but successful rival of Christianity in the Roman world, and which might indeed have been successful, but that, soon after Constantine prostituted the Empire to the Church,—"with the triumph of Christianity Mithraism came to a sudden end. The laws of Theodosius signed its death warrant." (*Catholic Encyclopedia*, x, 402.) That there may be no suspicion that the recital of these remarkable identities of Christian "revelation" with Pagan inventions is fanciful or exaggerated, the tale shall be told in the quoted words of the famous *Catholic Encyclopedia*, which naively makes so many extraordinary admissions without seeming to be aware of their fatal implications.

BUT FIRST...WHAT IS REVELATION...AND IS CHRISTIANITY BUILT UPON DIVINE, UNIQUE, AND GODLY REVELATION?

"The essence of Revelation lies in the fact that it is the direct speech of God to man," says the Holy Ghost speaking through the Vatican 18 (1870). Now for a simple truth that I believe every reader can accept. I want you to read the following statement several times. Let it sink in. Understand the depth of what is being said and implied for if you cannot agree with the following statement then there is no reason to continue the articles or the web pages.

"When Pagan myths already current and long known to everyone for hundreds and thousands of years can be later found to be foundational to many dogmas and doctrines held sacred in Christianity because they are held and believed to be unique revelations from God, then Divine revelation and inspiration cannot be appealed to for the origin of the Christian Faith and its teaching and such incriminating evidence must bring serious doubt to such doctrines and dogmas within Christianity as stemming from God... sadly these once held "sacred" doctrines must now understood as pagan copies."

DEFINING REVELATION

"Revelation may be defined as the communication of some truth by God to a rational creature through means which are beyond the ordinary course of nature. The truths thus revealed may be such as are otherwise inaccessible to the human mind—*mysteries*, which even when *revealed*, the intellect of man is incapable of fully penetrating". That is a pretty good definition of the process in my opinion.

Now it has also been said in the Decree 'Lamentabili' (3 July, 1907) by the Catholic Church: *"that the dogmas which the Christian Church proposes as revealed are 'truths which have come down to us from heaven' and not 'an interpretation of religious facts which the human mind has acquired by its own strenuous efforts'"* (Vatican Decrees, 1870; Catholic Encyclopedia, xiii, 1.) And, asserts the same Catholic Encyclopedia: *"The existence of revelation (as in the New Testament) is as reasonably established as any historical fact"!* (C.E. xiii, 607.)

These above statements are the most incredible lies ever uttered in the history of mankind. And I will quickly prove them so.

Lets get back to truth, shall we. "Divine Revelation is thus of things not previously known and which the revelationless mind of man is incapable of acquiring or inventing by its own efforts." Now I accept this statement as true for it is reasonable and makes sense. Divine Revelation rests thus upon the same principle as the Law of Patents and Copyright. A book published, that is made known and given to the world cannot be the subject of subsequent copyright even by its author. When an application for a patent is presented, the first act is to search the records to ascertain whether a similar art or article (truth) has ever previously been known and in use: if so, no patent can be obtained: the thing lacks novelty. I think you should agree with this.

The exact same principle applies to "revelation". So exactly with "revelation": if some impostor or deluded person (e.g. Mohammed or Joseph Smith) claims that he has received a personal—and therefore necessarily private—"revelation" from some god, **the only way whereby he can get a valid patent of authenticity and credibility for his "revelation," is to prove that its subject-matter has never before been known and in credulous circulation; the moment that from the search of the records—of other, or comparative religions,—it is shown that the same proposition has been previously known and current, in use and practice among some other priestcraft and its devotees—the thing is no revelation at all: the claim is a fraud!!!**

PUTTING GENTILE CHRISTIANITY AND ITS DOCTRINES UNDER THE MICROSCOPE OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION

Let us see how this indisputable rule works when applied to Gentile Christianity. In doing so we will either prove beyond any doubt that the Christian Faith is Divine unique revelation to mankind and worthy of trust and faith for the world to come or else is but the reiteration of prior pagan beliefs and is not to be trusted for truth or preparation for the world to come. **The answer to such inquiry will either prove Christianity uniquely Divine and God breathed as is attested for it; or expose it as anything but Divine but rather pagan whereby then you would be better served to return to the faith once given the Saints; Biblical Judaism where the Gentile believer, as a Godfearer, has a place both within Biblical Judaism and the Israel of God and not apart from it.** Let us see what we can find, shall we?

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THE RE-BIRTH OF THE **SUN** FROM THE DEAD AFTER 3 DAYS...THE WINTER SOLSTICE

The Winters Solstice is also know as Yule, Christmas, and Saturnalia and it occurs in mid-December.

It is a celebration of the new Solar year and the beginning of Winter. The Goddess manifest as the Great Mother and the God as the Sun Child. The God also appears as Santa Claus and the Old Man Winter. The Colors associated with it are Red, Green, and White. This is a festival of inner renewal.

Today, many people in Western-based cultures refer to this holiday as "Christmas." Yet a look into its origins of Christmas reveals its Pagan roots. **Emperor Aurelian established December 25 as the birthday of the "Invincible Sun" in the third century as part of the Roman Winter Solstice celebrations. Shortly thereafter, in 273, the Christian church selected this day to represent the birthday of Jesus, and by 336, this Roman solar feast day was Christianized. January 6, celebrated as Epiphany in Christendom and linked with the visit of the Magi, was originally an Egyptian date for the Winter Solstice.**

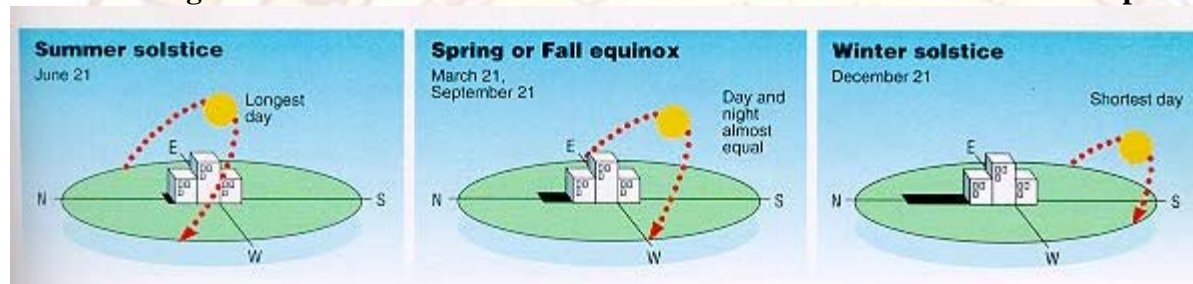
Most of the customs, lore, symbols, and rituals associated with "Christmas" actually are linked to Winter Solstice celebrations of ancient Pagan cultures. While Christian mythology is interwoven with contemporary observances of this holiday time, its Pagan nature is still strong and apparent.

Winter Solstice has been celebrated in cultures the world over for thousands of years. This start of the solar year is a **celebration of Light and the rebirth of the Sun.** In old Europe, it was known as Yule, from the Norse, Jul, meaning wheel.

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Answer for yourself: Do you know why this day and period of time of the year was held sacred? Simply because this is **Astro-theology at its best.** This is the time of the Winter Solstice. People have celebrated the middle of winter for centuries. Winter Solstice is the longest night of winter, after which each of the days grow progressively longer until the Summer Solstice. Many cultures celebrated this sign of winter's waning and traditions of the Solstice have continued into today's other Winter Festivals. The importance of agriculture in early societies made the seasons very important to their celebrations. Spring and Summer were times of new life and Fall was the time of the Harvest. Winter, cold and dark, was a time of little sunlight. The sun's light weakened towards Winter, and people feared that it might disappear completely. In order to honor the sun, people celebrated. If they honored the sun, they felt it would return quickly and completely. Music, bonfires, and feasts were used to honor the sun back to its full strength. The importance of the lights of Hanukkah and Christmas could be said to have Solstice origins. The ancient Romans celebrated Saturnalia, beginning December 17th. Saturnalia honored the god of agriculture, Saturn. This was a time of feasting, gift-giving, and visiting. Evergreen trees were covered with fruit and other decorations, and candles were popular gifts. Elements of Saturnalia can be seen in Winter Solstice and other Winter celebrations today.

But more to the point the Ancients noticed in very ancient times that during the solstice period, the sun which was travelling south into the cold of winter and would descend until it reached a point where it would stop. In



the winter the days are short and the Sun in low in the sky. **The Winter Solstice is the day when the Sun is the lowest in the southern sky. During the short winter days**

the Sun does not rise exactly in the east, but instead rises just south of east and it sets south of west. Each day after the winter solstice, which occurs on December 21st, the Sun's path becomes a little higher in the southern sky after having remained motionless in the sky for 3 days. The Sun also begins to rise closer to the east and set closer to the west until we reach the day when it rises exactly east and sets exactly west. This day is called the equinox. In fact this is what the word 'solstice' means, 'sun standing still.' This most southerly position of the sun is marked on all globes, as the tropic of Capricorn, for it is in that sign that this event takes place. Notice if you will that the Sun seems to sinking lower into the horizon as winter approaches and the days possess less daylight and heat. That means less photosynthesis and less harvests and food supplies diminishing. Ancient man feared the darkness for it was personified death to him. In the absence of light from the Sun then man was vulnerable to bad and evil things happening to him. In fact we get the term "the devil" from this concept as the Ancients connected the ideas of "evil" and "darkness" together. **To the Ancients the dark was "evil" and they called it the "dark-evil" or the "d-evil" or the "devil".** I hope you see this. Darkness brought the threat of attack from enemies he could not see, the capture of his women and family by invaders, the threat of attack by predator animals or poisonous snakes let alone the absence of light and heat that promised food for tomorrows. In such conditions as the Sun, the provider of light, security, safety, heat, and photosynthesis and the abundance of food stuffs was the Savior of the Ancients. So when we speak of the Winter Solstice it is rather easy knowing this that as the Sun sank deeper into the southern horizon on a daily basis and with less light every day to the point that the path of the Sun had moved further down the sky to where it had remained motionless for 3 days at the Winter Solstice then **the ancients considered that the sun had actually died. In fact, the great orb, would remain standing still for three days neither moving north or south. Then, it was noticed, that on the third day, the sun would begin moving northward again.**

Answer for yourself: Can you now see and understand why it was always said that the sun, the light of the world, would die for three days and then on the third day rise again?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this was known thousands of years before Christianity came on the scene?

We must never forget that the primary, motivating factor that inspired early man to worship God, was his fear and dread of the potential fierceness of his environment. His (primitive man) major impetus for worshipping and sacrificing to the Sun God was to assure that the Sun God would continue protecting mankind from the ravages of the dreaded winter.

So for primitive man, the inception of winter, Dec. 22, was the worst day of every year for him. This day, Dec. 22 was the start of winter and marked the beginning of the worst stage of his yearly struggle for survival. This day, Dec. 22, is referred to by astronomers as the Winter Solstice. **This word, Solstice, according to Webster's Dictionary means "to stand still, pause, a turning point."** Primitive man even believed the Sun had died as he could **detect no movement of the Sun in the sky for 3 days** and these 3 days were days having the shortest daylight of the year. This day, Dec. 22, the start of winter, was the harbinger of his potential perdition.

On Dec. 22 of each year, the Sun reached its Winter Solstice, the lowest point of the trajectory (angle of rays) of

the entire year as depicted in the picture above. After Dec. 22 (the turning point), the Sun again rises northward, which is a sign that summer shall come again! God's salvation in the Sun was on its way to mankind!

Even though Dec. 22 marks the beginning of winter and the weather turns progressively worst from that point (Dec. 22) until the spring (March 21), all is not lost. Because the fact that the angle of the Sun's rays projecting on the earth, was moving progressively northward told early man that the warmth and comfort of the summer Sun would eventually prevail. His faith was renewed that he and his family would be "saved" by God who controlled the movement of the Sun and the Stars. God was speaking to the Ancients from Heaven through the movement of the Sun and the Stars and this was man's first salvation message.

But there was a period of doubt, for early primitive civilization. Primitive man did not understand our universe and solar system as we do today. We, today, know exactly what causes the four seasons of the year. But early man did not; at least not for awhile until we come to Egypt. He did not possess knowledge of our Solar System, the axis of the earth, its rotation and revolving around the Sun. He did not understand that these forces operated by a Natural, Providential Law, that would stay its course, no matter what. Early man only understood the result, not the cause. Because of this he would "reason" such events as best he could and these resulting "myths" would be handed down among mankind until Science would advance to replace such foolishness. The problem is that such foolishness would be later personified into acts of each nation's heroes and later "literalized" by Rome as they lifted this from the realm of allegory and in so doing was ascribed to Jesus by the Sun-worshipping Romans who had control over the New Testament.

Now you can better understand that each year, early society awaited the approach of Dec. 22, with foreboding. Dec. 22, the day of the Winter Solstice (definition is to stand still) was a day of reckoning for them. Because it seemed to them, as they observed and tracked the North to South movement of the Sun, that on this day Dec. 22, the sun entered its grave. The North to South progression of the Sun can be likened to a swinging pendulum. You know that when a pendulum reaches its solstice (the point where it swings back - its turning point), that for a slight imperceptible moment, it actually stands still. But in terms of our vast solar system, the point of solstice is not imperceptible. It lasts for days, three days to be exact. For three days, after the sun reaches its solstice, it appears to stand still. This period of pause, between the Sun's descent and Ascent, wrought paralyzing dread and fear into the hearts and minds of the early pre-Christians. Over time, they established rituals and traditions concerning this period (Dec. 22 to Dec. 25). They passed the word through oral tradition, and eventually, after their societies established writing, wrote it down, concerning their Sun God: the sun shall lay in a grave (point of solstice) for 3 days. But after 3 days the sun shall rise, be resurrected, (according to Webster's Dictionary, the word resurrect is linked to the word resurge, which means "To Rise Again", to revive), and ascend toward heaven, (progressively ascend northward to the position of the summer Sun).

Answer for yourself: Can you begin to see that when the Sun and its path through the Heavens was later personified and then later "literalized" by Rome that out comes the "Jesus Story"?

1 Cor 15:14 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Risen? As in Sun or the personified form of the Sun as the "Son of the Sun"?

And when the sun completes its ascent upward toward the point of its summer solstice, it will comfort us and bless us with warm weather and long days and will save us (be a savior) from the ravages of winter. So, this, that I have explained to you here, is the ORIGINAL, authentic, true CONCEPT of the resurrection. As the revelation of God would grow among Mankind, men could see how the God of the Universe has spoken such to them in the Cosmos. Egypt understood it best: God was speaking to them of His true salvation message through the path of the Sun which followed Universal and Cosmic Laws: birth, life, death,

and rebirth. God was speaking to mankind through the movement of the Heavens that all live must follow the Divine Order and Laws of God and when done then harmony is produced and the ultimate salvation of mankind is realized through his birth, life, death, and rebirth as seen the God's Heavens above, God's Nature around them as well as the internal workings of the body which follow these same Laws of God.

When the pre-Christians spoke and wrote of the resurrection of the Sun; they meant exactly that. It did not refer to a person, but to the SOLAR SUN. That would come later. We see the the culminating of it in the teachings of Jesus and Judaism.

Now understand I believe in the resurrection of the dead as well as "the Christ" but as a Divine Concept within all mankind. That is what Paul and his authentic 7 epistles taught:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

What you, the reader must be sharp enough to see, is that many "untruths" have been mixed with "truths" in the life of Jesus as portrayed in the New Testament and "cast out the leaven."

But, when the Gentile Church broke from their Jewish Roots the Gentile priesthood began to associated with the inherited traditions about Jesus their older "religious traditions" of the Sun-gods. Long ago their Gentile ancestors had changed the Sun to Son. The priesthood told the pagans that the SON (Christ) was born on Dec. 25, just like their SUN. They told them that the Son had been dead in a grave for three days and then was resurrected (revived) and ascended to heaven (upward) just like their Sun.

Answer for yourself: Looking at the astronomy and astrology down through recorded history let alone a comparison of comparative religions this seems rather unlikely. The religious texts we inherited from Rome are definitely questionable. Yet this is totally a matter of faith for you, the reader.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN...AND WOULD GOD WANT US TO?

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Most of the customs, lore, symbols, and rituals associated with "Christmas" actually are linked to Winter Solstice celebrations of ancient Pagan cultures. In closing "Pagan" does not always mean "evil or bad." But to attribute celestial events to Jesus, the assumed Messiah of many, and teach them as literal truth is not truthful!

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the rebirth of the sun from the dead...the winter solstice



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THE NETERU...THE ALL WHO ARE ONE

In a previous article I introduced the reader to a new concept: the Neteru as the "Attributes of God" as understood by the Ancient Egyptians. I shared a little about the neteru as the personifications of universal principles, functions and attributes of the one great and supreme God. The neteru who were called "gods" by some, were endorsed and incorporated into Christianity under a new name, "angels".

The ancient Egyptian word "neter," and its feminine form "netert," have been wrongly, and possibly intentionally, translated as "god" and "goddess," by almost all scholars. There is no equivalent word in meaning, to the word "neter," in the English language. Honest translation should use the native word, if they cannot find its equivalent in their language. "Neteroo" (plural of "neter/netert") are the Divine Principles and Functions that operate the Universe. They are all aspects and functions of the One Supreme God. The words "god" and "goddess" leave the impression that ancient Egyptians had a multitude of gods, which is absolutely untrue.

As such, an Egyptian neter/netert was not a god/goddess but the personification of a function/attribute of the One God. With this understanding comes likewise the understanding that the labeling of Egyptian religion as "pagan" or "idolatrous" betrays the complete lack of understanding of the Egyptian religion by the writer or would be scholar.

The Song of Moses in Deuteronomy (32:43), as found in a cave at Qumran, near the Dead Sea, mentions the word "gods" in the plural:

"Rejoice, O heavens, with him; and do obeisance to him, ye gods."

Answer for yourself: Does this reference by Moses to "gods" by one motivated by Monotheism seem strange? Does this principle possible indicate that the Essenes, who would find their home in Alexandria, Egypt, later were influenced not only by Egyptian religion but by the evolution and paganization of it in their day? The Essene answer will come later for we have not gotten that far yet but the answer you will find upon examination is "yes." I have devoted a whole website to this problem which you need to see for yourself if you want to know how these ancient Divine Revelation and truths and personifications of universal principles, functions and attributes of the one great and supreme God were later corrupted by these Essenes in Alexandria and Qumran where these concepts once expressed as "attributes" of the One True God were later personified as if "real people" and later applied to Jesus; thereby making him God.

The passage we find in the New Testament (Hebrews, 1:6),

Heb 1:6 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. (KJV)

reveals to us the transformation of the idea of the neteru. The the word "gods" as understood by Moses in the Song of Songs pointed about above has been modified. These attributes of the One True God now have a life of

their own and they become "angels." The word for "gods" is substituted with **"angels of God"**. Again this concept of the "neteru" shows the hidden influence of Egyptian religion not only among Judaism but even the movement later termed Christianity and because of this fact it is imperative to understand Egyptian religion in its earliest form as well as the corruption of it down through history if one wants to correctly understand both Judaism and the later corruption of Judaism and the simple Divine Revelation under Christian hands and Gentile Christianity. The term **"angels"**, according to the Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, refers to those who "guard and guide and direct the natural forces of mind and body, which have in them the future of the whole man."

Angels, or neteru, are living energies. In the wisdom teaching of various cultures, these Causal Powers are called by many names including Agents, Angels, Conscious Thought Forms, Creative Energies, Devas, Fathers, Fountains, Gates, Governors, Hands of God, Lords, and Shining Ones.

Edwin C. Steinbrecher, an astrologer, metaphysician, and author of, The Inner Guide Meditation, says that angels are, *"living energies that contain ideas and information, specific patterns of instinctual behavior and thought. They are the energies which somehow attach themselves, without our conscious awareness, to everything we meet in the world we call real. [They] are the life energies that pour out of each of us unceasingly night and day. . . influencing everyone in our lives and causing us to be influenced in return."*

Just like the Egyptian's neteru, each "angel" has been given a name and specific function(s). And just as each neter of Egypt did not always take the same form and shape, so is the case for each angel. As your projection of them changes, so will their appearance. Sometimes, they are so blocked by the ego that you can only see their dim, hazy outlines. Many have seen angels change from a shining light to a form resembling a human being, then into a symbol (cube, triangle, etc.), and back to human features. **Upon careful examination, the concept of the Egyptian neteru was accepted by ancient and modern societies, who merely chose new names to express Egyptian ideas. The neteru became angels.**

THE TRIADS OF ANCIENT EGYPT

The energies represented by the various neteru may function together in groups or as individuals. **The interaction between the neteru are expressed in myth, which is to be understood as the dramatization of cosmic and natural laws.** We discussed the role of myth in an earlier article. The union of certain pairs of complementary energies/attributes (masculine and feminine forms) resulted in a third energy/attribute.

Some of the major Egyptian triads are:

- **Amen-Mut- Khonsu**
- **Ausar (Osiris) - Auset (Isis) - Heru (Horus)**
- **Ptah - Sekhmet - Nefertum**

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us? Simply when reading of Osiris and Horus and Isis as well as other "neteru" or "gods of Egypt" we are not speaking of "literal historical people" or actual "competitive gods of the One God" but Divine Concepts that operate in this One God that are very real that are later personified by the Egyptian Spiritual Masters to help mankind better understand and relate to his God and Creator. This is not an odd concept, and it was copied in the trinity of the Christian faith and few know it. **This explains why the corridors of history and nation after nation express these same "Divine Concepts" under different names whom we mistakenly believe were "pagan gods" and ridicule them as "stupid" in fact when a proper understanding of this Divine expressed in these concepts are absolutely breathtaking when you see them as they were understood by the Ancients.** Our blindness today is due to Rome who burned the worlds libraries and murdered millions to cover up the fact that their "literalization" of these "allegorical expressions of God" was a lie. They basically "literalized" the Christ within as a historical "god-man" whom we know today as

"Jesus" to give validity to their Emperor as the Roman "god-man". Today we don't know this when reading accounts of a "literal" and a "supposed historical Jesus" but in fact the "Christ" was always real...but not a historical person but rather "persons" for God's Christ dwells within us all as does this God Whom we love and Whom Manifests Himself as Osiris, Isis, Horus, etc. When we speak of "resurrection from the dead" we speak of the reality of Osiris. It is but a picture expressing a holy and Divine concept which tragically down through history lost its true meaning and today as Christians we truly look through a glass darkly. Tragically the Bible speaks of what has happened to Christianity since losing the true "gnosis" behind these concepts:

Isa 42:18-19 18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. 19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant? (KJV)

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RESTORING THE "KEYS" TO PROPER BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION OF "THE CHRIST" #1

I must preface this article with the the most shocking statement. After consistent scholarly study for these past twenty years I can say, and the evidence backs me up, that almost no Christian I have ever met in the last twenty years knows accurately of what they read in the Bible. The reason for this is that they fail to posses the necessary "keys" for proper Biblical interpretation of the passages they read. This is all the more important considering the extent and influence of the Christian Bible and its "indoctrination".

Like millions of other Christians, I can't remember when I first laid eyes on the Bible. I do remember however that my name was written in the front of Dad's large print King James Version, and in Mom's family Bible. At our church, the pastor preached messages from the Bible, with lots of verses, and the Sunday School teachers used it every week in our lessons. We were expected to bring our Bibles to church, to learn Sword drills, to be able to read the King James Version, and to memorize scripture verses. Before we understood anything about the truths of this Bible, we were indoctrinated with the "literal-historical" understanding of what we read and this for me laid the foundation that "The Bible is the "Word of God" for me. I believe that is true today but I must qualify that statement with reservations. If we lack the "keys" necessary to interpret correctly this Ancient Book, written in a different language, in a different Age, with multiple types and variety of literature within it, then have we really every heard the "real message" of this Book? I can remember my first questions about the Bible forming as a youth, sitting in the balcony during church, flipping through the pages and looking at the colored picture and occasionally reading whatever I found. I wondered what was this strange book from long, long ago with the odd print and self-pronouncing names. As I grew older I became interested in History and Archeology as a boy, and I began to wonder often wondered why the Bible was different from other ancient writings and why I was so lucky to "have the truth" when so many others did not and thereby by default became the object of our "missions" department. But you get the idea.

Well that was a long time ago and I since then I have had the privilege to go to Seminary and it was there that the good Baptist folks equipped me with the "tools" and the "desire" necessary to do Bible study like few other Christians can ever know or do. Unlike a lot of other graduates from Seminary I continued my studies along with my ministry and continue to do so today; never relenting for my quest for truth and this brings me to this website and the others provided by Bet Emet Ministries. For me, analytically minded like I am, too often in Seminary "things just did not add up correctly" and I had to know why! It would take years of serious investigative study "outside the box", so to speak, to find out why!

The word "method" comes from the Greek word "methodos", which literally means "a way or path of transit." Methodology in Bible study is therefore concerned with **the proper path to be taken in order to arrive at Scriptural truth.**

Answer for yourself: What should that teach us?

This clearly implies that improper paths can be taken. Of course, proper methodology is essential to many fields of endeavor. One only has to look at the medical profession to get a grasp on the importance of "proper

methodology" necessary to preserve and improve "physical life". I am here to tell you today that equally important is the "proper methodology" to preserve, sustain, and improve one's "Spiritual life" as well. Improper methodology in interpreting Scripture is nothing new.

There are three good reasons why we have difficulty understanding the biblical text:

- **We are separated from the historical events written about in the Bible by many thousands of years of history.**
- **We live in a dramatically different culture,**
- **The biblical texts were written in foreign languages**

These obstacles to understanding can be daunting to those who want quick and easy comprehension of the Bible. Honestly it takes years of hard-nosed study to obtain the necessary "keys" to proper interpretation of the Bible. I found that to be true by my own exhaustive study of this Book over the last 16 plus years. Sadly few people will ever take the time and put forth the effort to uncover what the Biblical writer's original intent might have been and what lies behind the surface of the passages we read in our Bibles. **Our goal should be to exegete, or draw meaning from the Scriptures, and to understand the passages we read exactly like the original writer so did when these verses were penned rather than to impose meaning or our "indoctrination" onto them.**

Unknown to almost all Christians, and to me before Seminary, is the fact that prior to the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, biblical interpretation, as well as the interpretation of Ancient Spiritual writings around the world since the beginning of recorded time, was dominated by the allegorical method of interpretation. This is very, very, very important to understand since it can be shown today that the "Jesus Story" is parallel in the majority of its "events" and "sayings" to these Ancient writings that have come down to us through the corridors of history from a host of different nations. One only has to look at Comparative religions and do some cursory study to see this fact for themselves. Our recommended book list gives the reader such sources for his own individual study in these areas. Looking back to Augustine, the medieval Catholic Church believed that every biblical passage contained four levels of meaning. These four levels were:

- The literal,
- The allegorical,
- The moral, and
- The eschatological.

Answer for yourself: And where did the Church gather these 4 different levels of interpretation?

Form the Jews for Rabbis for countless centuries have taught this fourfold method of textual interpretation [hermeneutics] in Judaism long before the birth of Christianity. The four levels of interpretation are:

- Peshat: The literal meaning;
- Remez=The allegorical meaning;
- Derash=Moral or homiletic meaning;
- Sod=Mystical or spiritual meaning.

By the time of the reformation, knowledge of the Bible was scarce. However, with a new emphasis on the original languages of Hebrew and Greek, the fourfold method of interpretation was beginning to fade and influential Christians like **Martin Luther argued for the rejection of the allegorical method of interpreting Scripture.** Luther argued that a proper understanding of what a passage teaches comes from a literal interpretation "only" and not the allegorical understanding of the text. This means that the reader must consider the historical context and the grammatical structure of each passage, and strive to maintain contextual consistency. This method was a result of Luther's belief that the Scriptures are clear, in opposition to the medieval church's position that they are so obscure that only the church can uncover their true meaning. Calvin agreed in principle with Luther. He also placed great importance on the notion that "Scripture interprets

Scripture," stressing that the grammar, context, words, and parallel passages found in the text were more important than any meaning we might impose on them. What I want you to notice is that further from the Ancient sources of religious literature Christianity moves further away from the "allegorical" interpretation of religious texts to the "literal-historical" interpretation of religious texts where often we find "new" imposed meanings attached to these spiritual texts which were never there in Ancient times.

Answer for yourself: Why is this important to know? Simply because many of the major religious tenets handed down through history by the Ancients, many of which continue to be found today in Judaism and Christianity, like "the Christ" for example, are changed and reinterpreted in later historical ages by succeeding conquering nations, like Rome, and in so doing the "truth" concerning, for example, this "Christ", is lost or hidden behind a false "literal-historical" hermeneutic. In other words, the "interpretation" of many of these religious doctrines revealed to the Ancients by the Creator as found in their Ancient scriptures and Sacred Books, their "Bibles", can be found to be "changed" over time down through history. That is why the study of various religious disciplines like Comparative religion and Gnosticism is so critically important as they reveal to us how mankind understood the Creator and His message to all of mankind for thousands of years before the rise of the "Holy Roman Empire".

Answer for yourself: What should that say to us? It should tell us that today it is quite possible that we do not have the accurate understanding of many "religious doctrines" which we have been taught to cherish in our lives. This to me is important for I want to know and understand and "believe" in such Divine Concepts correctly for failure to do so only muddles my understanding and perception of God and His message to me.

Answer for yourself: How many "religious dogmas" and "doctrines" in the Roman Christian Bible have been altered down through the Middle Ages by the Roman Church and when did this adulteration begin? Well there are many and it all began around the 3rd century. But important for us in this article is not just "when" but "which ones" of these Divine Concepts have lost their original purport when handed down to us by Roman Christianity!

The Christian Bible, like other "Spiritual Books" in other parts of the world, presents to the thoughtful mind one of the most astounding phenomena encountered in modern life.

Answer for yourself: And what would that be? It would be the power of "indoctrination". Again I hope you see the seriousness of this in light of the "possible" adulteration of Spiritual Truth as handed down to us by Rome today. One only has to look at the Doctrine of the Messiah as taught by Judaism and Roman Christianity to grasp the importance of such differences and hopefully ask "why" since it was to the Jews this "Messiah" was promised and not to Rome.

The dominance of the Bible in the thoughts of Christians comes originally through childhood indoctrination. Many people born into a strongly religious family submit to that belief system throughout their lives; others, like myself get lucky and begin to study their faith where they undergo a long, tortuous, and painful road from being a "blind-believer" to a "thinking-believer". Others no so fortunate drift slowly and passively away from their cradle faith to become lukewarm Christians or "nothingarians" without fully confronting what the religious indoctrination of "altered religious doctrines" has done to them as human beings. Our Christian Bible exercises through the subtle power of tradition and child-indoctrination a totally unbelievable power over the common mind which can only be compared to a type of hypnotic obsession by some. Most don't even recognize that they worship this Book more than God Himself. Again don't lose sight of the fact that if we have been "indoctrinated" with "altered Spiritual Truths" then we have strayed from the path intended for us by the Creator and this tragedy can be laid upon the doorstep of Rome. But study is necessary to see this "fact" for yourself. It seems to matter not to most that serious study of this Book can be enlightening and rewarding whereby their lives can be more rewarding than continuing in the "status quo". The only problem which one encounters in such serious study of this Bible and which often stops one right in their tracks right from the beginning is that one quickly finds in such study that many, and I mean many of our "inherited" and "cherished childhood indoctrinations" from this Bible can be shown to be less than

reliable when exposed to the light of modern scholarship and historical evidences that exist today. Gripped by "fear of losing one's salvation" they recoil from such study of the Bible believing that the Devil is deceiving them. This only goes to reinforce the power of indoctrination of "falsehoods" instead of "truths" which we have received in the Western Hemisphere under the blanket of Roman Christianity today. The power of "belief" is amazing when select "tenets" are reinforced repeatedly since childhood, be they "right" or "wrong". Too often it matters not that what we are taught is wrong but hey, if it came from the Bible most unquestioningly assume that it has to be right. **The repetition of error, or lets say the "misinterpretation" of what we read and have heard for twenty years in Church sermons makes one' exodus into truth almost impossible and unattainable.** I am one of the lucky ones having gone to Seminary where I did not "check my brain" at the door and being "analytically minded" things had to add up and if they did not then I saw this as a problem that no faith could bridge. I kept telling myself over and over for 3 years in Seminary that "if God is not the author of confusion", as the Bible says, "then who do we blame this on"? I did not know at the time when I graduated with my Masters in Divinity why things did not "add up" but as I left the campus for the last time I set out on a life-long investigation of this perplexing problem and the result of my studies birthed Bet Emet Ministries (Hebrew for "the House of Truth").

The force and reach of the subtle acceptance of various philosophies and religious tenets is not dreamed of by the person who has not become consciously liberated from it and can view it objectively, or from the outside. Few people have not been able to dissociate themselves sufficiently from their indoctrinated preconceptions in this regard to substantiate this phenomenon of the psychological "brainwashing". Only a trained and liberated mind can stand out from under its own inherited habits of thought and feeling and subject them to rational and dispassionate criticism and examination in the endeavor of serious Bible study. I pray the readers and students of Bet Emet Ministries, if given enough time and the right materials to study, can extricate themselves from this subtle mind control we grow up with in this basically "Christian nation". I am not saying that Christianity as we know it is wrong but that it is erroneous at the core of its central thesis and belief. Without serious study few can grasp or apprehend such a statement. But we fortunately today to live in a world where one can free himself from religious censorship and mind control of Rome which too often many of our spiritual forefathers were subjected; often unknowingly. This truly is the information Age and what a shame if we did not take advantage of it while we pass on this Earth. For the most part, people accept as authoritative the mass conceptions and religious belief systems amidst which they grow up, and regard their general trend as the seal and certainty of their rightness. I did; that is until I went to Seminary and began to seriously read and study the tragic history of my Christian faith. Let me say that there are two sides to every coin and winners of wars not only write the history but "change" it. Rome won and the Jewish nation lost. Rome in the 3rd century altered Ancient divine "Spiritual Truths" and the truth of God given to mankind over thousands and thousands of years was lost to the world and remains lost today but to only a select few who enter into such serious study of Christianity and the alteration of these Ancient Spiritual understands of God. This is what I found and continue to find as my studies deepened year after year. The joy that comes in such study sadly comes mixed with pain as we eventually find the truth and realize that we did not have it most of our lives. This is called "repentance" **This joy comes when one realizes that he is liberated from the darkness of deceit and falsehood and the result is not only one's emancipation from error and misjudgment and often sin but attaining to the the proper worship of the Creator commanded in the beginning of time. But all of this is strange and unbelievable to those who have not studied this "Bible" as they should.**

In such fashion as I mention above this Bible, which I both love and mistrust in many places, has been accepted as the great unique work of Divine authority, and, with the force of hallowed devotion back of it for generations going on now for some 1,700 years or so, it now wields a perfectly unrealized power over the common minds of most. Even those who have outwardly spurn it find themselves often unwittingly influenced by it in ways they little dream of since our society has been cunningly saturated with the seeds of a thousand ideas that spring from the vast number of phrases, texts and incidents which have taken unshakable rootage in the mass consciousness. In the area of Christendom this book is still regarded as the supreme moral and spiritual guide of the faith. And from time to time one reads or hears that to solve the world's ailments all that is needed is more consecrated study of the Bible. Yes, there is truth in the Bible but I say that with tremendous qualifications and reservations. We can all agree that more study of spiritual things is decidedly a need of our

time and country but we face a strange situation here, which does not seem to have been discerned by the majority of proponents of Bible study. Understand that there never has been a book that has been studied so exhaustively and enthusiastically as this. No book has received such devotion and reverence. No other book than the Christian Bible has been preached on so often and so passionately. It has been organically dissected and analyzed without end. Thousands of volumes of exegesis have been written upon it. I remember a few years ago reading a prominent scholar that stated that the Bible has been dubbed "*The Book Nobody Knows*", and its central hero, "*The Man Nobody Knows*".

- **Answer for yourself:** How can such a thing be said of the Bible or "the Christ"? Why would it have been said at all? Is such a statement true and is there something we don't know that would make such a statement just? If this is the outcome of past study on an enormous scale, and the consensus of many scholars today, what gain does it do us to study it further?
- **Answer for yourself:** Are we lacking "keys" necessary to properly interpret and understand this Bible and have we approached this Bible unknowingly with the "wrong key" for its interpretation most of our lives?
- **Answer for yourself:** Has our childhood-indoctrination given us the wrong "keys" to interpret this book correctly?
- **Answer for yourself:** How long has mankind been devoid of these "proper keys" for interpretation of this Bible and what are they?
- **Answer for yourself:** Could by chance mankind have lost these "necessary keys" for proper Biblical interpretation in the 3rd century at the hands of Rome?

Make no mistake about it this Bible we cherish is a "sealed book". Few, if any, know that within this Bible is a hidden message beneath the surface stories we read and have been taught to interpret "historically" and "literally". Few, if any, know that this Bible is truly the legacy of a grand past Ancient Wisdom. And perhaps no one now living knows thoroughly what is hidden in its pages. If you study hard for a long time this Christian Bible and study other religious disciplines along with it like Comparative Religions, Gnosticism, Egyptian religion, Judaism, etc., then the unmistakable conclusion to which you are drawn and repeatedly assured in such studies is that it is futile to give this Bible more study of the kind that it has received heretofore for the last 1,700 years. If it lacks study it is because thousands have labored to get its meaning and have failed. The effort has bred disappointment and resentment against its incomprehensibility. The Bible is at the same time both a "difficult book" to understand and a "simple book" to understand, "simple" if you have the "keys" necessary to its proper comprehension. What we as Christians and followers of "the Christ" need in this modern age in which we live with regard to the Bible is not more study but some accurate comprehension; not more waste of unproductive wrestling with its puzzles and mysteries, but a few rays of proper interpretation that bring accurate understanding. In brief, what is needed is a knowledge of the background out of which it grew, and in reference to which alone it can be comprehended correctly!

The vast majority of Christians today fail when reading this Bible to hear the deep message of the Book. This is primarily to modern Christian scholars who densely and stubbornly refuse to see that ancient scriptural writing was esoteric or hidden as to its meaning, and allegorical and symbolical as to its method. This should not be surprising to the reader once he understands that since the 3rd century, almost 1,700 years, conscious efforts have been made to "alter" the Ancient understanding of God and His message to mankind by Rome and their redactors of Holy Writ.

When mankind lost the allegorical, mystical, and mythical understanding of Ancient Sacred literature and the Bible then mankind lost the Divine Truth in the Bible.

The ancients did not use newspaper directness as we would expect today. In other words they did write using the Greek "literal-historical" method when writing their sacred volumes. On the contrary they put up their secret wisdom, conceded to them by the great Sages, in the form of allegories and myths, which were to be taken

as fiction in their outward dress, but as the cinematograph of profoundest truths and knowledge in inward sense. By a combination of symbols, nature signs and allegories, often woven into a background of real history, they sought to portray the deepest types of spiritual experience and an intellectual grip on reality. **The Bible has been crudely taken for literal truth about living personages on the stage of mortal history when often this is not the case. It has been rendered literally and historically to its detriment. This is the most gross mistake, the most pretentious error, in all of human history, this mistaking of spiritual allegorism for literal human narrative.**

We are in position to make the unqualified pronouncement for the first time in the modern age that there is not one iota of history, **in the ordinary acceptance of that term**, in the Bible from beginning to end. What often is mistaken as "literal history" is in reality but allegory of Divine Spiritual truth related to subsequent generations through the vehicle of allegory, myth, legend, and metaphor. Make no mistake about it, there is some "literal history" within the Bible but misinterpretation of much of its allegory has contributed to mistaken understanding of Divine concepts as if "literal historical narrative" which it was never intended to convey. Some portions of Jewish history are utilized as the base and frame of these spiritual myths and concepts.

Unknown to most Christians is the comment by Eusebius, one of the three chief formulators of Roman Christian theology, that the Gospels of the New Testament are themselves nothing but old dramatic books of the Essenes in pre-Christian days.

Answer for yourself: How could this be? How could Eusebius make the blatant statement that Christianity and "the Christ" existed before the rise of Christianity with its later Gospels?

Unknown to most Christians is the fact that the earliest and greatest of the framers of Christian theology, Philo, Clement and Origen, expressly declared it was impossible and an impiety to assert that the logos of God could take the flesh of a human personality.

Church father Origen, one of the most accomplished biblical scholars of early Christianity said, "The Scriptures were of little use to those who understood them literally, as they are written" (Higgins, *Anacalypsis II*, p.270) St. Augustine also thought of the bible in allegorical terms by saying, ***"There is no way of preserving the literal sense of the first chapter of Genesis, without impiety, and attributing things to God unworthy of him."*** St. Athanasius bishop of Alexandria admonishes us that ***"Should we understand sacred writ according to the letter, we should fall into the most enormous blasphemies"*** (Pike, p. 266). Basically this is exactly what the modern day Christians have done. They take the bible literally when it was not to be taken that way. As I shall prove in this letter.

Answer for yourself: Is it correct to say that these pioneer Early Church Fathers did not believe in a "fleshly Jesus" but believed in the Spiritual Concept of "the Christ" among mankind? Yes it is!

Unknown to most Christians is the fact that today's modern Biblical scholarship reveals without question that the Old Testament narratives are in their entirety rewritings of old Egyptian material, distorted and obscured as it passed through later Hebrew hands.

Answer for yourself: Where can I find such materials for my own study? Our [recommended book](#) list offers many books on this Egyptian-Jewish link but a good book to start with is Gary Greenberg, *Myths of the Bible*, Sourcebooks, inc., 2000). Long acknowledged as an integral part of the heritage of western civilization, ancient Egypt's importance to world history cannot be exaggerated, especially in the context of religions. **At least three of the world's major religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—can trace their roots and/or early dissemination to the land of the Nile. The religious dogmas and doctrines found in Egyptian religion can be traced to both later Judaism and later still Christianity; albeit often with "altered" interpretations as sifted through these later nations and their histories.** These religions, especially the Coptic Church branch of Christianity, can even find parallels between many of their practices and rituals and the ancient religion of the pharaohs. Today, Egypt's landscape is dotted with the churches, temples and

mosques of these religions that stand alongside the temples of Isis, Osiris, Horus and other ancient Egyptian deities.

Answer for yourself: What is important to know concerning this link between Egypt and later Judaism and later even still Christianity?

Egyptian Scripture was never historical. Egyptian Scripture was spiritual symbology, pure and unadulterated. **The sadest phenomenon of world history transpired when later ignorance took the Egyptian interpretations of Divine Concepts given to mankind in the beginning of time and and converted them into absurd literal narrative at the hands of Rome in the 3rd century.** And the thinking of the whole world of the civilized West, at least for some 1,700 years at present, has thus been based on "literal history" that can be shown through the efforts of modern scholarship to have never occurred, and the Christian Church has been founded on a set of miracles supposedly at the hands of a "literal historical" Christ that were never performed in the natural realm. It has been so appropriately said that the only miracle envisioned in ancient theology was the transformation of human character by the indwelling presence of the Creator, and this spiritual miracle of the Descent of the Soul, the Divine, into physical matter, into the flesh of mankind, was poetized, dramatized and allegorized in a hundred forms of outward representation, all of which has been absurdly taken for personal "literal" history for the last 1,700 years.

Answer for yourself: Why is reinterpretation of Divine allegory of Divine Concepts as held by the Ancient Spiritual Masters of mankind since our beginning on this planet and later presentation and misrepresentation as if a "literal" and "historical" event not good?

This conversion of Spiritual and Mystical into an assumed "literal" biographical history has made Christianity the instrument of the grossest degradation of exalted Ancient truth to which it has ever been subject. That is to say, that **all Christian doctrines present the ancient wisdom in a more literal and hence cruder form of meaning than had ever been done before in the history of mankind's religions.** In the transmutation of the spiritual crucifixion and sacrifice of man's soul within him to the nailing of an assumed and personal "literal" Jesus on a wooden cross Christianity has reduced the glorious drama of the spiritual life of mankind's Soul and its evolutionary plan of maturation to its grossest and most repellant form. **There is no religion higher than truth!** It is the business of enlightened study of the Bible to not only recover the "keys" that reveal this truth of the Divine realities around us that have tragically been purposefully misinterpreted since the 3rd century as if "literal-historical" but at the same time see that under the disguise of a historical crucified savior lies the pattern for the descent, growth and development of the Divine Soul within matter (mankind). This is the goal for man's existence. We must study this Bible from many areas until we can come to see for ourselves the Spiritual Truths behind the "Jesus Story" and lift this weight of crude literal dogmatism from off the modern imagination and conscience at whatever cost. The light of the true spiritual Gnosis of Ancient times much enlighten the Sacred Scriptures of Christianity as it once did and in so doing remove the darkness of Roman literal dogmatism if mankind is ever to reach the zenith of its creation and in so doing dispel errant and shameless false hermeneutic given us by Rome. **It is firm belief, based on years of the most diligent research, that it is impossible to understand the stories and allegories of the Bible and the host of religious dogmas and doctrines contained within it properly without a knowledge of ancient methods of sacred writing, and of the ancient philosophies that adorn its pages.**

Answer for yourself: What must we know for our efforts at Bible study to be productive and assure us that our efforts are rewarded in Spiritual Truth and no longer error? As I see it there are 4 things we must know.

1. We must know that the writers of the Ancient Scriptures were poets, allegorists, dramatists and mythicists. In other words, Ancient Scripture, whether Egyptian, Jewish, or early Christian, were never written with a "historical-literal" interpretation in mind. These writers come from a line of generations of sages and seers who had developed the art of spiritual representation to a point of the utmost ingenuity and complexity, completely shrouding the intended real meaning under veils of symbolism, which have utterly misled modern scholars who could not pierce the outer veil to read the truth hidden underneath. These Ancient Scriptures were written by masters of the Hidden Mysteries of the Divine realm. Thus the works can not be

read without the "keys" to the myths and reference to the symbols used within the many texts. To try to do so guarantees mistaken interpretation and resultant conduct and religious beliefs. The ancients themselves testify plentifully that the scriptures are allegories. Origen (185-254 C.E.) was an early church Father and apologist for Christianity. While Origen claimed that the Bible was divinely inspired, he did not accept the complete historicity of Scripture, nor did he interpret it all literally. Like others in the Alexandrian school of interpretation, he often allegorized the Scriptures as had the Ancients before him with similar if not the same "religious beliefs". Origen regards the whole Bible as a set of allegories. Allegorical interpretation was widely used in the early Church, and according to Philo it was commonplace amongst the Palestinian Rabbinical schools of the 1st century C.E. Greek philosophers used allegorical interpretation to expound the writings of Homer and Plato, and these methods met with some limited acceptance amongst Jews and early Christians. Most of the Fathers (Irenaeus, Clement of Rome, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Origen, ... used Allegorical interpretation to expound the Christian Gospel from the Hebrew scriptures, and to interpret the Christian scriptures to the contemporary Church. The Latin Fathers, especially Ambrose and Augustine, held an intermediate view, allowing for both a literal and an allegorical interpretation of the Hebrew texts. But the most astonishing declaration to this effect is St. Paul's own statement in Galatians that the whole story of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar is "an allegory."

2. We must know that the writers of the Ancient Scriptures were esotericists, writing only of the inner life and for initiated pupils. They wrote of inner things under an outer veil. They wrote of the Greater Mysteries which were never given out to the multitude, but taught in secret to disciplined students. Spiritual truth was not published in modern fashion. Whatever was written, was veiled under glyph and symbol. Mostly it was taught by oral tradition. Most Christians have been taught to take the bible literally, and word for word instead of looking for the "allegorical truths" behind the surface of what we read. Then there are some Christians who realize that the bible is not to be taken this way, at least not all of it. Paul gives us a clue about one bible story. Paul gives us a clue about this "hidden" truth behind allegories that we read as if "literal" stories today. Paul says: "Now this is allegory: these two women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children." Galatians 4:22-25. **Now it is clear that Paul is saying that this story is NOT about historical people. He just admits that they are really representative** of two covenants.

Answer for yourself: Could it also be that the "Jesus Story" is to be understood as an allegory expressing deeper mysteries and Divine Truths and not as a "literal-historical" person? Paul was a Gnostic. For those who say he was not well if he wasn't then he was close enough. Gnostics did not believe in taking the bible in a literal sense. This is what could explain so many contradictions with Paul's letters. That is IF all of his supposed letters were written by him. I used to do that but as my studies increased along with my knowledge I can now recognize and separate the "real Gnostic Paul" from the Roman counterfeit of their own imagination to promote a false "historical Christ".

3. We must know that the writers of the Ancient Scriptures were "uranographers." Christians today believe that God created the stars and the Sun and the whole universe. But anyone who is especially fond of this present universe and looks to the stars for insight, they claim it is a sin and evil. Many have again been indoctrinated to believe that astrology is wrong and against what the bible teaches. Well that is totally false and a lie. In fact the bible teaches the opposite, Astro-theology plays a very big role in Christianity. **Astro-theology is a "theology founded on the observation of the celestial bodies."** (Webster's 1828 Dictionary). If you have been a faithful student of Bet Emet Ministries then many of our other websites had begun to open your eyes to the many, many problems that surround the Jesus of the New Testament. After you read this websites it should convince you that Jesus Christ, as depicted in the New Testament, was not a real, historical person. Jesus Christ is a "Spiritual Concept", originally expressed in myth and allegory for thousands of years since Ancient Egypt but today mistakenly understood due to Rome as a historical literal person. Many biblical and historical scholars are saying that this Roman representation of "the Christ" is not truthful.

Answer for yourself: How do we know? What did the early "Chrestians" or Christians believe? With our prior indoctrination and forged Christian Bibles you have to study a lot to find the truth behind this "Jesus Story".

Most of you will not know about the things which will be discussed in this website.

Answer for yourself: And why not? Because as I have stated before, you and I have been brainwashed into thinking that Astrology is bad and evil.

Ancient astrologers had a double role in society. They were responsible for observing and charting stars and using this information to regulate the calendar, which was of great utility to agriculture. Because agriculture affected the welfare of the nation, astrologers tried to extend their skills to the other aspects of national welfare, and the divination aspect of astrology was born. Ancient astrologers restricted their divination to nations and kings, as the modern practice of casting individual horoscopes for ordinary folks did not yet exist. Ancient astrologers were concerned not only with astronomical phenomena and the regulation of the calendar, but also with the meaning that could be derived from the position of the zodiac, the motion of the Sun, planets and comets, and the phases of the moon. To the ancients, while the planets wandered through the zodiac--the word "planet" means "wanderer"--the stars seemed fixed in place relative to the zodiac. Therefore, celestial phenomena involving motion could be measured with these stars as reference points. The fixed stars do actually move, but so slowly that a naked-eye observer would have to be hundreds of years old to notice it. Thus the 'star of Bethlehem' seen by the wise men was most likely a mundane star which rose at a significant time, or a planet (planets were considered stars by the ancients) that appeared in what was for them a significant constellation at a significant time. This is borne out by Matthew, who describes a phenomenon observed only by astrologers and no one else. Important for us to recognize at this point in our study and to prepare us for what follows is that these observations of the Cosmos made by uranographers since the beginning of recorded time in Egypt on down through history, particularly of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac, will become, through the literary vehicle of personification, metaphor, myth, and allegory, the very foundation to explain the Descent of the Soul (the Christos of God) into matter and this finds expression in the various Ancient myths of the sungods and ultimately in the chronological "Jesus Story" as found in the Gospels. It is these allegories and myths revealing a hidden mystery of the intersection of the Divine into matter, the Soul into mankind's flesh, that finds later a false "literal-historical" interpretation in the Roman "Jesus Story" in the Christian's Bible.

The "uranograph" was a chart of heaven. By this is meant a map outlined by the early sages charting the spiritual constitution and physiology of man, the psychic centers, areas of spiritual force, and all "after the pattern of things in the heavens." Man, the microcosm, is a replica of the heavenly man and the universe. From the history of man written thus in the constellation of the skies, the early religious formulators transferred the record to earth and distributed the various phenomena and localities over the national maps in accordance with the heavenly chart! Very important for us to recognize at this point in our study is that all nations tried to frame their own history (Egyptian, Jewish, ie.) and geography after the pattern of things in the heavenly mount. Mainly the Egyptians and after them the Jews made this transfer almost completely. According to this chart each nation was given an upper and lower section, had a river flowing from the upper down to the lower (Nile, Jordan), had a lake or sea, a central city representing the Holy City, and a score of parallel features found in every case. There was first a division into seven nomes or districts, later into twelve.

Answer for yourself: Why is this important? Each nation thus strove to have its history interpreted as a fulfillment of the sacred allegory; and its national history, thus diverted into the form of the celestial myth, was made into the national epic. And finally came the claim on the part of several, notably the Jews, that since their history fulfilled the outlines of the sacred story, they were proven to be the "chosen people" of God. There is not a scrap of evidence anywhere to identify the Israelites of today as the historical Hebrews or Jews of the Biblical period. Judaism is not a "race" but a "religion" and today we find in Israel European proselytes whereas we find the "black skinned" Jews of the Bible scattered throughout Africa today. The latter, the Jews, simply appropriated the distinction to themselves and fitted their history into the sacred scheme.

4. We must know that the writers of all Ancient religious writings since Egypt deal with but one central fact, the incarnation of man, or the birth, descent, death and resurrection of the soul. This one religious concept is the whole story of religion and the "mystery" which lies behind the various stories, myths,

legends, and allegories of the sungods and the mistakenly interpreted "literal-historical Jesus Story". The old Ancient spiritual books deal with nothing beyond this story and its involvements. This fact alone, seldom recognized today, is itself the key to all philosophy and religion. In the light of this one fact all complicated meanings can be reduced to clear significance. It unravels the infinite complexities of the symbology that have confounded the learned scholars and theologians. That man is a god, a spark of the ultimate uncreated Intelligent Energy of the Cosmos, dwelling in an animal-matter form is the central and cardinal fact of all religion and all Ancient religious texts from Egypt on that find their ultimate expressions in Judaism and prior-Roman Christianity.

This without question is one of the biggest, if not the biggest puzzle facing Ancient mankind that has only been answered in this century by the like of A. Einstein and other physicists. The Ancients might not have had the same terminology as we do today but they certainly understood this metaphysical concept of the Descent of the Divine Soul into matter like none since. This Divine reality was expressed in varied forms from Osiris on down through history till we find the culmination of "the Christ" of Gnostic Christianity. Only with the emergence of Roman Christianity will we find the adulteration of this Spiritual message and the destruction of the worlds libraries by Rome where the Ancient Gnostic understanding of the Creator was almost exterminated where in its place we find today the "historical Christ" in place of the "Mystical Christ within all mankind".

Answer for yourself: What was so special about this Jesus Christ of Rome's New Testament when there were so many other similar "Jesus Stories" in the names of other prior sungods that were just like him hundreds if not thousands of years before a historical Jesus Christ was assumed to even exist? That a great question with only one answer for a "thinking believer". There was no difference only that the last "Jesus Story" given by Rome as "literalized" and "historicized" unlike the host of prior parallel stories that were always understood as Spiritual and Divine allegories.

As I have on other websites shown, let alone this one, there are things in the Bible that most Christians just do not know or think about because they have not been taught the truth behind their "Jesus Story". The fact is that Christianity was just another mystery religion like all the others at the time. Mystery is a key word in Christianity it appears in the New Testament 22 times.

Paul, a Gnostic, informs us:

1 Tim 3:16 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (KJV)

1 Tim 3:9 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. (KJV)

So we see here that the faith of the Christian religion is a mystery.

Eph 3:9 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Now we see there is a fellowship of the mystery and if "Jesus Christ" is not "historical-literal" when whom is this "Jesus Christ" that created matter in the "Big Bang"?

Answer for yourself: What is this mystery? Have you ever wondered?

Eph 5:32 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (KJV)

So here we see that this mystery is about Jesus the Christ and the church (the fellowship of believers in God). But Paul uses the term "mystery of Christ" more than once.

Col 4:3 3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: (KJV)

1 Cor 4:1 1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. (KJV)

This just proves that Christianity was a “mystery religion”. Even the resurrection was mystery.

1 Cor 15:51 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (KJV)

Mystery religions were very prevalent at the time of early Christianity. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop of Antioch, Syria, states in his letter to the Ephesians, “...you are ...fellow initiates with [the apostle] Paul.” (Ignatius to the Ephesians, XII.2).

Answer for yourself: What is important about this statement?

Only mystery religions had initiates and if Paul was an apostle of Christianity in the beginning that means that Christianity is a Mystery Religion as were all world religions before it; that is before the emergence of the Holy Roman Empire in the 3rd century.

Clement of Alexandria invited pagans to be initiated in the “mysteries” of Christianity “Then you will have the vision of my God, and will be initiated in those holy mysteries...” (Exhortation to the Greeks, chpt. XII, par. 91). Clement then goes on to say, “He saw the light and a vision, he was sanctified by initiation, and Jesus marked the initiate with his seal: ‘O Truly sacred mysteries!’...I became holy by initiation...” (EG chpt XII, par. 92). Gnostics were a part of these. Of course the Gnostics believed in the revealing of the “secret knowledge”. Gnosis is mentioned in the bible over 15 times.

Answer for yourself: Was Paul a Gnostic? It sure would appear so. And if he was what does that mean?

Philo Judaeus of Alexandria (20 B.C.E.-45 C.E.) is considered the forerunner of Christian theology. Philo lived and died before any of the New Testament scriptures were written. This is important to remember. Philo applied Platonic philosophy to the Jewish scriptures. In Platonism there was a major separation between the higher world (the heavenlies) of the spiritual realities, where things were perfect and unchanging. The earthly world was an imperfect reflection of the upper one, comprised of things that were changing and perishable.

Answer for yourself: Could this be the reason for the Spiritual axiom of Egypt which said: *So Above, So Below?* Was it man's responsibility to change the Earth into the image of a perfect and ordered Heaven which the Egyptians called "Ma'at"? Is this the same as the Jewish religious concept of Tikkun Olam?

Isaac Luria, the renowned sixteenth century Kabbalist, used the phrase “tikkun olam,” usually translated as repairing the world, to encapsulate the true role of humanity in the ongoing evolution and spiritualization of the cosmos. Luria taught that God created the world by forming vessels of light (think energy) to hold the Divine Light. But as God poured the Light into the vessels, they catastrophically shattered, tumbling down toward the realm of matter. Thus, our world consists of countless shards of the original vessels entrapping sparks of the Divine Light (the energy of God). Humanity’s great task involves helping God by freeing and reuniting the scattered Light, raising the sparks back to Divinity and restoring the broken world. This is accomplished through man's commitment to good works.

Eph 2:10 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

Philo looked upon Plato as being great, “As the great Plato says...” (On the eternity of the World, ch. X, 52) He

believed that the teachings of Pythagoras, Plato, Aristotle, and the Stoics were holy. Philo states that Plato has a sacred authority, "...since we have it on the sacred authority of Plato..." This concept of two different worlds is very important to remember, a higher world that is unseen and the lower world that is seen. The two worlds are identical, in a metaphorical sense, but the upper world is perfect and the lower world is not. It can be proven that Philo's teachings greatly influenced Christianity. Philo allegorized the scriptures and did almost all if not all of the Ancient Spiritual Masters; that is until the rise of Rome in the 3rd century C.E.

Paul himself never mentions Jesus as if real history, albeit he lived at the time.

Answer for yourself: Is that a problem? It sure is if we are to believe that Jesus Christ was a real historical person and goes a long way to why Paul never mentions the virgin birth or only two of the many teachings of Jesus found later in the New Testament.

Answer for yourself: Where did Paul get the message about Jesus? Did it come from first hand experience? No it did not.

Gal 1:11-12 11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received (paralambano) it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Here Paul admits that he did not hear of this Jesus from apostolic tradition but he uses the word "paralambano" for "receive" which is used in the Greek mysteries to refer to some Gnostic experience where by an initiate "receives" hidden mystical revelation from the Divine realm. So Paul makes clear that the gospel he preaches about Christ has come to him through personal revelation. But think about this.

Answer for yourself: If at the time Paul wrote this why would he have to state that his gospel of Christ is from personal revelation when he could very well have used the 12 disciples themselves as witnesses? Something is amiss here if you think about.

Answer for yourself: Could it be that there was no such thing as the "tradition of the disciples" about Jesus and that Paul did not know of any such thing?

1 Cor 2:6-8 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world (age) knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (KJV)

So here we see that this "wisdom" is a mystery.

Answer for yourself: The important question is who are these "rulers of this age (mistakenly translated as world)"? It is these "rulers" and "princes" that crucified Jesus Christ.

Here we get our answer. These rulers are in the heavens not earth.

Eph 6:12 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (KJV)

Again we see that this battle is in the heavens NOT earth. Here Paul is not attributing Jesus' crucifixion to Pontius Pilate and the Jewish leaders but to some planetary powers or demonic beings. It is all Astro-theology.

The writer of the book of Hebrews states that Jesus' sacrifice was a spiritual one not physical.

Heb 9:14 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (KJV)

And then the writer goes on to say that a heavenly sacrifice is better than an earthly one confirming that the writer of the book of Hebrews believed that Jesus' sacrifice was heavenly and NOT earthly, "Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these." Hebrews 9:23 Notice also that there are copies of the heavenly and the earthly. That is why some Christians later actually thought that Jesus existed on earth. But he did not. Everything was in the heavens, even his crucifixion as we have seen.

Answer for yourself: Where was Christ crucified? Wait a minute and don't answer too fast.

"And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."

Here we have Revelation declaring in words as clear as can be found, that our Lord was crucified, not in historical Jerusalem, but in a spiritual city, a city, furthermore, with two names, one of which is not even a city name, but that of a country, Egypt. **Not only does this verse negate the whole literal and historical interpretation of the Gospel chronicle, but it adds its own corroboration to the new rendering of the meaning of "death".** For the place where the dead bodies of the two witnesses, **the two segments of our dual life as Soul (Divine Energy of God) and body (matter), shall lie, as well as where the Christ in us is crucified, is thus marked as the place of "death", which, as the new truth reveals, is this earth and our life upon it.**

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

And it is further significant that Revelation gives as one of its (many) names, Egypt. No one can long study Hebrew, Greek and Egyptian religious literature without being assured that this term, Egypt, is used, never in the sense of the geographical unit on the map, but as the chief designation for the place, country or habitat of earthly incarnation (the fleshly body). It is therefore a figurative term for life on earth, or earth as the scene of incarnate life.

In fact the writer of Hebrews even says that Jesus was not on earth.

Heb 8:4 4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: (KJV)

Folks these verse alone prove that the earliest Christians, in reality called "Chrestians" as in "Gnostic Chrestians", or believers in the indwelling God, Logos, Christ, did not believe in a historical Jesus. They believed in a spiritual Jesus that was crucified in the heavens and not on earth.

Phil 2:6-7 6 Who (the Christ), being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (KJV)

This verse speaks of God humbling Himself and through the Spiritual Process of emanation emptied Himself of Spirit whereby He could come and tabernacle in matter and human flesh. In the Theosophical Glossary, under "The Doctrine of Emanation", Madame Blavatsky states: ...while the Occultists and Theosophists believe thoroughly in the doctrine of Evolution as given out by Kapila and Manu, they are Emanationists rather than Evolutionists. **The doctrine of Emanation was at one time universal.** It was taught by the Alexandrian (think early Church Fathers before the 3rd century) as well as by the Indian philosophers, by the Egyptian, the

Chaldean and Hellenic Hierophants (initiates), and also by the Hebrews (in their Kabbala, and even in Genesis). This is what a lot of the mystery religions and salvation cults were teaching then. As I said this copy and shadow of things on earth and in the heavens were Gnostic and Platonic theology.

These and a hundred other irrationalities make it sheer folly to uphold the literal historicity of the Bible and Jesus Christ. Yet the major theses of Christianity stand on this weak ground. Yet understand we certainly can learn by the earthy example of the Divine Soul in matter as symbolized as a model for all mankind in the "Jesus Story".

Sadly however because of Rome's alteration of prior Divine Truth existing for thousands of years and their militant dogmatism it is not surprising that the history of the Church has been a tale of warfare, controversy, schism, blind faith and frightful cruelty, and that it is repudiated by about 2/3 of the known world today.

I go on record saying that the Bible, sadly misinterpreted by its most loyal devotees, is in reality a collection of ancient works that embody in veiled figures the fundamentals of the genuine old wisdom of the Hierophants and initiates of the Gnostic metaphysical understanding of God. One can go so far and say that the Bible, a book I love and have finally come to interpret correctly now possessing the "keys" for a correct hermeneutic, is a repository of the great Mystery teaching of early times going as far back as the beginning of mankind. In fact, properly studied and recognized the Bible is a synthesis and collection of religious works down through history comprising the substance of Hermeticism, Gnosticism, Kabbalism, Egyptian and Chaldean astrology and astronomy, Greek Orphism and Hindu Wisdom, drawn mostly from ancient Egypt. That is why I have come to love Egypt so as I recognize today their Spiritual genius and that they, in my opinion, knew this Creator better than any other nation in the world since the beginning of time and that goes for today as well. Sadly Egypt is destroyed but their legacy lives today thanks to the efforts of dedicated Egyptologists and the Jewish nation which are their biological offspring. The Bible would not inappropriately be described as a book of Platonic Theosophy. For Plato summed up most of the elements of these systems. To an orthodox churchman it would doubtless seem to belittle the Book to say that it contains nothing but the Platonic philosophy. But this is only because the average Christian knows nothing of the grandeur and rank of the Platonic wisdom. It is enough to say that it could not be a great book if it did not embody Plato's philosophy. For this was truly "of the gods," and perhaps the most luminous presentation of spiritual knowledge ever to be granted to the human intellect. Fortunate is Christianity that its Bible is heavily charged with the elements of the great Divine Wisdom of past ages.

But be not mistaken in this. The "historical-literal" Jesus is an aberration of the Divine Christ and the Logos that resides within all matter and flesh. It is my desire and hope that through the study of this website, as well as [others sites provided by Bet Emet Ministries](#), that the diligent student and readers of our articles are blessed and further in their pursuit of perfection as "the Soul prospers".

We will continue in the [second article](#) in this introduction to the Jesus-Astrotheology website.

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RESTORING THE "KEYS" TO PROPER BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION OF "THE CHRIST" #2

Let us begin with a few introductory statements about what the Ancients understood about the Descent of the Soul (Christ/Karast) into matter especially in light of what we have learned so far. We mentioned that up until the 3rd century this "Christ/Karast" was not understood or believed to have been a "fleshly historical person" but a Divine Concept within each child of God. This is a fact that is easily seen from one's study of Comparative religions from Egypt on down until the emergence of the Roman Empire in the 3rd century as well as a comprehensive study of Gnosticism and the proper understanding of the nations' allegorical sun gods and myths. Believe it or not the earliest "Chrestians" were, as they are mistakenly called "Christians" today, Gnostics themselves. This startling revelation is only now coming to the forefront due to the momentous discoveries of the Nag Hammadi Library in Egypt only around 50 years ago. The Nag Hammadi Library, a collection of thirteen ancient codices containing over fifty texts, was discovered in upper Egypt in 1945. This immensely important discovery includes a large number of primary Gnostic scriptures -- texts once thought to have been entirely destroyed during the early Christian struggle to define "orthodoxy" -- scriptures such as the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Philip, and the Gospel of Truth. The discovery and translation of the Nag Hammadi library, completed in the 1970's, has provided impetus to a major re-evaluation of early Christian history and the nature of Gnosticism.

Answer for yourself: What was the religious beliefs of these earliest "Chrestians" or "Christians" regarding "the Christ"? Do they agree with the later teachings on "the Christ" by emerging Roman Christianity in the 3-5th centuries? Well know they don't and that is what the problem here is all about. Rome "reinterprets" the Ancient understanding of God and His "Christ" and produces their own holy book to replace the "first New Testament" of these Gnostic Chrestians/Christians and few know of this today.

Answer for yourself: So what did the earliest "Chrestians/Christians" believe about "the Christ" for these 300 or so years before being almost exterminated by Rome? Well let me tell you and in so doing we will come to see "beneath" the literal-historical presentation of "the Christ" that Rome gave us in their redaction and replacement Second New Testament.

Gnostic Christians maintained that in the beginning there was only One. This One God was totally spirit, totally energy, totally perfect, incapable of description, beyond attributes and qualities. This God is not only unknown to humans; He is unknowable. The Gnostic texts do not explain why He is unknowable, except to suggest that He is so "other than" and "sacred" and "apart from all else that exists in the visible realm" that explanations which require making something unknown known by comparing it to something else simply cannot work. At best they are man's feeble attempts to explain the unexplainable and describe the indescribable.

According to numerous Gnostic myths, these Ancient Spiritualists understood that the Universe is creation – the activity of a Magnificent Entity that creates from Itself and within Itself – an unceasing activity in which all that exists participates. For simplicity we shall call this Magnificent Entity "God". That first impulse of Creation (taught as the Big Bang in Egypt thousands of years ago), infinitely multiplied through a demonstration of inexhaustible powers or planes of energies in the Cosmos and Universe, continuously gives

shape to an **ongoing and unceasing wave of creation from plane to plane** in which all that is created takes part. Be it an atom, a man, or a galaxy, each continuously creates, each one within its own sphere of action, thus maintaining the presence and continuity of this Life from God according to the ability conferred on it by its position on the scale or plane of existential process. **In this way, each part contributes to the Whole (God) and, eventually, in compliance with Cosmic Law, is reintegrated into the Whole (God).** Assimilating and absorbing these concepts leads us to an understanding of the basic principle: ***“God, the Creator, exists in everything, and nothing exists outside of Him.”***

Col 1:16-17 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. (KJV)

These Ancient Gnostics along with early Gnostic Christians like Paul taught that from this One and this continual line of Creation emerge other divine entities, emanations from the One, called aeons (Thought, Eternality, Life, etc.); moreover, some of these aeons produce their own entities, until there is an entire realm of the divine aeons, sometimes called the Fullness or, using the Greek term, the Pleroma. The Gnostic myths are designed to show not only how this Pleroma came into existence in eternity past but how the world we live in came into being and how we ourselves came to be here for we are but emanations in a long line of creation that emanates from the Perfect One. What these myths appear to have in common is the idea that there is a kind of **downward movement from Spirit to matter, that matter is a denigration of existence. This spirit of God, His reflection in man, is the soul. The Soul, as a spark of omnipotent life and consciousness, enters matter through this downward diminishing of pure Spirit or Energy until it immerses itself in the densest of matter.**

Common to all Gnostic creation myths is the Divine Idea that within humans there resides a spark of the divine that needs to be liberated in order to return to its real home. The only way this salvation of man can occur is for man to come to the knowledge of the indwelling Divine Spark as well as to learn the secret of how it can be liberated from its entrapment in the world of matter. Knowledge is thus central to these systems, knowledge of who one really is. But understand that this Divine Spark, the mediator between man and God, came to reside in human flesh.

Rom 8:3 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: (KJV)

Strong's Concordance:

3667 homoioma (hom-oy'-o-mah); from 3666; a form; abstractly, **resemblance**: KJV-- made like to, **likeness, shape, similitude**.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

3667 homoioma- what has been made after the likeness of something a) **a figure, a image**, a likeness, a **representation** b) **likeness that is, resemblance**, such as amounts **almost** to equality or identity

This is a very telling word which indicates that God's son was not a man, a fleshy man, as we would suppose but only an image or representation or likeness of something other than man. Simply said "the Christ" came down to man as likeness of something that exists in the invisible realm of Heaven.

1 Tim 2:5 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (KJV)

We need to think of this "Christ/Karast" as the bridge between Spirit and matter as it exists in man. More

correctly we need to understand the work of this "Christ" as the "go between" man and the Spirit realm and let us not forget that this "Christ" lives within the flesh of all mankind.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

Looking at the word "mediator":

3316 mesites- 1) one who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or to form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant 2) a medium of communication, a arbitrator

This is the function of the Heavenly Christ:

Phil 2:6-8 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (KJV)

Let us not jump ahead yet to the word "cross" for we will deal with this in due time but focus if you will to the idea that Spirit became matter and in so doing the bridge between this invisible realm of the Spirit and the visible realm of matter was bridged by "God's Christ" who came to tabernacle and dwell only "in the likeness of sinful flesh". This "bridge" has been expressed in the masculine as "the Christ" but long before this it was expressed in the feminine as "Isis" or the more familiar concept of the "Sophia".

In addition to this very basic principle that "God, the Creator, exists in everything, and nothing exists outside of Him" we must take note of another fundamental concept, without which it would be impossible to conceive of the Eternal. The Ancients understood and taught that this God, the One which constantly creates Itself from Itself, has within Itself the condition of incorruptibility that is inherent in Its divinity.

Answer for yourself: Does this Law of Incorruptibility apply to all things, to all matter? Yes it does. Although matter, consisting of God as Divine Energy at different manifestations and levels of existence, may decay and deteriorate in this physical realm, its is entrapped and this "Divine Spark" of energy within the atoms and molecules of any substance continue to exist having only changed into different forms following its demise in this physical realm. This Spiritual Idea speaks to us about the very essence, the spiritual "genetic code" that remains true to Itself (God), equal to Itself (God), and that emerges untouched by the experience of its immersion in dense matter (the flesh of mankind for example). This Invisible Energy of God is redeemed from the chaos of its opposite visible realm (being confined in dense matter), eventually winning out over its hard passage through materialization in this physical realm. The Ancients understood that this Divinity is the Life or Energy of the Universe and Cosmos that animates all, both visible and invisible, without losing its purity and, thus, in animating matter, retains for Itself Its immateriality. This truly is the Alpha and Omega. That quality of purity, of faithfulness of God and this Invisible Cosmic Intelligent Energy to Its own essence, of immutability that resists the diversity of expression, is the guaranty that everything eventually returns to the Divine Source (God), the guaranty of the reunification of diversity in Unity (resurrection and ascension to a higher plane of existence we all Heaven). For that reason, man, as a being "created in the image and likeness of God," holds within himself the potential of transcending his inferior condition and attaining what corresponds to him by heritage and by Universal Law. By that I mean man can be transformed into the living image of God in this physical realm if he come to understand that the power for such a transformation lives and tabernacles within him; latent and asleep awaiting resurrection whereby God is empowered to live and breath and have His being through us. This whole transformation of man in the physical realm whereby he manifests the Heavenly realm in and through his live is accomplished by the indwelling "Christ".

Rom 12:1-2 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that

good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

In essence, we have a son of God trying to become like the Father in us because such is the divine mandate. The descent of Spirit (God) into matter (mankind), buries the Divine Spark within the darkness of dense matter (our flesh with its carnal desires). Spirit limits Itself in matter (flesh) and diminishes Its capacity for action and Its relationship to all that receive Its influence. The Soul, in reality the incarnated spirit in the flesh of mankind, is wrapped in inferior forms that compromise Its capacity for self-identification. Thus the admonition of Paul:

Eph 5:14 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: And how is this awakening to our true nature and the Divine within us as the "indwelling Christ"? Paul again tells us that this awaking and transformation is accomplished by the "renewing of your mind".

Answer for yourself: If Rome changed the message of God and "His Christ" in the 3rd century and buried such deception under the ashes of the libraries of the known world to hide their great lie and deception and "reinterpretation" of the true Message of God as handed down by mankind since the beginning of recorded time then do you think that a "replacement message" and "replacement religion" will actually prepare us for our next spiritual evolution when we meet this God face to face? If you do then you need not read any more for the truth means repentance from beginning to end for today's Christians because the "Doctrines of Christ" as handed down since the beginning of time have been adulterated and reinterpreted by Rome whereby the Spiritual Truth once cherished by all mankind have been lost to most in the the Western Hemisphere and without great diligent study will remain so. Truly we have been indoctrinated; sadly with the wrong message.

That was our introduction and now we pick up where we left off in the first article in this series.

We built a rather strong case in the previous article proving that behind the "literal-historical" account of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament lies the hidden mystical and metaphysical truths regarding the Descent of the Soul into physical matter; in particular into the flesh of mankind. Simply said the "Jesus Story" is really the story of the "birth, life, death, and rebirth" of God into matter or the Descent of the Divine Spirit/Soul into the physical realm told through the agent of personification and allegory as depicted in the life of an exemplary righteous man named "Jesus" which again must be said is presented as one of the many examples for all mankind to emulate. This is truly the "pattern in the Mount" laid before us to understand and pattern our lives after; sadly however instead of the pattern to emulate many live their lives waiting for the return of such a supposed "historical anointed one" instead of realizing that within them lies this Christ waiting to be awakened where he can live in and through them thereby redeeming and perfecting this world in which they live. Only in this way truly will we experience *"So Above, So Below"*.

We saw that this "true message of God" is the teaching of the Gnostic Paul as seen in many passages in the New Testament (he only wrote 7 authentic epistles and the rest are forged in his name by Rome to counter the Gnostic Christians using the authority of Paul as their weapon). One example expressing this concept is seen when Paul says in Galatians:

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

We saw that behind the presentations of multiple nations down through history and their religious traditions concerning their allegorical sungods lies a deeper "Spiritual Truth" of this same Descent of the Soul or the Descent of the Divine Uncreated Intelligent Energy, "God", into matter. We saw how this Ancient understanding of God and the Divine had emanated from Egypt thousands and thousands of years ago and traveled down through the corridors of history finding fertile soil for later elaboration in their biological children, the Jews, and their religion called "Judaism". We saw how these Divine Concepts were cherished by

both the Egyptians and the Jewish nation and how later still were passed down with the earliest manifestation of the religion of the "Chrestians" (who believed not in a fleshly historical Jesus but the "Christ within" who were later renamed "Christians" by Rome). Of course all of this occurred before the Roman reinterpretation of "the Christ" in the 3rd century. We even saw how many of the earliest of the Greek and Latin Church Fathers like Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and others accepted this allegorical understanding of "the Christ" and rejected any and all attempts to "historize" and "carnalize" the "Christ" as a supposed literal historical person. We also mentioned how early Greek religious philosophers like Plato, for example, taught the same very things concerning God and His emanation into the physical realm and ultimate into the flesh of mankind where he dwelled as "the Christ/Karast". The message of God to man has always been the same from nation to nation; until Rome in the 3rd century when it is changed and adulterated to where it is almost today unrecognizable.

Central to the Ancient Spiritual Wisdom since Egypt is the concept of the Divine Spark or "seed" buried within each person.

1 Cor 3:16 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Why would the Gnostic Paul, in this, one of only 7 of his authentic epistles which he actually wrote, would have to ask such a question? Simply because mankind had lost this knowledge of the Divine and their true identity as man.

John 10:34 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (KJV)

Little has changed in these last 2,000 years in some ways. It was Paul's desire and mission to restore this precious knowledge to mankind; especially the Gentiles who had lost these "keys" of gnosis and spiritual intuitiveness having fallen from the path of true righteousness.

Col 1:26-27 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

It was the purpose of the Ancient Mysteries to bring to life this divine spark so that it would illuminate life on this earth for all men and women.

Answer for yourself: How had this knowledge of God descending through the portals of His Heaven and eventually tabernacling in flesh been taught down through time since the beginning of recorded history?

It begins with Egypt and is later taught by Plato. The technique of his incarnation is philosophically described under the terms of the great **Law of Incubation**. This is announced in the Bible in John's verse: *"Unless a grain of corn (wheat) fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."* Also it is seen in Paul's description of the resurrection in I. Corinthians, 15: *"What you sow cannot come to life unless it die."* These texts proclaim the great truth of evolution, missed by scientific eyes, that each kingdom of nature, each plane of existence, both invisible and visible, are linked to the kingdom below it for the nourishment of its life. This "link" and dependance continues from the highest plane of Spiritual existence to the lowest plane of physical existence. Let me explain. The vegetable kingdom is rooted in mineral soil, the animal is sustained on vegetable matter, the human is built up physically of animal and vegetable elements, and in their turn the lower divine beings must take rootage in the human bodies. As the acorn can not develop its oak potentialities unless it descend and be buried in the dark damp soil of the mineral kingdom, so the energies (mediators) of God can not evolve to higher perfection of their divinity unless they undergo experience in human bodies. This is the simple law which is the philosophical basis of the incarnation, at once its explanation and its justification. In like fashion the Ancient taught that God, in the form of His Christ (the son of man) must descend into the bowels of the earth for three "days" (aeons), one in the mineral kingdom, one in the vegetable and one in the animal, before he rises out of matter again as a god in the perfection of his

spiritual nature in the human kingdom. In the old scripture the advent of the god always occurs about "the fourth watch of the night," which symbols the human kingdom, as it is fourth in order. We shall have light on the ancient scriptures when we follow the forms of the old symbolism.

Now important for us to know is that the concept of the coming of the god (God) to inhabit the body of an animal is in all respects equivalent to his death and burial, analogous to the death of the old seed in the ground, and is necessary if He is to rebeget himself anew as the risen son of the slain father. For when He steps into the lower body, He loses all the freedom of his glorious life as a spirit, and comes "under the law" that rules on the plane of physical matter. He is subject to all the vicissitudes of climate, bodily needs and the hardships of imprisonment in a body of flesh. To be born from the womb of a mortal mother is to enter the tomb of mortal life. Many passages from Greek philosophy will confirm this interpretation.

Phil 2:6-8 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death.... (KJV)

In brief, as the Ancients termed it, He is in hades, hell, and the grave or tomb they speak of is nothing more than his physical body. This is the first great mystery of ancient theology, lost since the third century, and now restored through hermetic discovery. The words tomb and womb are of the same origin and have the same significance.

Spirit, then, must be buried and die in matter, to reproduce its new generation. The divine son must come to birth in the womb of Maria (the sea of matter). "Matter is the mother of the gods," said an ancient sage; as spirit is their father. The seminal seed of divinity must be sown in the body of flesh. It is sown to die, or as Paul says, *"in corruption; it must rise in incorruption."* It must be sown a mortal body, and be raised a spiritual body. Paul, who was an Orphic Mystery initiate, was simply giving one of the old symbols of the descent and resurrection of the god in mortal life.

But the god (God) did not come into the matter of human bodies as an adult. He came as a god in potentiality only, a god in embryo, a seedling god, in fact a baby god. The Christmas or advent festival celebrates and symbolizes this Divine Truth with the birth of an infant Christ (a picture of the "born again experience"). He is the Christ-child, the child Horus of ancient Egypt. The greatest truth that we humans can be told is that the Christ principle is born in us as a foetus in the womb of our physical bodies, struggling to be delivered! The physical body of each person is the womb of the Christ.

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

Nature, says John, groaneth and travaileth in pain until now, when it is to give birth to the god or Christ. And Paul says again, "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven," the spiritual body of our resurrection, the house not built with hands, but in consciousness and character for when the foetal god is delivered at its final Easter morn from its imprisonment in the physical body, it must have fashioned for itself a temple or sanctuary, of imperishable elements, "eternal in the heavens," as its future abode. This is the temple we are masonically building out of the materials of incarnational experience.

Answer for yourself: And how do we do this? We accomplish building the Temple for God to live in and through us through every thought, word and deed, day by day and life by life. This underscores the importance for the Torah as the plan-o-gram for instructing and guiding our proper Spiritual and ethical development in our lives.

This is the temple that Christ says he could build up in the New Testament. But as Christ shows it must be swept clean of impurities and cleansed again underscoring the importance of the Torah and Judaism for proper

instruction in the Spiritual development of our Soul. It is the glorious house we fashion for the Soul out of the spiritual essence of human life. Every moral lesson learned, every item of character developed, has contributed to its heightened power to build this body of indestructible light.

In comparison with it the physical body is named "the garment of shame" and "the body of this death. For the god, it is a matter of shame and degradation to be housed in the carnal body and subject to its animal impulses. In the body God and His Christ are jointed to matter forming the great intersection of the two planes of existence which was often symbolically called a "cross" in Ancient times. This is the cross of matter and Spirit, and the emptying of Himself as Paul states in becoming "flesh", the great "Kenosis" passage, is the ultimate sacrifice of God coming to tabernacles in the flesh of mankind whereby He is made subject to the carnal appetites of the animal existence. The God within all mankind must wage a valiant warfare to avoid falling under the complete domination of these massive impulses, until He finally brings the god, His Christ within each of us to adulthood, and in so doing prepared the new subtle garment of light to be the eternal home of the Soul after its resurrection following our life in this physical plane of existence. I speak of the resurrection, when the tomb of flesh is broken apart, the gates of death are opened, and the dead are raised incorruptible. One reason for the egg as a symbol of Passover and Easter is the likeness of the spiritual experience that occurs at this time to our Soul which is likened to a chick's pecking its way out of its shell to effect its birth. Christmas is the quickening of the foetus in the womb seen in the birth of the Soul at the Winter Solstice (the born again experience of the Soul); Easter is the actual birth of the human ego into the new kingdom of spiritual light seen at the Spring Equinox. **As we study it is my hope that you begin to see this plan of the Spiritual Salvation of mankind written in Heaven "above" and in Nature "below" for this is the teaching venue of God and has been for thousands of years.** It is a delivery of sorts for the Soul within the fleshly matter of our bodies. Not surprisingly the ancient philosophy was at times designated as midwifery. Socrates said he was a midwife, presiding at the birth of the Soul into truth.

This glorious body, the Augoeides of the Greeks and the Sahu of the Egyptians, can be built up only from the **union of Spirit and body in the human kingdom.** For it is formed on its material side from the particles of radiant essence generated from the cells of the body, at the center of which even modern science now declares there are "radiogens" on intensely hot nuclei of solar fire (Dr. Geo. W. Crile, of the Cleveland Laboratories). No new birth of higher life can be generated save by the interaction or conjunction of Spirit and matter in some organic form. Man is the kingdom where these two meet to be joined in one higher union. Paul states this clearly when he says:

Eph 2:14 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (KJV)

Had this principle of ancient philosophy been kept in the knowledge of the early Church, Christianity would not now be the outcast from modern intelligent appreciation that it is. Nor would they have mistakenly misrepresented or misinterpreted "the Christ" and the blood of million would not have been split during the Middle Ages.

The Roman Church might have lost this Divine Ancient Truth but many outside the Church has captured this Divine truth of the Divine Spark in the flesh of mankind as seen in their legacy of myths and legends of their **allegorized "sungods" which were always understood and interpreted as but metaphoric pictures and symbols of the indwelling Divine who came to live in all matter and ultimately into the flesh of man.** Unknown to me in the beginning of my studies this Divine Spark was symbolized by various figures at different times and in different places by almost every nation under the Sun. The names of these symbols of God in matter were Osiris/Horus, Orpheus, Dionysus, Mithra, Krishna, Adonis, Tammuz, Hercules and so on. Eventually, as my studies grew, I would find the "keys" necessary to see and understand this parallel story of this Descent of the Divine and Soul into matter as told exactly alike in the "Jesus Story". But this understanding would only come when I became competent in Comparative religions, Gnosticism, and Judaism where I would eventually gather the necessary "keys" for the Ancient allegorical interpretation of the Divine Soul as told through the lives of the sungods as taken from Astronomy and the movement of the path of the Sun through the Comos. This is absolutely the most fascinating study I have every done and my excitement to see God's true

"Doctrines of Christ" written in the stars brings tears to my eyes that the Creator would allow me to see such depths of His being and His true revelation to mankind that Rome and other nations have so desperately tried to destroy over the millennia. It would take me years but my continued and diligent research paid off when my studies into Gnosticism and Astronomy and Egypt progressed to the levels necessary to awaken my Spirit to this unbelievable insight which goes lost to most of mankind today. I experienced what Paul said:

Eph 5:14 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (KJV)

Humbly speaking I over time birthed into and awakened to a heightened understanding of God like never before and His simple message to all mankind written above our heads in the Sky above which was understood by the Spiritual Masters of old and which was duplicated verbatim in the Laws of Nature that mimicked the Laws of Heaven above. I don't expect you to understand this yet having not studied this website but from the observation of the Laws of the Heavens and Nature the Ancient Spiritual masters had revealed to them the "Doctrines of Christ" we read about in our Bibles today. This is absolutely fascinating when you see it for yourself. As my studies progressed I realized that I had before me, in mouth of "two witnesses" (the Laws operating in the Heavens "above" and in Nature "below", the earliest salvation message of God to mankind and it was liberating to see the unadulterated and genuine love of God for man no mixed with fear which most religions gender in one or more ways. One only has to look at the history of the Christian Church to get a grasp on the horrors perpetrated in the name of "Jesus". The bottom line to all of this is through advanced study I would come to see that every one of these various "sungods" were but symbolic and allegorical presentations of the Descent of God, the Soul into matter (the flesh of mankind). This is the "true Christ" as it has been taught since the beginning of time immemorial and handed down basically unaltered until the 3rd century where we find Rome "reinterpreting" the whole of the Ancient religious world.

Answer for yourself: And what was this once again?

All sungods, in one way or the other, were but representations of "the Christ" or the Divine within all matter, even the flesh of mankind. The people of the ancient world knew that these figures and myths of these sungods depicting literally science and physics, of the presence of the Creative Energy and Spirit, God in all matter, were symbolic representations and not historical men and it is we today who do not and fall into the trap of believing that they were real historical personages like we do with the "Jesus Story" which is but a parallel to all the other sungod stories prior to the first century. This should speak volumes to the reader when he considers that the "Jesus Story" is in reality the same story of these host of sungods with hundreds and hundreds of unbelievable parallels to be found to the lives and sayings of these prior sungods that existed thousands and thousands of years prior to the assumed historical Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Where does the concept of this Christ/Karast/Krist originate? We find it in the beginning of recorded time in Egypt and it was from this found of Religious revelation that all other world religions have come in one way or the other.

Some 2,000 years ago in the area of the eastern Mediterranean, the divine spark within all was called the Christ (from karast or krist, Egyptian for the anointed mummy). My studies, over time, came to reveal to me that early, pre-Roman "literalist" Christianity found in the Gnostic "Chrestians", was but a re-statement of this same Ancient Wisdom" that had been handed down intact since the beginning of time where the use of allegory and myth had captured this metaphysical concept of God, the Cosmic Energy of the Universe and Pure Spirit, which had come to be represented in the visible realm of matter. Ironically and unknown to us due to the Roman lies and alteration of history and religious texts since they won the wars and defeated Israel in 70 C.E., Christians of any intelligence during the first two centuries at least did not regard their movement as the bearer of the first light into the heathen darkness, but only the republication of the same ancient truth expressed in the New Age of Pisces.

If you read enough of the early Church Fathers of the Christian faith then you find that at times they confirm this truth of the plagiarism and "reinterpretation" of Ancient Wisdom as regarding early Christianity. Many of

these early Church Fathers teach us that Christianity, was in the beginning, a reiteration of these prior "pagan truths" of God. [Here is a quote from Augustine](#) that is quite alarming yet revealing to the "thinking believer". I suggest that you read the whole article linked above to get the whole truth about what Augustine believed in this regard.

"That which is known as the Christian religion existed among the ancients, and never did not exist; from the beginning of the human race until the time when Christ came in the flesh, at which time the true religion, which already existed began to be called Christianity" (Retractt. I, xiii, cited by Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn in his Shadow of The Third Century, Elizabeth N.J.: Academy Press, 1949, p.3). Please take the time to re-read this quote above from Augustine.

When I first read this quote from Augustine I can remember the puzzle pieces that began to fall into place in my quest to discover the origin and true meaning of my birth faith.

The gist of what will constitute the teaching articles on this website is to be found expressed with wholly unexpected frankness and conclusiveness in the above statement of the sainted Augustine, who has often been given the title of "Founder of Christian Theology." This citation from his writings virtually could stand as the "golden text" of my work and investigative studies into the origin of my birth faith, Christianity, as it is a concise condensation and summary of the central theme of the various Websites of Bet Emet Ministries are trying to reveal to students and reader from a host of different angles and perspectives. This reproduction of Augustine's quote from the "Father of Christian Theology" is hoped will become the "shot heard round the world" that will awaken the mass consciousness to the realization of the fantastic delusion of **literalized and historicized Scriptural myths as found in the "Jesus Story"** which has steeped the minds of untold millions in dumb superstition over so many centuries under the name of Roman and Protestant Christianity. **This quote, when studied out and properly understood, is world-shaking in its implications.**

This astonishing declaration was made in the early fourth century of our era. It can be asserted with little chance of refutation that if this affirmation of the pious Augustine had not sunk out of sight, but had been kept in open view through the period of Western history, the whole course of that history would have been vastly altered for the better. It is only too likely the case that the obvious implications of the passage were of such a nature that its open exploitation was designedly frowned upon by the ecclesiastical authorities in every age. It held the kernel of a great truth the common knowledge of which would have been a stumbling-block in the way of the perpetuation of priestly power over the general Christian mind.

Answer for yourself: And why was this?

It would have provoked inquiry, questions, and study, like mine and hopefully yours, and in so doing disarmed the ecclesiastical prestige of much of its power. When in Seminary when confronted with this and other passages I knew "something was wrong" but I could not, at that time, put my finger on it but I would in time through diligent and dedicated research and study over the years. The fruit of such studies is found today in my websites.

Answer for yourself: Do you realize that Augustine's quote is a point-blank repudiation of all the chief religious tenets on which the later structure of "literalized" and "carnalized" Christian tradition will rest along with its presentation of a "historical and literal Christ" having existed in the first century?

Every child born to Christian parents in eighteen centuries has been indoctrinated with the pure and simple belief that Christianity was a completely unique, new, and the first *true*, religion in world history; that it was granted to the world from God Himself and brought to earth by the sole divine emissary ever commissioned to convey God's truth to mankind. Christianity, through its own doctrines and missions, positioned itself to appear as if it was the only hope for the world to find God and His salvation and used fear of damnation as the catalyst for its various agendas. Literalized Christianity positioned itself to appear as if it was God's vehicle to extinguish the Ancient Spiritual Light and did so in redefining of the World's Ancient Wisdom and Spiritual Knowledge of the Ancients as nothing more than "Pagan darkness".

Augustine shatters this illusion with his quote of early Christianity being little more than a "reinterpretation" of Ancient Wisdom from the foundation of the world.

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us?

Simply that what is called "Christianity" in the first century is not the same "Christianity" in the middle 3rd and 4th centuries! I have found from my studies and I invite the readers to do the same, that there is a big, big difference from early Christianity of, say, the first two centuries and the Christianity of the mid-3rd and 4th centuries.

Answer for yourself: And what again is this change?

The prior understanding of God from an allegorical, symbolic, and metaphoric understanding of the Divine along with the allegorical and mystical understanding of "the Christ" will be utterly lost and destroyed through the efforts of the emerging Roman military and religious force and influence in the world and in its place the ignorant masses will be saturated with falsified religious texts which repudiate the earlier Ancient Wisdom and understanding of God and "the Christ".

Augustine asserts that from remotest antiquity there has always existed in the world the true religion given mankind by God that had existed among all nations for thousands and thousands of years. This "true" religion, this only revelation of God to man, had illuminated the intellects of the most ancient Sages, Prophets, Priests and Kings for thousands and thousands of years. It built the foundation for every national religion, whose tenets consisted of reformulations of its universal ageless principles of knowledge and wisdom.

Answer for yourself: And what were various names of this Divine "true religion" of God given to the Ancients?

It went under a variety of designations:

- Hermeticism in ancient Egypt;
- Orphism in early Greece;
- Zoroastrianism in Persia;
- Brahmanism in India;
- Taoism in China;
- Shintoism in Japan and China, etc.

Once you come to see and understand "God's true religion" from our studies and other websites and see it revealed to you as it was to the Ancients in the Heavens "Above" and in Nature "Below" then you will come to understand that in no matter what garbled and perverted form it would come to be devolved over time mankind always has had access to God's true religion.

Ps 14:2 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. (KJV)

Mystery cultism dramatized and **ritualized this "One Religion of God"** in many lands down through recorded history. The similarities about from nation to nation.

Answer for yourself: Why was that? Simply said the deepest Spiritual masters saw the same things in the Heavens and in Nature where God manifested Himself and His message to mankind.

Social gatherings around annual festivals at the equinoxes and solstices, nation's legends and folk-lore and myths carried "God's One True Religion" down the stream of time. Always has it existed among men; never was it not present in the world for God was repeatedly teaching "the same things" both "Above" and "Below" through the demonstration of the Laws of the Cosmos as seen in Heaven and Nature. Repeated yearly through repetitive cycles and patterns of God's Cosmos was this "religion" or this "message" understood as a

"rehearsal" for all mankind till they come to the unity of **'the'** faith". Over time, hardly ever apprehended at its real value, its representations badly misconceived, its message warped and travestied at every turn in popular practice, this one religion of God given to mankind yet existed and came down to Augustine's day for he knew it and was aware of its existence in the Christianity of "his day" despite new efforts to nullify and change it by men like Constantine and the Nicean council. Unknown to most Christians is the background of Augustine. He who had been reared early in the cult of Mani, with all its esoteric exposition of cosmogony, anthropology and theocracy. He would later set at the feet of Plotinus and from him transmitted to the new faith that took the name of Christianity Plotinus's three fundamental hypostases, the One, the Oversoul and the World Soul.

Answer for yourself: Do you know what this is (the One, the Oversoul and the World Soul)? This is the original Christian Trinity.

Knowing Augustine's instruction in philosophy, cosmogony, anthropology, and theocracy, then it is quite understandable that Augustine says in this famous quote that this **"new religion" is not "new" after all**, but he was rather only giving a new impetus in this new Age of Pisces to this old system of cabalistic truth, and for the first time it was called after the new Greek term provided by Hellenism for the central element of all true religion, **the Christos or as Christianity as we are familiar with it today** (Alvin Kuhn, Shadow Of The Third Century: A Revaluation of Christianity, p.4). Let us not forget that the earliest follows of "the Christ" in the first century were called "Chrestians" and not "Christians" no matter what the later written Second New Testament of Rome might say.

Understand thoroughly that it was as if Augustine had said that this exalted religion of Christianity has existed in the world from the beginning; this Ancient Wisdom Religion given to all mankind in the beginning of time has borne many names and been exploited in varied forms. But Augustine believed that it was to their merit that at last it has been given its highest name it ever bore, Christianity, the religion of "the Christos" or "the Christ" which again is the Divine mediator between Energy - Spirit (God) and matter (the flesh of mankind) which is the divine principle in all men and women. Nowhere here is any place in Augustine's thoughts or beliefs is a "historical" Jesus Christ.

But things were to change and change rapidly for the seeds of this change have been planted now since the latter second century by men like Ignatius, Justin, and Irenaeus. The above is an accurate understanding of what Augustine believed and thought in the fourth century. True was his statement-in part. For sadly the newly declared religion into which he had gravitated, that had indeed drawn every single item of its theology and its ritual, of its symbols and its festivals, from that antique code, had already, even as he wrote, so far lost or perverted every facet of that ancient light that it stood as a grotesque caricature, indeed even a flat inversion, of the glorious system of archaic truth. **In fact the movement which Augustine was helping to start on its course, and which he called the "true" religion, "already" existent, was farther from being a continuation of that extolled earlier heritage than almost any other reformulation of it known to history, the direst and most tragic corruption of it in all the ages.** Truly, had he really possessed the full and profound fundamentals and principles of that earlier Spiritual Mystery and Religious Tradition of the Ancients, he would have been keenly aware that the new development he was so unctuously leading, so far from being a straight perpetuation of that great tradition, was almost its total negation and obliteration. Such is the evil fruit that would come from the false "literalization" and "carnalization" of "the Christ within". Had he known what lay ahead for this "reiteration of Ancient Allegorical Spiritual Truth" and its later "literalization" he would have known that, instead of being a new presentation and revivification of that venerable wisdom-lore, the creed of his espousal was even then the certainty of its eventual death. It would take Rome 5 centuries to stamp out Gnosticism and the Ancient Wisdom Religion and force it "underground" to where it resides even today. Before Augustine passed off the scene, in the late fourth century, the religion of his fervent love had already desecrated the structure and prostituted the venerated Spiritual Message of that antecedent cultus, leaving it a meaningless jargon of inscrutable and conflicting creeds, empty formularies, uncomprehended rituals with its mass of conflicting Scriptural books, over which it was doomed to feud and bicker in mindless futility and venomous theological disputation for two full centuries. I speak of the separation of Eastern and

Western Christianity in their doctrinal struggles over the centuries. Augustine, in his lifetime, failed to see that the new wave of religionism that he originally espoused had little right to the august Hellenic name of "Christ" which it had laid hold on, and which it had already degraded. He failed to see that this new cult, so far from republishing and reanimating that ancient tradition of sacred philosophy, was destined to smother and virtually extinguish that living truth of God and His Christ which had been handed down since the beginning of time. This "literalization" of previous Divine Allegorical Spiritual Truth, instead of lifting the world out of heathen darkness into the light, put out the great light that had so long shone and plunged the Western Hemisphere into darkness. And in that darkness it still lingers and gropes its uncertain way after eighteen hundred years.

For with the hatred of books, learning and philosophy already in full swing, the fell hostility of the new popular evangelism to anything savoring of culture and erudition had already swept out the arcane literature, and its frenzied course had not stopped until it had sent up in flames the most precious collection of books in the world at any time - the great Alexandrian library. Added to this tragic loss is Rome's obliteration of the last of the great Platonic Academies in the Hellenic world. After Justinian's order to close up the last Platonic school in the sixth century came the Dark Ages. And this period of ignorance, be it observed, extended precisely over the area covered by the spread of this spurious faith, and continued to throw its pall of ignorance and gloom upon this part of the world during the time of its dominance. Carrying its own darkness with it as it went, it yet has had the incredible nerve to call itself the light of the world, and to charge other cultures with generating the forces of darkness. Such is the story that few have heard and fewer still ever studied out for themselves.

Answer for yourself: How could a historical and literal Christ in the flesh, assumed to be Jesus, a dying and rising godman of the first century, be known by all mankind since the beginning of the human race unless this "Jesus Christ" is not "literal" or "historical" as we have been led to believe by Rome and their fictionalized New Testament?

Answer for yourself: Could this "Jesus Christ" of assumed history, this "Christ in the flesh" of a man that we read about in our New Testaments today, be the core of nothing more than the later "literalization" of the earlier mystical and allegorical Gnostic understanding of the Divine Descent of the Soul (the Christ) into matter, the flesh of all mankind and not limited to one person in Galilee as Rome has done?

Answer for yourself: Was this Spiritual Concept of mankind hosting God, the Divine Uncreated Intelligent Architect Energy of the Universe, in the fleshy human bodies of all mankind, be a Spiritual Concept that later became lost at the agenda and pens of Rome when they **reinterpreted God and His Christ and confined it to one person** who is not longer with us but is hoped to return at some later date?

Answer for yourself: Can you grasp the terrible damage done by Rome and their "historical Jesus Christ" to such a Spiritual Concept where mankind is given license for his moral failures and lack of righteous deeds and told to wait for the answer and forgiveness from Heaven which will come one day and fix everything when the true answer of God in His Christ lies slumbering in the hearts of mankind, unknown to most, awaiting its resurrection and awakening to empower man to be God's co-laborer in the continued Creation whereby this world would realize its ultimate goal and potential: **"So Above, So Below"?**

Remembering Galatians 4:19 and I Corinthians 3:16 for a second we remember how the Ancient Gnostics understood that the indwelling God of the Cosmos was birthed in some mystical way within all matter including the womb of all humanity. Each individual is in reality gestating a divinity within the very depths of his own nature. Christianity has fervently exhorted us to look into the highest reaches of Heaven to find the unapproachable God. All the while the infant deity slumbers unheeded within the heart of mankind waiting for man to awaken to this true being hidden within him. All that is needed is the renewing of man's darkened mind to the Spiritual reality "asleep" within him...that he is the manifestation of the Divine in matter! That is why the Gnostics always said: **"Know who you are, know from where you came, know to where you will go"!**

Eph 5:14 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (KJV)

Christianity and its "carnalization" and "literalization" of the "Christ within" by Rome in the 3rd century has largely nullified the force of St. Paul's almost frantic cry to us: *1 Cor 3:16 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (KJV)*

One can study and see for himself that down through recorded history the supreme Creator is given various names, such as "the First Cause", "the Great Spirit", "God", "the One", etc. The Ancients taught that Creative Energy emanates from this "One" and manifests in various ways, depending on the plane or level of existence that is involved. The Ancients called these manifestations "gods" and "goddesses. Sadly again we have been taught to believe that Ancient man believed in multiple gods but modern research has clarified much of this misunderstanding by showing that the Ancients understood that within this "One", this "Single Unity", are many manifestations more appropriately interpreted as the "attributes of God".

This brings us to a familiar concept once again. The Ancient Egyptian word, "neter", and its feminine form, "netert", have been wrongly, and possibly intentionally, translated by Christian preconditioning to "god" and "goddess", by almost all academicians. Neteru (plural of neter/netert) are accurately defined as the Divine Principles and functions of the One Supreme God. The Ancient Egyptians believed in One Unity, One God, who was self-produced, self-existent, immortal, invisible, eternal, omniscient, almighty, etc. This One God was represented through the functions and attributes of "His" domain (Spirit & Matter, Visible & Invisible). These attributes were called the "neteru" (masculine singular) and "neteru" (feminine singular). The terms "gods" and "goddesses" are tragic misrepresentations of the Egyptian term "neteru". **Simply the neter (God) is the source of everything and that exists, the Creator and Power or Force or Energy that sustains life and matter.**

Let me begin by saying that all indigenous people have always believed in One God. This one God expressed Himself in many forms. This is often confusion to many of us, who were raised in the west especially under Protestant influence. But when you begin to understand that Neter (God) is the one and only Being that created everything you will see that everything that exists in nature, is nothing but another manifestation of the Greatness of Neter.

We, in this and the previous article, have spent some time to document just when and how mankind lost this Divine legacy and the fruit of this loss of this Gnosis and "keys" to proper interpretation of "the Christ". This is seen in the later quotes of Church authorities the least of which is not Pope Leo X and his famous quote on the historical Jesus Christ:

"What profit has not that fable of Christ brought us!" Pope Leo X.

We will show on this website as we have on others by our Ministry that the emanation of living streams of being, energy, and intelligence from the "First Cause", called the Ensof, the first fount of all things, was later "carnalized" and "historicized" by Roman Christianity in the 3rd century; the result of which is the "literalized Jesus Story". Plato, drawing from the fount of earlier Egyptian understandings of the Divine in the Cosmos, represented in his writings this "life in the Spirit/Energy of the Cosmos" as unfolding from within itself at the beginning of a new period of manifestation, and proceeding outward or downward from a summit of pure spirit into ever-denser forms of creation and matter. Think of a "ladder" between Heaven and Earth and you have the idea. This One Life pours forth its power and essence in streams, called "rivers of vivification", "from on high as far as to the last of things," bringing all forms of life into existence and ensouling all forms with more or less of its own mighty being. At each step of the way out, or down, this life takes embodiment in coarser forms of cosmic matter, thus giving birth to the greater and lesser gods of various ranks. For the gods and goddesses are but forces and powers in the Cosmos that are part of this One Unity (neteru) and as such are embodiments of the several grades and forms of nature's life, power and intelligence. The whole creation forms a chain of beings reaching from the lowest mineral crystals to the highest God. Somewhere in this chain stands man, and Plato tells us where it is. Humanity occupies a place of great strategic importance in the hierarchy, standing precisely at the point of junction between the highest animal and the truly human kingdom. Man is the creature that is fashioned to bridge the gap between the animal and the divine order. Hence his nature is compounded of the two elements, the animal and the godlike, in one organism, making it possible for the higher to "lift up" or

humanize the lower "nature".

Answer for yourself: Is it any wonder why this Bible is full of terminology of such a tension between such two realms of existence and opposing forces or termed another way "dualism" (light vs dark; good vs bad; spirit vs flesh, etc.)?

In his Timaeus Plato gives us the remarkable speech of the Demiurgus (Creative Logos) to the "junior gods," who were the divine beings commissioned by the Lords of Karma to come to earth and be the gods embodied in an animal race that had no chance of reaching the next level of evolution without such tutelage. In it the Demiurgus enjoins the deities to come to earth and "unite mortal with immortal natures," promising them that they would "never be dissolved," **if they held fast to their oath of purity and the covenant which they made with their Overlord.**

Answer for yourself: What is Plato speaking about?

This is the covenant in the Old Testament which the Lord tells the Children of Israel (mankind as vessels for the indwelling Spirit of God) that they have broken times without number. For the gods (the neteru), once incarnated in fleshly bodies, fell under the cloud of oblivion and "drank the waters of Lethe, lost their divine memory and went "the way of all flesh" into carnality and beastliness. Lethe is the name for the supposed allegorical river in Hades whose waters caused forgetfulness. But after rebellion they finally came to earth, incarnated in mortal bodies of flesh and thus linked a divine principle of intelligence with a body and a sensual animal nature. And this fact is the basis of all religion; namely the descent of the Spirit into matter as human beings thereby being but an imperfect image of God in the flesh and we don't remember from where we have come. The Ancients taught that man is both a "god" (small "G") and a "beast" capable of the greatest evils residing in one organism (matter, flesh). In reality he is a "god" tabernacling in the flesh of an animal.

Ps 82:6 6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. (KJV)

John 10:34 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (KJV)

Further proof of this concept is to be found in the Book of Daniel, chapter 3 and 5, where we find the King, who represents the divine soul, that he shall come to live with the animals and be given the mind of an animal. A hundred texts from the old books confirm this statement of the linking of the two diverse natures in one organism (in our case the human being). And this great basic fact is the heart of Theosophy. Theosophy is a System of philosophy and religious thought that believes that the truest knowledge comes not through reason or senses, but through a direct communication of the soul with the Divine Reality.

We have, then, beginning with Egypt and continuing on in Greek philosophy the "descent of the soul" or the advent of the gods. This is equated in the old Christian tradition by the legend of "the fall of the angels," the fall of Lucifer. I will explain the Lucifer reference in the following article. This same Law of Incubation is outlined in full by the Prodigal Son allegory, and hinted at in many other places in the Bible but goes unnoticed by most by our preconditioning to take everything we read in the Bible as if "literal truth". If you do the studies and fail to notice the parallels in the "Jesus Story" to comparative religions as well as fail to see that they "key" to the proper interpretation of the "Jesus Story" is found in an allegorical approach to understanding the hidden mysteries of the Soul that lay beneath the surface of it then your efforts in apprehending Divine Truth in this Bible will be the most unfruitful venture you have ever undertaken.

We as human beings are on earth, then, to come to self-consciousness of our true existence as divinities, but to do it by working through and with an animal as a lower level of the creative order. Simply said we are here to educate, refine, humanize and finally divinize, an animal! We are in bodies, which properly are not ours, but those of the animal Soul, who is our instinctual lower self. We are assigned the duty of "taming" this creature and conforming it to ways of intelligence and brotherhood. We must teach it the better way of curbing its savage instincts, its lusts and greed inherited from its wild experience in the animal orders, and must lead it upward to a final assimilation into the nature of the angel, its tutor.

Answer for yourself: But how was the god to link his higher nature with the body of the animal so far below his stature?

The purpose of the Torah is to transform us. Our purpose in life is to become like the Creator, thereby becoming one with Him. If this is to happen we must sanctify this animal flesh and elevate it spiritually through the evolution and perfection of our Souls. This is based in the spiritual law that when two spiritual beings are exactly alike, they become one. Once we become one with the Creator, we are one with endless joy and happiness, one with fulfillment, for this is the essence of the Creator and the purpose for our existence.

The very fundamentals of religion are interwoven with the answer to this question. For religions grew out of this relation between the god and his animal protege. Religions were not originally forms of mere cult sentimentalism and piety. They were regimes of ritual and ethical practice designed to keep man in memory of his divine estate, and to hold him to the obligations of the "broad oaths fast sealed" (Empedocles) of his covenant to raise up the lower self, while keeping himself "unspotted from the world." **The technique of our incarnation is philosophically described under the terms of the great Law of Incubation.**

We move now to the [third and final article in this introductory series](#) where we deal with the Laws of Dismemberment and Remembrance.

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RESTORING THE "KEYS" TO PROPER BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION OF "THE CHRIST" #3

We left off the earlier article in this series speaking of how Divinity had been lodged in the holy of holies of the temple of each human body. Emanuel (God with us) "literally" had come to dwell with mankind. This we saw was called by the Ancient Spiritual Masters the Law of Incubation.

The second Law that Plato teaches us about and which was taught by the Ancient Egyptians is the Law of Dismemberment. When one sees how extensively this Law of Dismemberment was featured in the Book of the Dead and other books of wisdom, it becomes next to incomprehensible how it fell into total desuetude in the Christian system. For it is the key to the divinity of man and the humanity of the god. It is the basic principle beneath our understanding of all Christology. It gives us the entire rationale of the incarnation.

Briefly the Law of Dismemberment is thus set forth: as a principle of Ancient's religious systems, beginning with Egypt and finding its high water mark in Plato's philosophy, we come to understand this Ancient Wisdom as the division or partition of unit divine nature or essence into multiple fragments, the breaking up of the Oneness of God into many portions or gods. As the principle back of the incarnation, it is the breaking of the unified life of the god on his own high plane into fragments for the sake of taking lodgment in multiple bodies. Plato informs us that as the one life flows forth or descends into manifestation, the farther it proceeds from its source in homogeneity, the weaker is its power and the more numerous is its fragmentation. At each step of the descent it must suffer a reduction of its total force, which can only be effected by "partition" into fragments. The Great Light breaks up into lesser lights, the Great Fire into lesser sparks. A perfect analogy is seen in the letting fall of any large compact body of water or other liquid from a high place; it is thrown into infinite small particles by the opposition of the air and other causes. Deity breaks up into fragments as it descends, and according to the New Testament miracle there were twelve groups of these "fragments."

Answer for yourself: How could the total power and enormous energy of the god be embodied in the brain and nervous system of a single human body? It would "blow out the fuse" of any man to be suddenly subjected to the full dynamic power of such an energy as that represented by a god. One does not feed a child a whole loaf of bread, but gives it only fragments. So we, as mankind, are fed on the broken bread of life.

Answer for yourself: How again could the divine nature and power be made universally accessible to all men, or distributed amongst them, without dividing itself into fragments, so that a portion might be given to each individual? It is supremely simple; yet this simple principle underlying all theology has been lost out of Christian doctrines. And the world has been rent with bitter warfare, and much of the most sordid inhumanity to man ever known has been perpetrated, because this basic understanding was lost out of theology. The full power of divinity is too high for us to sustain; it would wreck our organism. So we receive each one a reduced portion--all we can contain.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that there various accounts from the ancient religious world of the god being dismembered.

Answer for yourself: When did this story begin? Well, like all religions, its genesis and origin began with Egypt

who understood this Divine Spiritual Concept first of all nations. The myths of the ancient gods in many cases convey this deep meaning in the form of the (symbolic) cutting of the body of the god in pieces, which are scattered over the earth, later to be reassembled by the Son, who restores the deity whole. Even with these fables of Osiris, Dionysus, Tammuz, Mithra and many others hinting at the plain truth, Christian blindness has gone on perverting the basic meaning of the Eucharist.

The principle explains for the first time also the significance of the phrase, the Lord of Hosts. As each Lord divides into a host of fragments, it is a simple matter to see him in his divided totality as a Lord of a Host. Plato indeed says, "Each superior god becomes the leader of a multitude, engendered from himself," his split fragments.

Osiris is the prototype for all later sungods and all later "Jesus Stories". In the myth of Osiris we find that he was cut up into fourteen pieces by Typhon or Set (the destructive force), to allow for his entry into matter. Isis, the great mother, gives birth to Horus, son of Osiris and the god risen into our earthly human life. Isis, the great Mother, found she was pregnant with Horus on August 23, the day the sun enters the zodiac sign of Virgo. How apt to designate the "conception" of the Divine Soul in matter with this symbolism. Virgo, an earth sign, is represented as a young woman holding an ear of wheat. In Egypt Virgo was called the "house of bread" (Bethlehem in Hebrew). The god, symbolized by bread, is "food" for mortals. In like manner, and in a parallel myth, we find the same Divine teaching that Dionysus, a sungod symbolic for the Creator, was torn apart then made whole by Demeter. When seen in this light, the meaning of the crucifixion is obvious. **The crucifixion and death of the god, as told in the myths of the sungods, was not an historical event, but a retelling of the age old story of the mystical death of the Divine Uncreated Intelligent Energy of the Cosmos (God) to allow Him to enter the human physical plane of existence.**

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the crucifix (a man on the cross) only came into being with Pope Gregory late in the 6th century? For their first 500 hundred years Christians used the simple cross (without any



figure on it) as their major symbol. The cross is an ancient understood by the earliest followers of the Christ (Gnostics) to be a simple symbol depicting the union of spirit and matter (the intersection of two planes of existence...Spirit/Matter) and we find it again beginning in Egypt with the cross of Egypt called the ankh. The circle symbolizes Eternal Life and the cross below it represents the material plane (the intersection of Divine Energy and Matter). The Ankh is called the "Crux Ansata," it is of Egyptian origin and can be traced to the Early Dynastic Period, appearing frequently in artwork of various material and in relief, depicting the Gods.



It was common among the Ancients for bread to be used as symbol of the god's body and Divine powers to be transferred to humans. The bread has to be broken and then multiplied in order to reach all humans: Most Christians are not aware that in the heart of its own chief rite of formalism (the Eucharist in Catholicism and Communion in Protestantism) this great doctrine lives in unsuspected wholeness. St. Paul makes a specific announcement of it in I Corinthians 11:23-24:

1 Cor 11:23-24 23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What lies behind such a story?

Here we find hidden in this simple story the fragmentation of the god announced at the very heart of the

Christian Eucharist! The body of the god, in the form of His "Christ" (Messiah) is broken for all mankind and has come to tabernacle in the flesh of mankind. If the Christian Church had all along known what "the broken body of our Lord" meant in terms of Platonic philosophy, the whole course of western history would have been altered mightily. Instead it quarreled over the Greek word rendered "broken" in futile negation of its true meaning, and missed the true gleam of the light of the world.

Col1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you (God in you), the hope of glory: (KJV)

The main symbol in all Christian ritual is the **breaking** of a piece of bread into fragments and distributing them out among the communicants! The Eucharistic symbolism of eating the Lord's body has likewise been missed.

Answer for yourself: What can it mean beyond partaking spiritually of his spiritual nature? "God is a spirit" and can be assimilated only spiritually. To convey this idea to dull mortal comprehension the ancient sages devised the outward rite, actually eating symbolic bread and drinking symbolic wine, and Christian literalists have argued (and fought) for centuries over the question whether the actual life of deity was or was not in the elements themselves!

Answer for yourself: In the light of such situations as this, and it can be duplicated in scores of other doctrines, how can any one fail to see the world's need of the Ancient Wisdom, and the restoration of the luminous Platonic Theosophy?

The writer of the Gospel of John has told us in ringing passages about ***"that bread which came down from heaven, whereof if a man eat he shall hunger no more." "For he who eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life."***

It is impossible to realize except by long study and reflection to what extent the literalization of the Bible and the Gospel narrative has deprived the human mind of the intellectual nourishment on which it was expected to feed. None but one who has examined these ancient allegories and seen point by point how they have been turned into fruitless and meaningless miracles and earthly incidents, can appreciate the enormity of the miscarriage of ancient truth in its symbolic transmission to modern "intelligence." It is, when fully seen, the most monstrous marvel of ignorance and superstition perhaps in human history. The ancients used outward nature and human actions to type spiritual truth. We have converted their spiritual allegories into the merest outward shell of truth, because Christianity became predominantly a movement among the ignorant.

Thus we see in this simple ritual the rehearsal of the Divine Truth that God has projected a ray of His own life into humans. In man the Divine seed is the **Christos**. Egypt called it the "Karast" but names may change but the Divine Concept is what is of importance. The cosmic God is hardly an object of worship by humanity; but that segmented portion of infinite Being that is tabernacled within the flesh of mortals that is the actual divinity assigned to receive the attention and homage of mankind. The closest we come to finding God is when we look within and listen to that still small voice within and come to be merge our Spirit and Flesh into oneness.

In Plato's Timeaus and other ancient documents twelve junior gods, who were sparks of the eternal Flame of cosmic mind, came to earth to lift up humans from their animal nature to realize their Divine Souls within. Our earthly task, according to Paul, is to link together the two natures in "one new man", bringing to an end in a final "reconciliation" "the battle of Armageddon", the unending warfare between the carnal mind of the animal and the spiritual mind of the god. St. Paul said:

1 Cor 6:19 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (KJV)

Religion is far more than a attitude of mystical feeling; it was in origin a series of codes, principles, fundamentals, essentials, and practices given by the those of deep Spiritual sensitivity to early mankind to

awaken the lethargic genius of our actual divinity slumbering within. Later these actions were "ritualized" and immortalized for all time in various Law codes seen in the history of Egypt and Israel and other nations like Babylon. These Laws of God, when obeyed, like the Torah and the 42 Negative Confessions in Egypt, provide man with the vehicle and essential knowledge that enables him to press forward in his evolutionary development from the animal nature to the Divine nature. Ignorance, illiteracy, wars, selfishness, hatred, folly, and antisemitism by the Christian Church down through its history almost banished this knowledge from all humans. Our present business is to struggle to regain that lost knowledge and actuate it in our lives.

The concept of the god within is well stated in *The Litany of the Sun*, inscribed on the Tombs of the Kings of ancient Thebes:

"The Kingly Osiris [the Christ] is an intelligent Essence. His Limbs conduct Him; His 'Fleshes' open the way for Him. Those who are born from him create Him. They rest when they cause the Kingly Osiris to be born. It is He who causes them to be born. It is he who engenders them. It is he who causes them to exist. His Birth is the Birth of Ra in Amenti [this world]. He causes the Kingly Osiris to be born; He causes the birth of Himself" (G.R.S. Mead, The Gnostic Crucifixion, London, 1907, p. 61).

It must be understood that no human being is God and no human can ever be God. Using the Sun as an analogy, we can see that there is a tiny bit of Sun energy in plants and living creatures. No one in their right mind would claim that they were the Sun because they had this tiny Sun spark within. Likewise, there is a tiny bit of God's energy in humans, but woe to anyone who thinks that he is God.

If you have done any study into Gnosticism or even the authentic Paul then we find the subject of which they most often speak, these "spiritualists" and their ancient scriptures, is of the Soul, this "God's energy", being trapped in the prison of the body.

Rom 7:24 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (KJV)

But the way out of this "body of death" is not to disdain the body and seek a life of pure spirit through mistaken asceticism. We can not escape our obligation to the animal who is lending us his body for our Soul's own advancement. Our task is to sanctify our bodies and all actions taken by us and this is accomplished by living according to our Covenants and Commandments contained within them. We, as "living gods" and Souls, and fragments of God's energies, came to transform these brute bodies and the environments in which we live. That is why the teachings in Judaism are so precious for they deal with this in detail as they focus on life and "attaining in this life" through proper deeds as opposed to Christianity which is focused on death and "attaining after death" which again is based on what one "does" but what one "believes". You have to have the right doctrine but this seem ludicrous in light of over 2,000 different Christian denominations and differences in their beliefs in Jesus. I have found that one of these world religions is a false "credal" faith while the other, Judaism, the legacy of Egypt, is the proper expression of mankind's faith since based upon deeds which mould the Soul. One religion has it right, Judaism, and one has it wrong, Christianity, as I have been saying for years. I take joy living as a "godfearer" in the tents of Shem practicing a Jewish faith for the non-Jew.

Now get ready for a startling revelation. According to Plato and the ancients, hades, whom most connect in Christianity with a "burning and punishing hell", was not a place of punishment for departed human Souls as it is taught today. Again the meaning of so much Ancient spiritual knowledge has been changed by the Christian theologians down through history to instill fear into people since knowing that fear is a great motivator and Rome certainly built its strength and Empire on such fears. "Hades", as taught by the Ancients, is this earth, which is the realm of death of the Divine Soul (trapped in matter). The gods, these neteru, these Forces and Powers of God, came to descend into matter, symbolically dying so that we mortals might live. "Death" is nothing more than the transition of energy from one state to another. Life never ceases to exist. A Soul never ceases to exist just as energy never vanishes. It continues. It spreads. It has consequences and similar

ripples effects just as that person's choices and energy had during their life on this world. When humans have this right understanding of "who are they, where they have come from, and to where they go when they die, then they can birth the god, the Christ, asleep within them and thus uplift their earthly existence. If they fail then they remain "dead" men and women walking!

Eph 5:14 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (KJV)

These to whom Paul spoke were alive but yet "dead" to the truth of who they really are. Notice if you will that Paul says that when we awaken to our true Spiritual identity then the "awakened Christ within" becomes our teacher. Thus the emphasis on "knowledge" and "knowing" in ancient Christian Gnosticism. We must know whom we really are and the real message of God to us along with our moral and spiritual responsibilities while here.

The Ancients taught for thousands of years that as long as people are ignorant of their Divine purpose, the gods are dead and lie asleep within each of mankind, and this earth has become hades or the underworld to the gods. When we awaken to the Divine Soul within, we bring it to life, and in the words of St. Paul *"Death is swallowed up in victory."* Hell as a place of punishment in an after-life is simply a teaching of repression, widely used by the Church down through history in its "reinterpretation" of Ancient Wisdom. A just God does not deal out eternal punishment. The worst "punishments" we face are in this life. If we do not nurture the Divine Soul here and now, we punish ourselves by not achieving our true potential. A proper understanding of the Ancient Wisdom gives not only a correct understanding of hades and hell but also a correct understanding of Judgement. Judgement occurs here and now on this earthly plane of existence. Moral responsibility resides solely in the kingdom of man who is poised on the highest plane of existence between Spirit and matter. Man is the only creature in evolution so placed on actual division and plane between Spirit and matter. We are almost home. Thus so man is weighed on the scales of the balance, to see if his heart is so spiritualized as to be light as a feather! This again bring to mind how Egypt taught this concept for thousands of years. They called it the "weighing of the heart against truth".



One only has to study the Ancient Religion of Egypt to see the emphasis on the weighing of man's heart against the truth symbolized by a feather. The view that there is a once only Day of Judgement, to occur at an unknown time, abrogates human responsibility. It can cause unjustified fear, or a "drink and be merry tomorrow we die" approach to life. The symbolism of the Ancient Scriptures shows that man is the author of his destiny and is judged by his own actions daily. The ball is squarely in the court of man, and he must take responsibility for his actions each day of his life. Man sows and reaps in this life, either learning the Spiritual lessons intended for the further evolution of his Soul or not.

So we have seen the Divine Soul "fall from Heaven" into matter. The Divine Soul "falls" to earth and incarnates in human beings. Now hold on to your hat for this will be hard for most of you to listen to let alone grasp but it just goes to show you how much has changed and been "reinterpreted" by Roman Christianity and how much of the earliest Divine and Spiritual Truths invested in mankind had been altered and adulterated beyond recognition today. I wish to speak of this "falling" of the Light or Soul of God into matter using different and startling metaphors as was used by the Ancients. The word I wish to focus upon is Lucifer, the light bringer, which the Bible describes as "coming to earth."

Answer for yourself: How did he come to Earth?

We have already seen the Divine Soul becomes trapped in the animal body and originally this "falling of the Divine Soul into physical matter", and this God, as Divine Light and Energy falling and integrating into matter, was called Lucifer. That's right, God was called Lucifer before Christianity will later reinterpret the term "Lucifer" in this voracious anti-Gnosticism.

Answer for yourself: Can you grasp what I just said? Originally God and His Christ was called "Lucifer" before Rome reinterprets it and turns this Divine Religious Concept into Satan!

This is 180 degrees opposite from its original meaning held by the Ancients for thousands of years. This only goes to show you the degree of degradation of Divine Truth at the hands of antisemitic Rome during the early centuries of its existence and separation from its mother faith....Biblical Judaism. Let me explain more.

"Lucifer" is the Latin term originally used by the Romans to refer to the planet Venus when that planet was west of the sun and hence rose before the sun in the morning, thereby being the morning star. The same planet was called Hesperus, Cesperugo, Vesper, Noctifer, or Nocturnus, when it appeared in the heavens after sunset. Although 19th and 20th century occultists would equate other goddesses such as Astarte, Ashtoreth, Lilith, Isis, Cemeramis, Mari, and Ishtar with Venus, links between the cultures and attributes represented are not historically clear. Lucifer as a personification is called a son of Astraeus and Aurora or Eos, of Cephalus and Aurora, or of Atlas. He is called the father of Ceyx, Daedalion, and of the Hesperides. Lucifer is also a surname of several goddesses of light, such as Artemis, Aurora, and Hecate (Sir William Smith, Smaller Classical Dictionary).

The word appears to have entered the Christian religious lexicon when the Hebrew expression in Isaiah 14:12, "HeYLeL BeN-ShaCHaR" (meaning "bright son of the morning/dawn," "bright [and] morning star," "glowing morning star," or "shining one, son of the dawn") was translated to "Phosphorus" (the Greek word for Venus as the morning star) in the Septuagint, and then translated into "Lucifer" in the Vulgate (from the Greek Septuagint) (see E. Theodore Mullen, Jr., The Assembly of the Gods: The Divine Council in Canaanite and Early Hebrew Literature, Harvard Semitic Monograph Series No. 24, Scholar's Press: 1980). Isaiah 14, taken as a whole, is a parable, or prophecy of denunciation against the Kings of Babylon (people), specifically Tiglath-pileser III (a man). In verse 12, the prophet characterizes the arrogance of Tiglath-pileser III as if the king had thought himself fit to appear in the sky as the morning star, but has fallen to earth, being brought low by the vengeance of the Lord against those who would exalt themselves and persecute the Lord's people (i.e., the Israelites). We are not speaking about Satan here and only because we fail to understand and interpret our Bibles allegorically when necessary we fall prey to the most unsound interpretations and obtuse doctrines imaginable.

Origenes Adamantius (185 C.E. - 254 C.E.), an important Christian scholar of the early Greek Church, and Augustine of Canterbury (d. May 26 604/605 C.E.), founder of the Christian Church in southern England, were some of the earliest Christians to both interpret and use of the term Lucifer as a reference to the Devil. The name Lucifer was applied to Satan by St. Jerome and later to the demon of sinful pride by Milton in Paradise Lost. Neither can we complete such a summary without mentioning Origen and his influence in connecting Lucifer and Satan. [To see how this adulteration of the Scriptural texts was accomplished in our Christian Bibles you only need to click the link.](#)

The word "satan" is from a Hebrew word, "sathane", meaning adversary or calumniator; in original Jewish usage (see the book of Job), the **satan is the adversary, not of God, but of mankind!**; i.e., the angel charged by God with the task of proving that mankind is an unworthy creation (Owen C. Whitehouse, A Dictionary of the Bible Vol IV. ed. James Hastings. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons: 1908. pp. 407-12). **Note though, that Balaam's satan (Numbers 22:23-33) protects him from harm.** This seems strange from one who we have been taught to have come only to "kill, steal, and destroy". Something is amiss here.

Later, as Judaism absorbed such ideas as Zoroastrian dualism and concepts about angels during the Exile, and then as Christianity echoed various concepts from earlier religions, the concept of an evil power ruling an underground domain of punishment for the wicked became fixed in Christian doctrine. In such a doctrine,

elements of the Graeco-Roman god Pluto/ Vulcan/ Hephaestus, the Underworld, and various aspects of Nordic/Teutonic mythology may be traced.

The Latin name of Phosphorus, Venus as the morning star, is the light bringer which heralds the dawn. The name is sometimes applied to the planet as the evening star as well, although Hesperus is properly its name then. By a curious chain of reference, the passage in Luke 10:18 was thought to refer to Isaiah 14:12, in which the star is used metaphorically for the monarch of Babylon. Thus Lucifer became the chief of the fallen angels, the name carried by Satan before his rebellion (Funk & Wagnall Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology & Legend).

"From a supposed reference to this passage in our Lord's words. 'I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven' (Lk 10:18), in connection with Rev 9:1-11 (the language of 9:1 being in part probably derived from this passage), Lucifer came in the Middle Ages to be a common appellation of Satan. The star of Rev 9:1-11 is a fallen angel who has given to him the key of the abyss, from which he sets loose upon the earth horribly formed locusts with scorpions' tails, who have, however, power to hurt only such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads. But this angel is not actually identified with Satan by the writer of the *Apocalypse*. The imagery in it was no doubt suggested by a meteor, and possibly it was so in Revelation also" (F.H. Woods, *loco citato*). While some authors referred to Lucifer as Satan's name before his expulsion from Heaven, others referred to Lucifer and Satan as two distinct entities. Both as a literary convention and as Christian teachings or belief, historically there would appear to be little consensus. Regardless, it should be clear that an author may use the terms Lucifer or luciferian and not be referring to Satan. Now back to our study but don't forget that originally "Lucifer" was not understood as "evil" but referred to God and His Christ as he descended into matter and human beings. Possibly not greater loss of truth can be found than this.

The Ancients teach us that the Divine Soul needs the animal nature in order to progress. It needs an opponent to wrestle with so that it can develop its powers. A law of the Cosmos and Physics states that resistance builds strength and the Soul has come to finish its evolution and maturation. William Blake wrote: "Without Contraries is no progression" (Marriage of Heaven and Hell). Christianity does not understand this dynamic process, and thereby makes it virtually impossible for the Divine Soul to achieve its evolutionary task.

So as you are seeing Christianity has "reinterpreted" and "changed the meanings" of many "religious doctrines" as they first existed and were handed down to successive generations since the beginning of time. No doctrine can have a greater impact when changed than that of "the Christ" which we sadly find to be altered almost beyond recognition today due to the efforts of Rome to cover up the Ancient Wisdom. Now hold onto your hats one more time for I wish to mention in summary fashion what this website will explore and prove beyond any doubt.

I and other scholars believe that it is of the utmost importance to go beyond the idea of an historical Jesus so that we can get to the real meaning of Christianity and the ancient wisdom. We have addressed on other sites as we will do again on this one that there is no hard proof of any works that were written when Jesus was supposed to be alive. I have addressed such topics as the [impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls on the historical Jesus](#), the [evidence from Jewish sources on the historical Jesus](#), [evidence from Roman sources on the historical Jesus](#), [the impact of superstition upon the historical Jesus](#), as well as [what the Jews actually believed about a Jesus in the first century \(part 1, part2\)](#), [as well if a "Jesus Christ" could have lived in the distant past](#). These are astounding studies that every Christian needs to read.

As a Christian we were taught that God was supposed to have appeared as a man 2,000 years ago, yet no one bothered to write a thing about it at the time! Paul (64-68 A.D.) makes no mention of an historical Jesus, and if anyone was to do so you expect it to be Paul. As Christianity was the religion for the Age of Pisces, it is not surprising that its origins are surrounded in mystery. The Ancients taught that Neptune, the ruler of Pisces, throws its mystifying veil over things. This is exactly what is done with Jesus Christ. A historical saviour is for the uninitiated masses, while the initiates know that the Christ is within. Christianity sowed confusion and distorted the Ancient truth of "the Christ" by losing the distinction between inner and outer teachings.

There is no problem in proving the existence of various people from ancient times, such as Plato, Aristotle, Julius Caesar, and so on but there sure is when it comes to Jesus, the supposed Jewish Messiah of Christianity and the only one who is "God in the flesh". Because there is so much controversy over an historical Jesus all "believers" are entitled to approach the question of Jesus with a healthy skepticism. Ironically history documents that the further away we get from the alleged Jesus, the greater is claimed to be the knowledge of him. This is impossible unless it is being "made up". This "increased knowledge of Jesus" as the centuries roll on is the reverse in cases of historical people. Real people are best known during their own lives, and as time passes memories fade and facts get distorted. In the first century Jesus was an airy and ethereal figure, yet centuries later people could describe his appearance, moods and motives in meticulous detail! In fact on television the other night they had a "CSI" reconstruction of what the childhood face of Jesus looked like. There is no end to this deception. One is entitled to probe the alleged historical reality, that is if you want the truth.

Christian scriptures were based on the ancient wisdom, then the Christians destroyed the original manuscripts to hide the true origins of their creed. Gerald Massey in Ancient Egypt the Light of the World has shown that the story of Jesus is a retelling of the story of Horus, the prototype saviour god. This prototype had different names throughout the ancient world. The name Jesus can be traced to the Egyptian **lusa**, which means God the son, the prince, the heir. There are some twenty or more figures bearing the name Jesus (Joshua, Jesse, Hosea,



Isaiah, Isaac, Esau, Josiah, Joash, Jehoaz, Job, Jonah, Joel and others) in the Old Testament and outside of it (Alvin Kuhn, Who Is The King of Glory, Academy Press, 1944, p. 544). Pictures of Jesus as a young bearded man clearly originate from Serapis, a Graeco-Egyptian saviour god. Blavatsky has shown that **Chrestian** was the name given to initiates in ancient Greece, long before the advent of the religion called Christianity. The facts keep building and building that Rome has given the world a counterfeit religion and a historical Jesus when none can be found back then or today with the aid of modern scholarship.

It is claimed that an historical Jesus is an example to uplift humankind. I wish it were true but we cannot build prisons fast enough in this Christian nation which are overfilled with "born again Christians". If this were so it has not worked very well, as attested by various Christian horrors over the centuries and the

abominations of the Church in the Dark Ages.

Answer for yourself: If there was one reason why the forging of a historical Jesus is wrong besides his worship which is idolatry as defined by the Hebrew Torah then what is it?

The Divine element residing within every child of God has been taken away along with its emphasis and nurture and placed historically in only one figure...that of an assumed historical person which never lived as depicted in the Christian Bible

It is no wonder that Christians wiped out the ancient knowledge. It was a shining pearl of wisdom compared to their blatant counterfeits. The power of the god within is a truly liberating concept. It means that humans are masters of their destiny and cannot be belittled **if the truth is known**. We have to realize our Divine nature. We have to give birth to a god presence in our lives. This is a truly noble and uplifting task. Political Christianity was hell-bent on placing people in religious bondage, therefore they did their utmost to destroy the ancient truth and Ancient Wisdom teachings. Christianity introduced the concept of sin to disempower the general population, and the Church monopolized all religious power. Thanks to archeology today as well as modern scholarship we can now understand the awesome truth of the ancient wisdom and expose the deceptions of repressive Christianity. It is now the time to let the true light shine, and dispel eighteen centuries of superstition and murky gloom.

I have found repeatedly in my studies over these many years that in the 3rd century the "train jumped the track" and truth was submerged under deceit and lies as Gentile Roman Christianity discarded its roots. People didn't rush to Christianity in droves as they tell you in Sunday school. If you study history you find that Rome,

through the sword, blood and terror, almost eradicated this Ancient Wisdom from this planet. Thank God for archeologist which have dug it up for the last two hundred years. Over the history of the Christian Church and their repressive religion millions have been slaughtered who would not accept "Orthodoxy" and the rest were "converted" out of fear to save their lives. I have read scholars that say the Holocaust and the loss of 6 million lives is "small potatoes" to the estimated slaughter of 18 million people by Orthodox Christianity down through the Dark Ages; people who refused to accept a "false Christ". One example will have to server for lack of space. Treatment of the Gnostic Cathars was atrocious. Secular rulers used torture to maim the heretics, and anyone who refused to do this was themselves punished. The Fourth Lateran Council, which authorized the state to punish religious dissenters, also authorized the state to confiscate all of land and property of the Cathars, resulting in a very nice incentive for state officials to do the church's bidding. Finally, Innocent III launched a Crusade against the Cathar heretics, turning the suppression into a full military campaign. As if that was not enough thousands of temples and sacred groves were destroyed and Ancient worship was outlawed, often on pain of death. The world's libraries and their sacred volumes went up in flames as the Roman presence made itself known along with the spread of their false "Christ". In 529 Emperor Justinian closed down the last school of philosophy. The Church of Rome ruled for over a thousand years and repressed the truth of "the Christ" as they do today. It was the Church which instigated the Dark Ages. We still have the legacy with us today in a totally distorted view of life. The inhumanity and brutality of the "Christian" Churches over the last 1800 years has been well documented: the inquisitions of torture and killing, the "witch" burnings, sexism and sex repression, destruction of indigenous people and their cultures, and support of harsh ruling elites. Also the suppression of knowledge and the promotion of superstition. **And all of this to cover up that Rome had come to power through teaching a "false historical Christ".**

There is still much discussion over the origins of Christianity. Little wonder, as some of the early fathers made things as cloudy as possible in order to hide the origins of their doctrines. **Modern scholarship today shows how Christianity began as a restatement of the ancient wisdom, then over the next 3-4 centuries the Ancient Wisdom teachings were terribly distorted.** We are without excuse today for not knowing the truth behind our Christianity. Let me give you just a few truths of history that few Christians will ever know. The official four gospels were written by many hands, and the first time they were quoted was c.185 A.D. by Irenaeus. That really got my attention in Seminary when the tradition is that they were written early but no Christian quoted from them or mentioned them by name for almost 200 years. Justin Martyr in 145-149 names no names nor gospels. Many works of Origen, an early Christian, were destroyed and later he was anathematized (i.e. cursed and excommunicated) in order to destroy the allegorical interpretation of the texts which had been the standard method of interpretation of "the Christ" since the beginning of time. In 391 A.D. Christians burnt 700,000 scrolls from the 700 year old library at Alexandria. The Bible was closely guarded by the Church for 1,000 years and often if you were found to possess parts of it your life ended at the end of a Roman sword. Even the Church of Rome today claims to possess sole truth and the sole salvation of mankind when in reality they possess hardly any of it as modern scholarship attests.

The decisive change in the Ancient Wisdom teachings was to banish the concept of the Divine Soul within all, and replace it with an historical figure called Jesus. People were taught to worship this non-existent Jesus instead of nurturing their own Divine Soul. In one fell swoop the Church of Rome took the Divine out of everyday life and this world. It turned a philosophy of liberation into a religion of repression and bondage. Noble and uplifting teachings were turned upside down and thoroughly perverted. Humans were turned into abject sinners who had to grovel for forgiveness and wait for the coming of "the Christ" to fix their lives and their world when the true "Christ lives within" each of them waiting to be summoned to empower them to overcome their animal instincts. Prophecy has come and gone and still no Christ has "returned"; He does not need to for He never left for he resides within each child of God and has since the first Adam. **In spite of the efforts of Rome to destroy these Spiritual Truths this true ancient wisdom can still be deciphered in the Bible, using the keys supplied by scholarship today as well as our websites as consistently endeavor to teach the reader how to read the symbolism and interpret these texts correctly. Whatever strengths Christian concepts have, and some do, such as the death and rebirth of the dying-rising god, they are due to its pagan roots. How ironic!**

Once the god has incarnated in the human body, it is up to humans, you and me, to realize the Divine presence in us and in our life. The whole course of human evolution as a species on earth is designed to perfect the individualized humans (the Soul within), who are the crown of animal development in this physical realm. This perfection comes through the spiritualization, sanctification, and transformation of the gross animal nature by impacting upon it currents of intellectual and spiritual forces which gradually refine the lower self (gathering knowledge of the true identify of man, sanctifying the animal nature through its transformation by the Torah). When this is accomplished we experience the marriage of Spirit and matter. Egypt knew of this merging of Spirit and flesh, this marriage of the Divine with matter, and it was called the embrace of Horus and Osiris; Greek mythology knew of this "marriage" of Spirit and matter and called it the union of Cupid and Psyche; in Church language it is the marriage of the Bride and the Lamb. It was that melting into one at last in blissful harmony of the mortal and immortal elements that comprise mankind. Of this ultimate union of male and female components, the body-Soul with the spirit-Soul, all marriage and sexual intercourse is only the outward sign and symbol. Anna Kingsford in The Perfect Way writes of the marriage between the Soul and spirit. Once the Soul has become purified, union with the (holy) Spirit produces the Christ within.

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

A phrase in the Lord's ordination of the Eucharist gives us the text for the final principle of Plato's system that has to do with Christian theology. ***"Do this in remembrance of me,"*** he said. Here again Christianity's ignorance has blurred a great truth and a great light. For here was an announcement by the Lord himself of Plato's other great doctrine--**the doctrine of Reminiscence**.

Paul was expressing a grand truth of Platonic wisdom, when he wrote of the light which came to him in this spiritual vision. Religion was designed primarily on no other motivation than as a means of putting into practice this phase of Platonic philosophy. Religion was not originally merely a "system of worship." It had far deeper bases. It was instituted to save the hosts of fragmented gods in mortal bodies from the dire fate of losing their divinity. For they were threatened with total forgetfulness of their real nature. Religion was designed to be a set of psychological exercises which would subtly revive and stimulate the memory of their former celestial state. Horus in Egypt came to awaken the memory of his father Osiris in the grave. From these connotations we are enabled to discern a totally new force of meaning in our word "remember." If the gods on coming to save humanity were "dismembered" or fragmented into individuals, then the resurrection or return to their primal unity in their glorification at the end of the aeon would naturally be a "remembering" of divided parts. We express the same idea in our other word for the same thing, "re-collecting." The brotherhood of humanity consists simply in this reassembling in a common spirit of unity the individualized fragments of the Lords of Hosts.

Eph 4:13 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: (KJV)

Horus is said to have come to reconstitute his dismembered father. Translated from allegory to spiritual meaning this can signify only that the Christ spark in us is to grow and expand until it fuses by its fiery power into the great universal spirit of wisdom and love that is to animate the race.

Eph 5:30 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. (KJV)

Paul told us we are all members of one body, of which Christ is the head; but habits of literal thought have prevented us from sensing this in an intellectual or spiritual way. Our minds and hearts are to be fused in one great spirit of love and harmony, as we enhance the glory of the god shining within us ever more brightly unto the day of perfection. As we separated in our descent into body, so we merge again into a mighty unity as we ascend back to the father of lights. This is the reconstitution of the dismembered suffering god, broken and fragmented in the matter of our bodies, in order that we lower men might ascend into the kingdom of intellect and spirit. The reconstitution is indeed the remembering our broken divinity, the re-collection of the scattered fragments of the broken body of the Divine Lord. Only by the study of ancient origins in philosophy can we see the grand spiritual sense back of these figures and terms. All symbols had their origin in simple ideas, which,

however, were the expressions of the loftiest truths of early wisdom.

This reassembling of the scattered fragments is the basis and genius of human brotherhood. The individuals of the race, being of one identical essence, are kindred in nature. There is no room for racism. But being attached to animal bodies, the god is subject to the separative selfish tendencies of the lower man, until he educates this pupil to the higher motivations of altruism and community of interest with others. As an animal he wars with his fellows, is jealous and self-seeking, under the evolutionary impulse of self-preservation brought up from former experience in the animal grades. But as a god he revives the memory of his kinship with his celestial mates, and in the glow of that warm recognition that his brother is himself, he learns to look upon his fellow-man with that love which is described as the cement of the universe. This is the goal of our existence and the hope and dream of which lies hidden today under 2000 years of "literalization" of Divine Allegory and Divine Ancient Wisdom.

Now if you read these articles then you might think that I am wrong in this interpretation of "the Christ" and since being precondition to think otherwise by prior teachings and possessing a Bible that has led you to other conclusions I can only say that I assure you that I have done my homework well, in fact very well and would ask you to consider the evidence for this presentation of interpretation which I will summarize for you below in pointed statements:

You can never come to the proper understanding of "the Christ" until you have:

Done diligent study into the New Testament, its origin, its changes, and corruptions along with manuscript evidences and forgeries and purposeful mistranslation and misquotation of them

Done diligent study into the true Messianic prophecies of the Jewish Messiah as taken from the Hebrew texts and compared them line upon line and precept upon precept with the forged Messianic prophecies in the Christian's Bible

Done diligent study into the doctrine of the Messiah from a Jewish viewpoint as contained in the Hebrew Scriptures and contrasted with the Roman viewpoint expressed in their New Testament

Done diligent study in the Paul problem, the concept of Gnosticism and the Gnostic writings, the Nag Hammadi Library, and the real Paul and the earliest Gnostic New Testament that existed before the Romans countered with the New Testament we have today

Done diligent study in concerning Egypt, their religion and religious writings and the Egyptian Messiah along with the Hebrew Pharaohs and the death of the Son of God in Egypt as well as the Dead Sea Scrolls

Done diligent study in Astronomy and Astrotheology whereby you see how the "Jesus Story" was taken from the personification and allegorical representation of the path of the Sun through the Heavens and the Zodiac on a yearly basis as interpreted by the Ancient Wisdom teachers on a deeper level as but a picture for expressing the the descent, birth, life, intended maturation and spiritual development of the Soul, and its death and resurrection from this physical plane of existence.

Coming to this truth took years of study which I devoted myself years ago for I, hopefully like you, wanted the truth about Jesus and set out in diligent study to get it. Bet Emet Ministries, the "House of Truth", provides this truth for you on our websites. We ask that no one believe what we teach or say only that you acknowledge that if I wrote it then this information exists outside of your current understanding and being a Pastor I wanted it and felt that you deserve it as well. What you do with this information is between you and God and I hope you, like me, take up the mantel of study *"till we all come to the unity of 'the' faith'!"*

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THE EXODUS ALLEGORY AND THE GNOSTIC CREATION OF THE JESUS MYTH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Let's examine the various elements from which the Jesus myth was constructed, beginning, as the original Christians undoubtedly did themselves, with the myth of *Exodus*.

THE EXODUS ALLEGORY:

This famous Jewish myth relates the story of Moses leading his people out of captivity in Egypt by miraculously parting the Red Sea. There follows 40 years of wandering in the wilderness in search of the Promised Land, at the end of which Moses dies. It is his successor, Joshua ben Nun, who miraculously parts the river Jordan to lead the Jews to the destined homeland. So far so good as this sticks to the "literal" understanding of the text that we are familiar with.

It is important to understand right up front that the name "Jesus" itself comes from *Exodus* (Joshua/Jesus makes his first appearance in Exodus 17:8). **In Greek the Hebrew name "Joshua" becomes "Jesus".**

Answer for yourself: How come most of us are not aware of this fact? Now hold on to your seat for I assure you that I am not crazy but only "well taught". Could this "Joshua" of history, whose name also means "Jesus", who once lived in Egypt and the time of Moses, be the substrate from which all later "historical Jesus stories" and myths were told? "Impossible", you say then I challenge to look at the evidence seriously and you will think different.

When we can find no evidence for a historical Jesus in the first century other than a few clumsy forgeries in Josephus and have to "misinterpret" the references to the Gnostic Christ in the writings of Pliny, Suetonius, and Tacitus in order to try to place a literal and historical "Christos" in the first century, when all their writings mentioned the "Chrestus", the Gnostic Christ, and not the "Christos" (later the historical Christ of Rome), then maybe we should look for existing evidence that could place this "Jesus" in Egypt during the 18th Dynasty. If we know to do so then we finally find our "Historical Jesus" who was slain on the eve of the Passover and hung on a tree like Paul says. Well, first of all, we don't know to look there and second few if any Christians every find out that there is no credible, unforged evidence for a historical Jesus existing in the first century. Now on with this study.

Few know this because today it is normal practice to use Joshua for the hero of Exodus and "Jesus" for the hero of the gospels, which avoids any comparison of the two. In the days of the first century, however, it would have been completely obvious that they shared the same name. In fact if a Gnostic Jew was writing for a Gentile audience then he would have written "Jesus" and not "Joshua" long before the time of the supposed historical Jesus. **This is not a coincidence.**

Answer for yourself: Could it be remotely possible that the Christian Jesus is a mythic development of the Jesus/Joshua of Exodus? Well that is a very serious question but with our previous study into the importance of "myths" as a vehicle for encoded Divine Truth then let us examine this possibility as best as possible.

- In Hebrew the name Joshua/Jesus is written with the letters Yod Heh Shin Vah Heh.
- The letters Yod Heh Vah Heh (minus the Shin) is known as the Tetragrammaton and was extremely significant to Jewish Gnostics, as they were used to signify the unpronounceable name of God, usually rendered today with added vowels as either Jehovah or Yahweh.

As Philo explains, when the middle letter Shin, known as the Holy Letter, is added, the name means "Saviour of the Lord".

Answer for yourself: Then does "Joshua" and or "Jesus" mean "Savior of the Lord"? Yes!

The "Christ" is also linked to the Exodus myth. Paul tells us that, as well as Jesus, Moses was also "God's Christ" (Heb. 11:24-27).

Heb 12:24-27 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. (KJV)

"Christ", which means "Anointed One", is a Greek rendering of the Hebrew word "Messiah", which was an epithet for a leader, used of Jewish kings. Although today the name "Jesus Christ" is inextricably linked to the Literalist figure of the supposed founder of Christianity, in the first century C.E. the name would have been heard as obviously symbolic, meaning "The Saviour King".

Jewish Gnostics, and Christian Gnostics after them, understood Exodus to be an initiation allegory.

THE ALLEGORY EXPLAINED...COMING OUT OF EGYPT

Egypt represents the physical body in Ancient Wisdom teachings and Ancient Scriptures. When the initiate identifies with only the body and the flesh they are "in captivity". To "come forth out of Egypt" was understood as leaving behind the idea of being merely a body and discovering the Soul. This was the beginning of the Spiritual experience and discovery of God. Hippolytus recounts for us that those who are ignorant...are Egyptians in need of departing Egypt; that is from their body centered existence (Hippolytus, Ref., 5.11). The ignorant Egyptians represent those "without Gnosis", without the knowledge of the Divine Spark within them (the Christ dwelling within). It was this class of people who remain identified with their physical selves and who did not possess the "knowledge/Gnosis"; that they were Divine Sparks of God entrapped in these fleshy and carnal bodies.

CROSSING THE RED SEA..."BAPTISM"...FIRST STAGE

Crossing the Red Sea was understood as symbolizing a purifying baptism, which is the first stage of initiation on the path of spiritual awakening for those who are "conscious". This in Judaism was called being "born again". Explaining that Exodus should be understood "allegorically", Paul writes:

"Our ancestors passed through the Red Sea and so received baptism into the fellowship of Moses" (I Cor. 10:1-6):

1 Cor 10:1-6 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was **Christ**. 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. (KJV)

Initiation by baptism begins a process in which initiates must face their doubts and confusion, symbolized by the Jews being afflicted in the desert for 40 years.

THE DEATH OF MOSES...SECOND STAGE

Having come to possess this "knowledge" & "Gnosis" that within their body dwells the Divine Spark or Soul of God then the next stage is experiencing the "death" of the old self which was represented by the death of Moses. **Moses is mythically reborn as Joshua/Jesus (Joshua was his successor).**

THE PROMISED LAND ACHIEVED...SALVATION...THIRD STAGE

It is through this "new Moses, this Joshua/Jesus, that one completes the journey to the Promised Land, representing the "reborn" initiate who realizes Gnosis. It is only through this "new man" (Joshua/Jesus) that the goal of salvation can be achieved in the Old Testament for Israel. All of this was understood in a "literal" sense. **But that will change with the Gnostic New Testament of Marcion.**

The basic structure of the Exodus allegory, representing the fundamental stages of Gnostic initiation, is the framework upon which the Jesus myth was constructed. When you possess the keys to the "Jesus Story" it can be seen on a deeper level to be the birth, life, death, and rebirth of the Soul, of the Divine in us.

PARALLELS TO THE JOSHUA/JESUS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

This same Exodus story is retold through the Gnostic Christ of the New Testament.

BEING BORN AGAIN...BAPTISM...FIRST STAGE

The first stage of initiation into this higher self-awareness of one's self and the "Soul within" is one of cleansing and purification and struggle. **In the Exodus myth this is the crossing of the Red Sea, which inaugurates 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. We find the exact same thing in the Jesus story represented by Jesus' baptism, followed by his 40 days in the wilderness.**

DEATH OF THE OLD SELF...THE "OLD MAN"...SECOND STAGE

The next stage in the process of initiation is the "death" of the old self which precipitates Gnosis. **This is represented in the Exodus myth by the death of Moses and in the Jesus myth by the death of Jesus on the cross.**

Answer for yourself: Does Paul teach this Gnostic Exodus allegory through the New Testament "Christ"? He sure does.

Rom 6:6 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him (Christ), that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (KJV)

Eph 4:22-23 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind (to the revelation of Christ-God within you); (KJV)

Col 3:9-10 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (KJV)

In Col 3:9-10 Paul appeals to believers who have come to the "Gnosis" of God within them and that they have been created in the image of God, to not fall back into lives typified by sin and fleshly deeds. Live according to the higher knowledge that they have received:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

JESUS' RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD...SALVATION...THIRD STAGE

The experience of Gnosis is represented in *Exodus* by Joshua-Jesus crossing to the Promised Land. **This is the salvation of Israel as depicted in the Old Testament. Its paralleled in the New Testament if found in Jesus' resurrection from the dead and ascension to Heaven.**

COMPARING THE STRUCTURE OF THE *EXODUS* WITH THE JESUS STORY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT...SEEN AS Gnostic INITIATION ALLEGORIES

INITIATION PROCESS

- **PURIFICATION**
 - Old Testament...Exodus' example: Crossing of the Red Sea
 - New Testament...Jesus example: Baptism by John
- **DEATH OF THE OLD SELF**
 - Old Testament...Exodus example: Death of Moses
 - New Testament...Jesus example: Crucifixion of Jesus
- **REALIZATION OF GNOSIS**
 - Old Testament...Exodus example: The Promised Land
 - New Testament...Jesus example: Crucifixion and Resurrection

The earliest Christians understood the *Exodus* allegory as we do not today as contemporary Christians and followers of "the Christ". That being so the original Christians classified people as "the captive, the called and the chosen". These were the Naasene Gnostics as described by Hippolytus, op. cit., 5.1-2 ff. Hippolytus relates to us of three churches of the Gnostics, the angelis, the psychic and the earthly, and their names are the chosen, the called and the captive. These terms clearly derive from the myth of the *Exodus*. Those yet to undergo initiation and still trapped in the idea of being a physical body are like the Jews captive in Egypt. Those who have heard the call to awaken and begun the spiritual journey by being initiated into the **Outer Mysteries of Christianity** are like those Jews who were "called out of Egypt" to begin the journey to their true home. Those who have undergone the process of purification and spiritual struggle necessary to prepare themselves for

Gnosis and been chosen to be initiated into the secret **Inner Mysteries of Christianity** are like those "chosen people" whom Joshua-Jesus leads across the river Jordan to the Promised Land. Clement regarded those Christians who have yet to reach Gnosis as being of three different types, defined by their relationship to God, as the slave, the faithful slave and the friend (Clement, *Strom.*, 3). Initiates who finally realized Gnosis were known as "those who have crossed over" (Mead, *Fragments of a Faith Forgotten*, 1906, p. 186).

Early Christians were well aware of the parallels between their Jesus Christ and the Jesus Christ of Exodus. Justin Martyr, for example, explains that the Christian Jesus will lead his people to the Promised Land just as the Jesus of *Exodus* led his people to the Promised Land (Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Typho*, chap. 113). Justin entitled this chapter "*Joshua was a figure of Christ.*" Justin referred to the Old Testament Joshua 38 times in an effort to convince the Jew Typho that the Hebrew Scriptures are full of references to Jesus. Justin traces the motif of the cross to *Exodus*, where Moses holds up a serpent on a cross and says, "If you look at this image and believe, you shall be saved by it" (Num. 21:8). **In this Justin claims that Plato borrowed his idea of the "Son of God" crucified in the cosmos (Timaeus, 34) from Moses.** This source is made explicit in *The Gospel of John*, where Jesus is made to announce:

"The Son of Man must be lifted up as the serpent was lifted up by Moses in the wilderness." (John 3:14)

Other, more incidental, mythic motifs found in the Jesus myth also come from *Exodus*. Once he has crossed the river Jordan, the Jesus of *Exodus* selects 12 men to represent the 12 tribes of Israel. After his baptism in the river Jordan, the Jesus of the gospels likewise selects 12 men as his immediate followers (John 3:13).

Answer for yourself: What is the origin for these references to the number "12"?

Both motifs refer to the 12 astrological signs of the zodiac." After the crossing of the Jordan Joshua-Jesus orders that 12 stones be set up, one for each of the 12 tribes, at a place called Gilgal.

Answer for yourself: What are we missing? The Hebrew word for Gilgal means "wheel" or "circle". This is an illusion to the Zodiac once again. In the later "Jesus Myth" Gilgal was interpreted as the zodiac and the Jordan as the Milky Way. Important to note is that Attis was born by a river which symbolized "the Galaxy, or the milky circle, from which a passive body descends to the Earth" (Sallust, *On The Gods and the World*, 4). In mystical Judaism reincarnation is still called "Gilgul". Jesus' appearance in Galilee (which comes from the same root word) where he selects the 12 disciples, echoes those early exploits of the Old Testament Joshua-Jesus (A. Drews, *The Christ Myth*, 1968, p.240). **Such a reference is not surprising. The Jews had adopted astrology from both Egypt and later with the Babylonians whilst in exile in Babylon, eventually becoming renowned throughout the ancient world as astrologers. They even claimed that the Jewish Patriarch Abraham had been the inventor of this ancient science.**

In the myth of Moses, at his birth the evil Pharaoh, fearful of a prophesy that Moses would be the cause of his downfall, commits mass infanticide in an attempt to kill him, In the gospel myth of Jesus this becomes the "slaughter of the innocents" perpetrated by the evil King Herod who, fearful of a prophesy that the true King of the Jews has been born, attempts to kill the infant Jesus (Matt. 2:2-16). Kronos devours all his children of Rhea because of a prophesy that he would be overthrown by one of them. Rhea is smuggled away to a secret cave where she gives birth to Zeus, who later supplants his father.

Answer for yourself: Sound familiar?

Mary the sister of Moses becomes Jesus' mother Mary, a correspondence pointed out in many Christian texts, as well as in the Muslim Qur'an.

Like the Jews in *Exodus*, in the gospel story Jesus is called out of Egypt, where he has been in hiding, like the Soul lying hidden within the fleshly body. The Gospel of Matthew explains that this is to fulfil the prophesy

"Out of Egypt I have called my Son" (Matt. 2:15). Here, as elsewhere in the gospels, we should read "fulfill the prophecy" as a coded reference to the source of the symbolic motif and its intended allegorical meaning. This is prophecy in retrospect.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that almost all the Messianic prophecies in the New Testament were written and intended to be taken "allegorically" and not "literally"? Read that again!

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the translation of the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures was altered for this purpose by the Therapeutae-Essenes of Alexandria, Egypt? This was done to spread the "allegorical" understanding of "the Christ" as Joshua-Jesus to the Greek speaking world. This translation of the Hebrew Scriptures took great license with the Hebrew Scriptures and we end up with a Greek translation that was intended to be taken "allegorically" at best but sadly has been taken "literally" by the world today. By these translators, the expected human Jewish Messiah was, as shown in prior articles, blended with Mystery Religions and Gnosticism in presenting the Jewish Messiah as a dying - resurrecting Godman which was NEVER to be interpreted "LITERALLY" in the first place. This brings us to the forgery of Marcion's and the first New Testament by Rome where they took the Gnostic "allegorical" Christ-Concept and put flesh on him in the late second century by adding to Marcion's Gnostic First New Testament the genealogies, infancy narratives, and anti-Gnostic writings to which they placed Paul's name like the Pastoral epistles!!!

Piecing together previously existing mythological material in a new way was a traditional Jewish technique known as *midrash*. It has long been known to scholars, for example, that the entire passion narrative in the gospels has been created from motifs taken from *Psalms* 22, 23, 38 and 39 and from the depiction of the "suffering servant" in *The Book of Isaiah* (E. Doherty, *The Gospels as Midrash and Symbolism*, 1999, 225 ff.).

The Essenes taught that in ancient times the Jesus of *Exodus* had hidden secret teachings, so only those who were worthy could discover them at the appropriate time (The Essene *Damascus Document*, 5:2-4). These Essenes developed a contemporary mythic Christ figure called the "Teacher of Righteousness", whom they identified with the Jesus of *Exodus* (S. A. Hoeller, *Jung and the Lost Gospels: Insights into the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Nag Hammadi Library*, 1989, p. 50). This figure eventually became the Jesus of the gospels, a mythical reincarnation of the great hero of the most important of all the Jewish Gnostic myths. The secret teachings hidden by Jesus the Christ of *Exodus* are finally made public by the reworked figure of Jesus the Christ in the gospels. This is the "secret not revealed in former times" but "now disclosed" of which Paul writes in his letters.

Eph 3:3-6 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (KJV)

CONCLUSION

As you are beginning to see "the Christ" written of by Paul in his authentic and earliest epistles was not a human Christ in the form of a human Jesus. Rather "the Christ" was the embodiment of the Divine come to tabernacle within mankind and bridge the gap from the Spirit realm to the realm of physical existence. This Logos and "the Christ" was an intermediary in non-human form that connects mankind to God (Energy/Spirit to matter). Coming to the understanding of the self-knowledge that God dwelt within you was explained to initiates who were coming to this understanding through an allegory based upon the Exodus of history. The "literal" history of Israel was expressed as an "allegory" and applied to a higher salvation experience in those coming to the knowledge of God in centuries before and after the first century. The old man of fleshly lusts was

dying when coming to this "Gnosis" and being resurrected as a "new man" with a new spiritual revelation of God within and the purpose for one's existence above a life of sin. Through the "myth" of the dying-resurrecting Godman, which was at this time ONLY UNDERSTOOD ALLEGORICALLY, one was to identify with the "pattern" of salvation in the Old Testament as lived out in his own personal life.

This plan of salvation was, for the earliest Chrestians (Christians), coming to the understanding that through baptism (being born again), repentance (death of self and flesh) and resurrection (living with a new awareness and surrender to the will of God and His Christ within them) one was one achieving the New Testament salvation.

That is until Rome will later come along and take this allegorical New Testament of Marcion that expressed the above Spiritual beliefs and change it almost beyond recognition with their "literalized" and "carnalized" Christ. It was God in Christ within mankind and that is it. The Jews still looked and prayed and hoped for one to come in the power and Spirit of David but this "Christ" within all mankind was not it. The whole narrative of the baptism, crucifixion, and resurrection of "the Christ" in the First New Testament was only intended to be a parallel and allegory of what "physically" happened to Israel in the Old Testament. The principles in this story were "allegorized" by the earliest Christian Gnostics and Essenes-Therapeutae and applied to the awakening of the Spirit within mankind and the liberation from darkness into the light of God. Later Rome will come and reinterpret "the Christ" as if a "literal" incarnation of God within a human as was thought of their Roman Emperors. This "literalized" godman, in the form of the Roman historical Jesus, only gave sanction to the Emperor who was a self-declared "literal God". In so doing they will in time though first oral reinterpretation and teaching and later through forgery of Marcion's First New Testament and invention of other documents espousing their theological views distort beyond recognition the earliest understanding of "the Christ" as had been held by the earliest Gentile and Jewish Gnostic Christians. With the purge of Gnostic materials and the subsequent burning of the world's libraries over the next two or more centuries the censorship of Rome was complete. The knowledge of "the Christ", that was to be understood only "allegorically" and which had been since Egypt, was now lost to mankind; that is until the discovery of the Nag Hammadi library some fifty years ago. Throughout the last two hundred years sporadic voices were heard faintly as to this truth but today with the aid of archeology and the proliferation once again of this knowledge we can learn of this deception and restore the truth concerning God's Christ. No longer must we be enslaved to a "literal" interpretation of "the Christ" as the Joshua-Jesus of the New Testament and be overtaken by idolatry and false worship since accepting these "literal" views of "the Christ."

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THIS "JESUS CHRIST"? MY THOUGHTS ON JESUS AFTER 20 YEARS OF STUDY #1

Greetings and welcome to Bet Emet Ministries. My name is Craig Lyons and I am at present a "resigned" Pastor of the Christian faith. There are many reasons for this resignation from the Christian Ministry in my life following Seminary and eight years of a very successful ministry and it is to these issues we must turn since you asked either to be added to the teaching ministry of Bet Emet Ministries or are a reader of one of many of our ministry's websites. So often when surfing the Internet people find one of our Websites and get confused when beginning in the "middle" so to speak in the study of the "Jesus Story". **Bet Emet's Websites are intended to be a "Spiritual Pilgrimage" in ones study of "the Christ"; moving from the assumed Historical Jesus Christ to the Mystical Jesus Christ and finally to the Mythical Jesus Christ.**

Answer for yourself: What can I expect to learn if I study through and read through this Website on Astrotheology as well as study other Websites created by Bet Emet Ministries?

You, the reader, will come to see that there are 3 different "Jesus" that we encounter down through these last 2000 years of recorded history. Only two of them are true; one is false. That is why I decided to create a "summary" of Bet Emet's views on "the Christ" from beginning to end. It will take several articles to do this but I felt this is necessary with our multiple Websites that now exist on the Web and in so doing I plan on prefacing each Website in time with these articles to let the reader know just where he is "jumping in" with his studies of "the Christ" as explained on the Website which he is reading and studying presently.

Needless to say it is not easy to teach the revelation of "the Christ" in only one Website as it has come down to us over these last thousands of years of history beginning with Egypt over 13,000 years ago until the present time in which we live. So we did not even try to do this in just one Website for that was impossible but we did try over these years to lay out **the successive progression and evolution of the understanding of ideas concerning "the Christ" down through history.** This "Christ" goes by different names in different cultures but few see this until they advance greatly in their studies. It took me a while to see this as well.

The study of "the Christ" reveals that this "Spiritual Concept" began with an Egyptian "Karast" and ended with a Christian "Jesus Christ". **The problem for the student is how to interpret this "Jesus Christ" and the "Jesus Story" that we have inherited today and in so doing determine if it has maintained its integrity down through these successive millennia as understood by the Ancients who first gave us these Spiritual Concepts in the first place.**

Needless to say it has not.

Being a Pastor and seeing this for myself stirred my heart that I feel motivated to inform others of this deception and this not only led to my resignation from my Pastorate but would further lead to the birth of Bet Emet Ministries where this information could be made available to the concerned students and seekers of truth

about the true origins of the Christian Faith. **Let me prepare you for what is coming in these 3 summary articles.** First of all we must get acquainted with a summary statement of the very core of all 13 of our Websites and their message. Therefore it is necessary for the seeker of truth to understand up front that *"the study of the origins of the Christian Faith and the "Jesus Story" is not always easy and untroublesome especially in light of what you often uncover when your studies get rather deep into this area"*. No truer words have ever been spoken.

I believe with all my heart that since you desire to learn about the Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith and all that entails and or asked to receive our teaching articles and materials then you need to understand completely what you will be shown in the studies that are forthcoming. **Bet Emet will PROVE to you beyond any doubt over our websites that as Gentile Christians today we have inherited unknowingly a false faith and a replacement religion that has little in common with the true faith of the earliest "Christians" who followed "the Christ".** You will come to see the gigantic difference between Ancient understanding of "the Christ", the "Joshua-Jesus" and the "Jesus Christ" as depicted in our current New Testament in today's Christian Bible. That will become tragically clear as you begin your serious personal study of our sites as you progress from an assumed Historical Jesus Christ to the Mystical Jesus Christ and finally to the Mythical Jesus Christ.

The Rabbis teach that "Study is the highest for of worship of God".

I guess the above statement from first century Judaism says it all; namely because there is much to learn, uncover, unlearn, repent of, and accept anew in light of newly acquired factual knowledge from our studies. This hopefully will benefit each seeker of truth to live before God in the light of what he has learned from this newly acquired knowledge that we at Bet Emet share with the reader. This will all become clearer as you read our articles and study our Websites. As I tell everyone due to the challenging nature of what we teach: *"Don't believe anything we teach...but let it provoke your own study to find the same things we did over the years of our serious study into the roots of our Christian faith."*

We offer a [recommended reading list](#) to each concerned student to help direct him in his studies. We also have available all of our Ministry's Websites on one CD to make it easier for one to do these studies. Email us for details.

Over these last 18 years I guess you could say I have studied well near a thousand books or so and have two rooms in my home converted to libraries. Such is the level of my study and desire to arrive at the truth behind the "Jesus Story" and the religious synthesis and "puzzle" portrayed in the New Testament. I have been fortunate enough to have traced down books written in the 1700's in my pursuit of these Ancient truths about the Christian Faith and "the Christ". I wanted to know the truth behind my Christian Faith before I die having been enlightened in Seminary that there were many "problems" under the surface of his "Sunday and Christianity's Orthodoxy". Understand that most readers will be like me having grown up in Christianity since childhood. That being the case we fall prey to the same fallacy; namely, **blindly accepting and assuming that our faith, the Christian Faith and the Christian Bible is the only way to God let alone to Heaven.** With such conditioning Sunday to Sunday we end up innocently reinforcing prior sermons and teachings concerning the New Testament's depiction of Jesus as a "literal-historical" person never realizing what really lays behind such a depiction. We never have an inkling to study this out for ourselves because for one thing it never dawns upon us that we could be wrong for after all we all have inherited what we assumed to be an "infallible, inspired, inerrant" New Testament. We just assume we have the truth today because our Spiritual Authorities have repeatedly told us that we "are right" while all others are "wrong" and in need of Christian salvation. Until a few years ago few if any Christians every studied the origins of their birth faith to the degree necessary to spot the problems inherent with the "Jesus Story". **The Internet today is changing that as well as casual trips to a Barnes and Noble Book Store in your area where you look through the religious sections.**

It was during my 3 years in Seminary from 1985-1988, in obtaining my Masters of Divinity degree, that I came

first face to face with the irregularities and contradictions within the "Jesus Story". I was shocked to hear what my Pastor never taught me or possibly never knew. Knowing that "God is not the author of confusion" then I had to know who was responsible for this "Swiss cheese" theology. That is what I call it for it fits the problem well. **This was the beginning of my life-time quest for truth about God and His "Christ".** This hunger for truth would shape the rest of my life and studies and does so up to this very day. Let me say that in my increasing depth of study over time in my pilgrimage of investigation into the "Jesus Story", I, as an Ordained Pastor of a mega-church in Dallas, Texas, experienced the full gamut of emotions possible: tears, heartbreak, grief, anguish, anger, indignation, confusion, sadness, depression, etc. **It was only with great courage and continued study on my part through this dark past of Christianity and its distortion of Ancient History and Ancient Religious Antiquity did I eventually come to the joy of my salvation which only came when I discovered the beauty and truth of Biblical Judaism and its strong historical links with the first Monotheistic nation in this world; namely, Ancient Egypt.**

Having graduated Seminary and realizing that I was given nothing to further my understanding of a "Jewish Jesus" while there I set out to discover and restore the Jewish Roots of my Christian Faith. That was my first step. I reasoned that since Seminary had not taught me a "Jewish Jesus" then I would find him on my own. I never dreamed the shock that would be coming my way by such intense study into these areas over the next 5 years. I began a serious study of Biblical Judaism that lasted about 4-5 years and in so doing found that such study presented me with multiple roads for later study that led elsewhere and these were, due to time restraints, allotted to a future day for their consideration and investigation as time restraints in a full-time Ministry would permit. As the years passed I finally found the necessary time to travel these roads of enlightenment and in was in these other vistas of study that my eyes were really opened like never before to the deceptions inherent in the "Jesus Story" which I had inherited since childhood.

My almost 20 years of study and discovery has motivated me to develop numerous websites containing the fruit of my research and study that I, as an Ordained Pastor, felt the normative Christian believer should want to know if given the chance. I remember that during my Pastorate I often asked my students: ***"Do you want to know the truth before you die?"*** An affirmative answer on my part led me to develop with God's help over these last few years a series of "thematic" studies that found expression in [various Websites on the Internet.](#)

My study was a progressive one to say the least, for after all it takes time for a seed to grow and yours will be as well. **These websites chronicle for the student the progressive revelation that I received in my studies that led me from an assumed "Historical Jesus" to the "Mystical Christ" and finally to the "Mythical Christ". You might say that there are 3 different understandings of "Jesus Christs", or the Egyptian "Karast", down through recorded History and if you undertake such a personal study you will find that only 2 of them are real and the other the product of a gross deception and a masterful and purposeful misinterpretation of the prior two. More on that as we progress in this article.**

BELIEVING IN JESUS?

Like most of those who read my articles I assume that like me you grew up as a Christian or else you would not be interested in Jesus Christ. I grew up as a Christian and that being so was taught to "believe in Jesus." I grew up taught to "believe the New Testament" from start to finish. I entered Seminary with such a background and as a "believer in Jesus". At that time in my life, devoid of any serious scholarly study into the "Jesus Story" or the Bible, I did not have a doubt in the world that my birth faith was not the ultimate truth in the world about the Creator and the Jewish Messiah. Through all the early years of my study following Seminary where I would be challenged to my very core by what I was uncovering in my search for a "Jewish Jesus" and seeing the hidden fruits of my studies I desperately wanted to continue to "believe in Jesus" and find some authentic evidence that would allow me to continue to believe in the "Historical Jesus" as depicted in the New Testament. **But all I had was this one book from Rome, the New Testament, and my intense studies into Manuscript Evidences and Canonization of the New Testament was revealing to me that this book, the New Testament, is highly unreliable as a truthful depiction of not only the Jewish Messiah but**

"the Christ" as well. Purposeful manipulations, purposeful misquotations of the Hebrew Scriptures, purposeful mistranslations of the Hebrew Scriptures, using the Hebrew Scriptures out of context, and outright Scriptural invention of assumed prophecies in the New Testament was revealing to me that my New Testament was a forgery and a fraud. It was not accurate to the prior Hebrew in hundreds of places and few know of this unless they do comparative studies between the Hebrew, Greek, and English texts. Surely, I thought, that somewhere there is something that exists outside of this one forged book that will be the proof I so desperately sought that would finally reveal to me that Jesus of Nazareth is a real person behind the pages of my New Testament. As my studies accelerated because of what I was uncovering I was face to face with the facts of archeology, manuscript evidences, and modern scholarship from numerous scholars today that showed me the existence of hundreds of purposeful forgeries of religious texts in the New Testament concerning the "Jesus Story" but yet I clung to the hope that my Jesus is real and the soon coming Messiah of Israel. I reasoned: "So what; the book was forged by Rome". But I clung to the hope that my Jesus was real despite a Roman forgery of the Jewish Scriptures. But that was the early years when my studies were confined to Biblical Judaism and comparison of the texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls with the Greek Septuagint (LXX) and later English Old and New Testament translations. I can remember during these times and during these studies into the LXX, the Greek translation of the earlier Hebrew Scriptures which were translated in Alexandria, Africa, my first introductions into African Hermeticism and Gnosticism along with African Mythology. Just beginning to scratch the surface of these "theological rabbits" during that time I remember how scared I was at what I was reading and beginning to find and much of it literally took my breath away when I first began to look into Comparative Religions and Solar Mythology. It was in this time of my studies when beginning to study Comparative Religions with the Solar and Lunar Mythology of Egypt and later nations which taught the same things where I first saw the origins of the "Jesus Story" existing as far back as 13,000 B.C.E. I was mortified and after a short while put "these studies" on the shelf not wishing to go into these subject matters at the depth necessary at that time for fear of what I knew I would find. Still clinging to my Jesus you might say I was afraid to look into this. These studies would have to wait for another day. But that day came sooner than I ever expected. God has a way of leading you through the valley of the shadow of death; even when it involves simple study of the New Testament and the fear of the unknown.

So the time came for me to seriously embark upon these studies into Comparative Religions and Egyptian Solar and Lunar Mythology having put them down for about a year in which I turned to a much safer study of the "Jesus Story". But God would tug at my heart over and over to continue to go deeper into the study of the "Jesus Story". After about the first 4-5 years of study when everything was non-threatening when looking only at a "Jesus Jesus" and the Jewish faith and the Jewish ideas of the Messiah I felt safe and I could at that time reason that the texts were forged because the Gentiles wished to change the Jewish concepts of the Messiah. But all the while I felt the strong attraction to begin a serious study of African and Egyptian Religion as well as Gnosticism and it is there that I began to see the "Mystical Christ Within" of which the authentic Paul and his 7 epistles talks about. I decided that I would tackle Gnosticism first. It was in these beginning stages of my deeper study of "Gnosticism" that I began to find the reason for all the forgeries of the New Testament texts that I had found before and even the replacement of the "First Gnostic New Testament" with the "Second New Testament" of Rome which "literalized" this "Gnostic Christ within". These forgeries of New Testament texts were not only necessary to provide a Replacement Religion against Biblical Judaism but were also necessary to destroy the "Gnostic Christ Within" which I discovered was the belief of the earliest Christians which modern scholarship will today attest NEVER believed in a "Christ with flesh". In such studies dealing with the comparison of the Hebrew Tanakh with later quotes in the New Testament along with Gnostic Christianity I discovered the most unbelievable deception known to man; namely, the outright and blatant forgery of the New Testament along with the earlier purposeful mistranslation of the Hebrew Scriptures, the purposeful mistranslation and misquotation of the Hebrew Scriptures when quoted in the New Testament along with the outright purposeful invention of others in order to present a "fleshly Christ" instead of the "Mystical Christ within". This was done mind you to undermine and destroy the Gnostic opponents of Roman "literal" Christianity

which was beginning to emerge after the first century. Rome, having not the "gnosis" to properly understand the "Gnostic Christ" nor the Egyptian "Karast" created a replacement religion that reinterpreted and destroyed the Ancient understandings of "the Christ". In so doing Rome destroys over the first 5 centuries of the emerging Gentile Church the Ancient understanding of God which has existed on this planet for over 30,000 years. One only has to study Egyptian Religion as far back as it goes to see that in the beginning Ancient mankind knew that God lives in them and the Invisible, Uncreated Energy and Intelligent Architect of the Universe, God, came through emanations to dwell within physical matter (mankind). These Ancients described this as "the descent of the Soul, the passion of the Christ (masculine), and the passion of the Sophia (feminine). Through my studies I learned how the Ancient Egyptians were the origin for the vast majority of religious doctrines and dogmas that exist in Christianity today while sad at the same time to see that so many of them has been "reinterpreted" and given different and erroneous meanings by Rome much later. I saw with my own eyes how Egypt believed that every child of God possessed within themselves this "Egyptian Karast" which is called "the Christ" today. But instead of everyone possessing this "Christ Within" Rome made it appear in their destruction of this Ancient knowledge and Biblical Judaism as well that this Christ existed in the "flesh" to the exclusion of others and was historically confined to one person alone; that being the "Jesus Christ" of Roman invention whom is called today "Jesus of Nazareth". The irony of it all would hit home when I discovered archeologists maintain that Nazareth was not even a city yet in the first century but was built much later. I saw quite clearly I had inherited and believed "a lie" from Rome but I was not alone for 2.5 billion others in the world are right there with me because of our "forged Christian texts".

Understand I grew up believing in Jesus and throughout all these years of study I desired to hang on to my "Jesus" as long as I could but the hard cold facts of the studies I was doing continued daily and monthly to expose my beliefs in a "Historical Jesus" as unfounded since the more I studied the less I saw of a "Historical Jesus Christ" and the more I saw that the original faith of the First Century Gnostic believers in "the Christ" was one that believed not in a "Historical Jesus Christ" but the "Gnostic Christ Within". The puzzle was coming together the more I studied and such study over time separated apart the Gnostic New Testament from later forgery of Rome's Second "literalized" New Testament and this separation of the First Gnostic New Testament from the Second Roman New Testament can be done today by the reader if he so wishes. But sadly for me the picture coming together from gathering the puzzle pieces strewn down through history presented for me the ultimate challenge to my faith. The picture unfolding for me daily, from book book, was not one that supported at all the existence of a flesh and blood Jesus of Nazareth; rather it revealed just the opposite. Forgery of the texts of the New Testament by Rome following the first century was the vehicle that gave life to this "historical" and "fleshly Christ".

I looked heavily into modern scholarship and what they have to say about the "Historical Jesus". Looking at the facts concerning the forgery of outside evidence for the existence of a "Historical Jesus" was depressing to say the least. Just like the ossuary of James, now been declared a fraud and the deceiver behind bars, I could find not one single existing unforged evidence attesting to the existence of a "Historical Jesus" outside of this already declared fraud of a book given us by Rome. An unbiased study of History and archeology and analysis of the surviving documents showed me that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a man named Jesus of Nazareth and in fact revealed evidence to the contrary. I consistently found that outside of this one forged book, the Roman Bible and the New Testament, there exists not one piece of unforged or unadulterated evidence for the historical existence of this man from Galilee.

By now I was ready to tackle Egypt and the Egyptian Solar and Lunar Mythology that was associated with the earliest "Jesus Story" ever found on this planet. I had overcome my fear of losing my Jesus and now nothing could hold me back at getting to the bottom of this "theological puzzle". I was off to find the truth behind the "Mystical Christ" and the "Mythical Christ" and determine once and for all the links, if any, to my inherited "Historical Jesus".

In time my studies would progress into other areas where my prior fear of discovering something that would

make me lose my "faith in Jesus" no longer existed because it **finally dawned on me that the truth mattered more than my faith; especially if my "faith" was in error.** I would find over the next few years that a through study of Comparative Religions revealed to me that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions over 13 thousand years prior to the alleged time of Jesus of Nazareth. It all begins with Egypt. As I continued to submit to dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology I found that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what is the oldest and most important "religious" understanding of God that Ancient mankind every wrote down.

Answer for yourself: And what was that?

It is the story of the the annual passage of Sun through not only the seasons of the year along with the Equinoxes and Solstices but the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. What was even more unbelievable would be my discovery that this personification of the Sun in its trip through the sky throughout the year was the very foundation for all later events found in the many stories of these various "solar" gods and godmen. When this path of the Sun was "personified" and given a life of its own as if "human" it was a small step to characterize this path of the Sun in "anthropomorphic" language which was expressed through various allegories as seen in the lives of the many "solar representatives" as we find in Comparative Religion. These "solar representatives" are the "godmen" we find in recorded history like Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Mithra, Attis, and even Jesus. **These "personifications of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac were allegorized" and in so doing became the many "events" we find in the various stories of these "godmen". Amazingly the events and sayings (called the Logia) in the lives of these "godmen" like Horus, Dionysus, Mithra, and even Jesus follow in EXACT ORDER the very path of the Sun "personified" as it moves through the Sky and Heavens from House to House in the Zodiac in its one year cycle.** You can take the life of Jesus as depicted in the New Testament and trace it through the New Testament and it lines up perfectly with this "personified path of the Sun" through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac which explains why the Synoptic Gospels have only a "one year" ministry for Jesus when the Gospel of John has it as 3 years. The lives, events, and sayings (Logia) of these "godmen" like Jesus follow in exact sequence the the path of the Sun (personified) as it moves through the 4 seasons of the year (Equinoxes and Solstices) and its relationship to associated Constellations along its route through the Sky yearly. **The "Jesus Story" is no exception in this regard for I discovered to my utter amazement that this "Jesus Story", itself a "personification of the Sun in its path through the Zodiac, follows in exact chronological procession from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book this very same "personification" of the Sun in its path through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac.** You have to see this to believe it but if and when you do there is no doubt that the New Testament depiction of Jesus is not one of a "historical person" but rather an allegory of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac. The proof is in the evidence and I will share that with the reader as we progress in our studies. It is to this we now turn in our studies as I will show the reader how this was done in the New Testament.

It is to these matters we now turn.

[Let us continue our study in the second article in this series](#)

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THIS "JESUS CHRIST"? MY THOUGHTS ON JESUS AFTER 20 YEARS OF STUDY #2

Like most being reared in Christianity as my birth faith I assumed before Seminary that all is well that end well and never questioned anything in the Bible for I had been positively programed to believe that I had a "infallible, inerrant, and inspired" Bible as the unadulterated Word of God. That worked until I set in classes in Seminary and saw the "Swiss cheese theology" that was taught that came from an intensive investigation of the Christian Bible. Something was wrong and at that time I could not put my finger upon what was really wrong with it but I would be able later to achieve that goal as my studies following graduation from Southwestern Theological Seminary, in Ft. Worth, Texas, would provide me with such "answers" to the many questions I had when I left there concerning both a "Jewish Jesus" and a "Historical Christ".

At present Bet Emet Ministries has over ten websites; 13 to be accurate. We need to talk about them for a second. Understanding that growing up any beginning study of the Bible is normally taken from a "literalistic" view since we are basically "Greeks" and grow up with a "literalistic" interpretation of the Bible. Literal interpretation is taking the Bible at face value and reading it as a literature and as a narrative of historical and factual events. We assume that a "literal interpretation" of what we are reading in the Bible is the normal and accurate thing to do for the most part never wondering if this approach to interpretation could be inaccurate for some reason. That is what we all do when first coming to the Bible in study; that is until our studies progress enough to see that such a "literal interpretation" is often folly and absurdity in light of the newly learned facts provided by modern scholarship that shows that these Ancient writers often wrote in "pictures, allegories, similes, and symbolism" and never intended their writings and spiritual concepts to be interpreted "literally" by anyone.

Answer for yourself: What should this mean to us?

This means that we have to start all over and begin a serious reevaluation of what we have been taught and learned since our prior interpretation of many texts are flawed when examined under the light of modern scholarship. Understand that few ever study to this level necessary to see this fallacy and principle of erroneous "literal" interpretation of much of the New Testament and live their whole lives with a false hermeneutic and interpretation of religious passages written as far back as 1500 B.C.E. To think that these Ancient people wrote literally just because that is the way we do it in our culture today is the height of foolishness. No where is this principle so important to understand is when we come to interpreting the "Jesus Story".

4 AREAS OF STUDY NECESSARY IF YOU WANT TO FIND THE

TRUTH ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Mark 8:27 27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? (KJV)

What a question! I found over these last 18 years of study that in order to recover the truths regarding the question "Whom is Jesus Christ" then 4 areas of study will be necessary. It is to these areas of study we now turn in order to determine whom this "Jesus Christ" of the New Testament really is and how he was understood by the Ancients and writers of the New Testament.

Answer for yourself: Why not just accept the "literal" interpretation of Jesus Christ as we have our whole lives? Simply because modern scholarship today is revealing to us facts and evidence that have detrimental and damaging consequences to a "literal interpretation" of the "Jesus Story" which we find in our Christian Bibles.

I found that in order to learn the truth behind the "Jesus Story" one has to become very familiar and competent in 4 areas of study:

- **The Analysis Of History In Relationship To The Documentation Of The Historical Jesus**
- **The Analysis Of Gnosticism**
- **The Analysis Of Comparative Religion**
- **The Analysis Of Solar Mythology**

THE ANALYSIS OF HISTORY IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE "HISTORICAL JESUS"

Troubling most for me during my years of study was, as stated in the prior article, the fact that there isn't a single "unforged" reference to Jesus Christ anywhere in recorded history that exists outside of this one book given us by Rome for the time he supposedly lived. The few references which some say allude to him are, according to modern scholarship, are forged, fabricated, or manufactured long after the original writing in order to bolster support for the existence of a "Historical Jesus" in the face of accusations to the contrary by Christianity's detractors. What should be inconceivable to a "thinking believer" is that during the alleged time of Jesus no one bothered to write down anything about this most extraordinary person and presumed Messiah. Many people alive at that time wrote extensively about everything that happened for it was a very troublesome time in the Middle East, and yet there is not a single reference to Jesus anywhere in all this wealth of first hand accounts and the few that do exist are shown by modern scholarship to be "doctored". This strange silence on Jesus Christ which pervades almost a century of Christian correspondence cries out for explanation. Modern scholarship to day will tell us that all references to Jesus Christ outside of this "one" book given to the world by Rome are either forged, fabricated, or purely invented in order to place this "Jesus Christ" into a historical time-line of Rome's choosing. Of course they chose the Messianic time-line of the Jews but ironically the Jews tell us today that their expected Messiah never appeared and never fulfilled the expected Jewish and Hebrew prophecies in their Hebrew Scriptures. These same Jews and Jewish Rabbis also tell us, if we care to look, that our Christian Bibles are forged and not accurate to the true Hebrew Scriptures. We at Bet Emet have Websites detailing this gross forgery in the Christian Bible if you care to look.

An unbiased study of History will show you that there is not a smitch of legitimate and unforged historical evidence existing anywhere today that teaches us that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a man named Jesus of Nazareth and actually presents opposing evidence to the contrary.

If one does some serious study and examine when the Bible itself was truly written they discover that the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John; the four books detailing the life of Jesus) are not referenced in any writings by any Christian writer or Church Father until the later half of the second century, a full 140 years after the "Christ Event" supposedly happened. I am speaking of 170 A.D. as the first time any Christian writer, defending his faith, ever mentions a "gospel" by name. The Catholic Church admits a date of 70 A.D. for the earliest Gospel, a full 40 years after the alleged event, but this again upon serious examination is but "received tradition" for no quote or mention of any early gospel can be discovered today in the prolific writings of the early Christians until 170 A.D. when Irenaeus mentions them first. Many lay at hid feet the production of the replacement Second New Testament that replaced the prior Gnostic Scriptures or as I prefer to call it the "First New Testament". **Bible scholars claim the Gospels were written in 170 A.D. mainly because there is no reference to the gospels by anyone, Christian or non-Christian, prior to 170 A.D., especially by certain people who definitely would have included references to them had they existed.** This is where our inquiry has to begin and this will be addressed as we make our way through this website. Next we must look into comparative religion. We already have addressed this in detail on [prior websites](#) by this ministry.

Let me say that I have found out what I would call a "universal axiom"; that being that **"winners write history". Rome won and the Jews lost; Greece won and Egypt lost.** The accounts that have come down to us by way of tradition today which are supposed to represent "historical truth" often are anything but that. I found through my studies that you often learn "historical truth" not by reading the accounts of the winners of battles and the history written from triumphant nations but by readings the accounts of the "losers" of these political-religious struggles. No truer words could ever be spoken I believe. Let me move on with a recommendation for good book to read to help the reader see the truths of history that Rome and Greece have tried so desperately to cover up. It is facts like these that caused Rome to burn the libraries of the world to cover up their lies and deceit. This book will reveal to you the greatness of the Egyptian nation and religion and how mankind owes everything he has today to the greatness of this first Monotheistic black race of Africa.

- **Stolen Legacy** by George G. M. James

THE ANALYSIS OF GNOSTICISM

Gnosticism flourished in Egypt and Western Asia between 250 B.C. and AD. 400. It was a **Theosophic movement made up of elements of Egyptian mythology, Indian metaphysics, Judaism, and Greek philosophy.** Gnosticism was overwhelmed by Christianity in the fourth century, AD., but some of the lost Gnostic literature has been recovered, and I shall briefly consider it. The ancient Gnostics were those who "knew", just as the modern Agnostics are those who "do not know". Gnostics believed in a Supreme God who was both unknown and unknowable. This unknown god was not the creator of the world; this task was delegated to lesser gods, who were emanations of the Supreme God. **Egypt called this the "many in the One".** These subordinate gods or emanations from the One true God, who created and governed the world, were called Aeons. Among the Aeons were:

- **The Logos (The Word, Christ [masculine])**
- **Sophia (Wisdom [feminine])**
- **Nous (Mind)**
- **Phronesis (Judgment)**
- **Dynamis (Power)**

What I uncovered in my studies is that all of the above are but attributes of the One Supreme God, yet they exist separately. The Supreme God and the Aeons altogether formed the Pleroma (Fullness of the Godhead).

Col 1:19 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; (KJV)

Col 2:8-9 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of

men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (KJV)

In the Gospel of St. John, the Logos, or Word, is identified with "the Christ" which to these earliest writers was not a "historical fleshly person" but a manifestation of God existing in the metaphysical realm. The Gnostic influence among the primitive Christians was very strong. **St. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, was Gnostic.** As Rhys has observed: It will be noticed that generally speaking **the earlier Epistles show signs of Gnostic influence, while the later show signs of anti-Gnostic bias.** In the earlier epistles long before Rome's later forgery of the First New Testament, "the Christ" is spoken of as a spiritual being who has always existed. . . . This Christ spirit was in Paul himself, just as it had been in Jesus: ***"Christ liveth in me."* (Galatians 2:20)** (Rhys, Shaken Creeds, p. 39.) A later Christian Gnostic, Manes (216-275), formed a sect known as the Manichaeans. The Manichaeans according to Rhys, ***"believed that Jesus descended from heaven in the form of a man about thirty years of age. His body was illusory, as he was in reality a purely spiritual being; and in the same way the dove (Holy Spirit) which descended upon him, or rather into him, at his baptism was also an illusion."*** This explains why Paul never concerns himself with a "fleshly Jesus" or mentions hardly any teachings associated with the later traditions of "Jesus of Nazareth". Paul's Christ was not a human being; that is until Rome makes it look that way by later forgeries of anti-gnostic writings to which they attach Paul's name thereby giving these anti-gnostic forgeries immediate "authority".

Manes, the founder of this sect called Manichaeans, described the Virgin Birth story as a fable which had grown up around the **imaginary figure of this pre-existing spirit Jesus**, and drew attention to the fact that **no first-hand witness gave evidence to its occurrence.** (Rhys, Shaken Creeds, p. 173.) A later form of Manichaean Gnosticism was established in the late sixth century of Mazdak, who combined his religious doctrine with socialism: Mazdakism is mentioned in Chapter XLI of Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, and Professor J. B. Bury appended the following note on this esoteric cult: Its religious character distinguished Mazdakism from all modern socialistic theories. His doctrines were embraced by the ancient Gnostics and Mazdak was enrolled by them with Thoth, Saturn, Zoroaster, Pythagoras, Epicurus, John and **Christ as teachers of the true Gnostic doctrines** (Gibbon, History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, ed. by Oliphant Smeaton, Vol. II, Modern Library Two-Volume Edition, pp. 255-256).

If you wish to do your own study into this most important area of study of the earliest understandings of "the allegorical or Gnostic Christ" then I recommend to the readers that you consider:

- Gnosticism, Judaism, and Egyptian Christianity by Birger Pearson
- Fragments of a Faith Forgotten by G. R. S. Mead
- Pistis Sophia, A Gnostic Gospel by G. R. S. Mead
- Did Jesus Live 100 B. C.?, by G. R. S. Mead,
- Thrice Greatest Hermes by G. R. S. Mead,
- Shadow of the Third Century, Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn,
- Early Christian Heresies by Joan O'Grady
- The True Origins of Christianity and the Bible by Andrew Benson
- The Beginning Of Christianity by Andrew Welburn
- The Historical Jesus And The Mythical Christ by Gerald Massey
- Jung And The Lost Gospels by Stephan Hoeller
- Gnosticism: New Light On The Ancient Tradition by Stephan Hoeller
- Gnosis: The Nature & History Of Gnosticism by Kurt Rudolph
- The Gnostic Gospels by Elaine Pagels
- The Gnostic Paul by Elaine Pagels
- The Gnostic Scriptures by Bentley Layton

I discovered in all of my studies over these years that after the Roman Emperor Constantine made the

Christian religion the State religion of the empire, the remaining Gnostics were persecuted out of existence and their literature was destroyed. How and why Gnosticism was destroyed by organized Christianity is, as a rule, glossed over in history textbooks. One American scholar has penned an accurate and colorful account of these episodes. I ask the reader to read the following slowly and gleam the truths from it that I have found reiterated consistently throughout my studies by many infallible proofs:

"Preceding Christianity there was a school of science and philosophy which had accumulated practically all the wisdom and knowledge understandable to mankind. The object was to broadly educate the masses of the people by a unit system which would give to humanity a wisdom in common. **This was the most potential period in human intellectual advancement the world has known. This school was called Gnosticism.** Gnosis means to know - knowledge. Christianity means to believe - ignorance. These are the two schools; the one advocating the universal education of men, the other the universal ignorance of men. The one desired to develop the unit man, the other desired to suppress the unit and level all mankind to a common plastic mass. **To accomplish this necessitated the suppressing of all extant knowledge and Rome excelled in this first of all by burning the world's libraries to destroy this Ancient knowledge of mankind about God which was followed by the closing of all the avenues through which people might acquire independent learning, education and intellectual training; the fruit of which was the debasement of humanity in abject ignorance. The school which pitted itself against Gnosticism assumed the name Ecclesia (the organized Roman Church).** This name at once identified the purpose for which the organization was created to seize control of government, that it might exploit mankind for profit, and for its own glorification. Temporal power was the church goal. The name Ecclesia was derived from the Greek, and signified the legislative body which governed ancient Athens long before Christianity was invented. **The first essential act of the Ecclesiasts was to suppress Gnosticism, and confiscate its vast accumulation of wisdom and knowledge, in order to control the education of future generations in a manner to adjust mankind to its purposes.** This is "mind control" at its best.

The Gnostic wisdom was not wholly lost to the world but its great, universal educational system was supplanted and displaced. **It is a well-established historical fact, not denied by the church that it required about 500 years to accomplish this submersion of Gnosticism, and to degrade the new generations in ignorance equal to the state of imbecility.** History again points its accusing finger at the living evidence. The horrible results of such a crime against nature and mankind are pictured in the **Dark Ages** ... these thousand or so years are not called "dark" for nothing. Not even priests or prelates were permitted to learn to read or write. Even bishops could barely spell out their Latin. During this period of mental darkness, the ignorant masses were trained in intolerance, bigotry, fanaticism, and superstitious fear of an invisible power secretly controlled by the church; all of which begat a state of hysteria and imbecility. Through this terrorism popes seized control of the temporal power, retaining this control for nearly 500 years. They appointed and deposed kings at will, hence they dictated legislation to their ends and purposes - the very essence of government . . . This process of legislating evil into mankind is to vindicate that damnable doctrine of original sin, which slanders nature and insults all mankind . . . Originally the motive was to confiscate the intellects of man, but the modern policy is much more concerned in confiscating their personal rights and property.

Here is the other aspect of the suppression of Gnosticism. Its method of teaching was an understandable symbolism. It specifically recognized nature as the great teacher, and visible things as the traditional records of past events, in progressive evolution from the lowest state to the highest, with thinking, reasoning man as the highest evolved being. Man did not fall, he was raised up by a natural promotion. Hence every man was a Gnostic to the extent of his accumulated knowledge and understanding. Thus each unit man became a teacher, and all men were given equal rights in the acquirement of knowledge. It was wholly an educational system, and a natural consequence in evolution. **The Ecclesiasts, the Roman church, being thoroughly familiar with the Gnostic wisdom concerning astronomy, chemistry, and mathematics, as demonstrated by the splendid systems of Babylon, Egypt and Assyria, conceived the idea of developing a religio-political form of universal government, to control and exploit the future generations of people upon the earth through living, personified agents of the imaginary heavenly powers. . . to monopolize such a divine**

power as that contemplated it was necessary to personify nature, using the Gnostic system of symbolisms, and to give to these wholly imaginary beings names and functions. The Gnostic system had to be confiscated, and Gnosticism suppressed, to prevent exposure. This is why Christianity was so viciously antagonistic towards science and philosophy during the Middle Ages (Thomas Sawyer Spivey, . The Last of The Gnostic Masters, Beverly Hills, California: Published by the author, 1926, pp. 544-551.)

Let me say in closing this part of the article that once I obtained a through understanding of Ancient Gnosticism, and that took a great deal of time, **I could see the terrible and horrific transformation of their earlier and simpler Ancient truths as presented through the hands of Rome today that line the pages of our New Testaments.** Not only would Rome burn the libraries of the world for hundreds of years to eradicate this prior knowledge of the Divine as understood since the beginning of time on this planet but would be responsible for the tragic **reinterpretation of all things "gnostic" and in so doing present the world with a counterfeit religion in the name of a "Historical Jesus" which up to that time has been treasured and believed by the Ancient Egyptians on down through every successive nation as the "Christ Within" which was of a Mystical Nature and not possessing "flesh" of any sort.** Paul and his authentic 7 epistles taught it correctly:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Where did this Paul think that this "Christ" resided? Through later Roman forgery of epistles bearing the name of Paul as well as the Roman Gospels which appear after 180 A.D. by the hands of Roman Christians like Irenaeus this "truism" of the "Christ Within" all mankind become blurred almost beyond recognition.

Paul and the earliest Christians, or should I say "Chrestians", which I found upon my intense studies and the reading of the best of the books on these issues that exist today, knew no "Historical Jesus" and had no belief in a "fleshly Jesus of Nazareth". With Rome's falsification and forgery of the earlier existing Gnostic New Testament presented by Marcion the "Mystical Christ Within" and the "Gnostic Christ" will be given "flesh" and in so doing be able now to be fit into a historical time-line of Rome's choosing. Roman "Scriptural Invention" become wide spread with verses like the following. You need ask yourself "Why" this verse even had to be penned if "Jesus" was a historical person (THINK)!

I Jn 4:3 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Can you imagine John writing a verse like this which has to declare that Jesus was "human" and "had flesh" if he had walked with Jesus for years? Remember that Jews like John NEVER believed their Messiah was to be "God Incarnated"; this is a later invention of Rome at the Council of Nicea some 300 or so years later! Scriptural forgery by Rome had no limits.

Our websites deal with this issue in detail. The more I studied the more my "Historical Jesus" began to vanish into the background of Rome's lies and deceptions and alterations of "the faith once given to the Saints which was definitely as I was finding more "Mystical" than "literal-historical". I have studied these areas and allied areas of study in detail along with Egyptian studies as they are related for over the last 6 years and the more that I study the more I see that this view of the Ancients Egyptian "Karast/Christ" is accurate to the earliest wisdom of the Ancients down through history for thousands of years. My turmoil at discovering uneasy things concerning my Jesus finally turned into harmony and peace the more I found these Ancient Truths for myself and saw God as the earliest Ancients understood Him and whom also gave these earliest Ancient Divine Truths

to the world which were captured for all Eternity through the medium of allegory and myths. Finally I found the peace and truth behind the "Jesus Story" but there were other problems that yet needed my attention if I were to cover all my bases in getting to the bottom of the "Jesus Story". I had yet to deal with the realm of Mythology. That was next on the agenda but I never dreamed as to what I would find there. Time to get your telescope out of the closet. You will understand shortly.

[Let us continue our study in the third article in this series](#)

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THIS "JESUS CHRIST"? MY THOUGHTS ON JESUS AFTER 20 YEARS OF STUDY #3

Like most being reared in Christianity as their birth faith I assumed before Seminary that "all is well that end well" and never questioned anything in the Bible for I had been positively programed to believe that I had a "infallible, inerrant, and inspired" Bible as the unadulterated Word of God. That worked until I set in classes in Seminary and saw the **"Swiss cheese theology"** and began to read very closely and begin to notice the contradictions that had escaped my shallow reading before as a just a "believer" and "pew setter". **Having begun an intensive investigation of this Book, the Bible, my life would never be the same again.** All I can remember from back then is that I was concerned at what I was beginning to notice and knew that something was wrong and at that time but I could not put my finger upon it but I would be able later to identify just what those problems were as my studies advanced. I began to devote my life to achieving and coming to the answers I sought for the many questions that surfaced concerning the "Jesus Story" as my studies grew into other areas like Judaism, Biblical History, Archeology, Comparative Religions, Astronomy, etc. Following graduation from Southwestern Theological Seminary, in Ft. Worth, Texas, I would begin to devote the time the time to pursue the "answers" to the many questions I had when I left there concerning both a "Jewish Jesus" and a "Historical Christ". Let me say up front I was not prepared for the whole of what I would find.

THE ANALYSIS OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION

Intensive and prolonged studies into these above areas of knowledge only rattled me more as I found out when reading many books on comparative religion by such famed authors as Albert Churchward and his The Origin And Evolution Of Religion, C.F. Volney and his Ruins, Dupis and his The Origin Of All Religious Worship, T.W. Doane and his Bible Myths and Parallels in Other Religions, Arthur Weigall and his The Paganism In Our Christianity, James Frazer and his The Golden Bough, Samuel Angus and his The Mystery-Religions And Christianity, Edward Carpenter and his Pagan and Christians Creeds, F. Max Muller and his Lectures On The Origin And Growth Of Religion, etc., where I uncovered the undeniable and terrible alarming facts that revealed beyond any doubt that **the "Jesus Story" existed thousands of years prior to the alleged time which Jesus was supposed to have lived.** In fact it existed in the earliest recorded religious literature of mankind on this planet as far back as the Old Kingdom in Ancient Egypt. The only problem is that this "Jesus Story" and its origins was shown to have come from the personification of the Sun and the Moon and their movements in the Heavens! **Now you understand why I had to begin a study of Astronomy as well as I found that all religions in one way or another came from the Ancients understanding of the celestial orbs and their movements and paths in the Heavens above.**

If one looks into such study he finds that many other religions have identical and indistinguishable stories of crucified saviors who all resurrected and ascended 3 days following their deaths on a "cross". Little did I know that when I began such a study that this "cross" was in the Sky thus making sense of the phrase:

Rev 13:8 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (KJV)

This will become clear to you when you look at our Jesus-Astronomy website. The fruit of my studies in comparative religion as I contrasted it with the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament showed plainly that the exact same story, various accounts and events, and many "sayings" in the life of the New Testament Jesus already existed in numerous religions prior to the alleged time of Jesus. These same "events" and "sayings" found in the "Jesus Story" could be found dating thousands of years earlier than the New Testament Jesus. I was overwhelmed when I discovered that the accounts of Chrishna, Horus, Orpheus, Bacchus, Osiris, Dionysus, Buddha, Apollo, Hercules, Adonis, Ormuzd, Mithras, Indra, Œdipus, Quetzalcoatl, etc., all read like the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament. Other than the names being changed the story read the same. The motif of a virgin born Crucified Savior who was resurrected 3 days following his death was already existing prior to the alleged time of Jesus and dating back to thousands of years earlier than the supposed time for the life of Jesus of Nazareth. When reading comparative religions I found that they basically all had virgin births, were visited by wise men and shepherds, were given the same 3 gifts, had to flee a king which desired to kill the new born infant, was tempted by a devil, turned water into wine, raised the dead, walked on water, had transfigurations and shinned brightly, had 12 dedicated disciples, were betrayed by 30 pieces of silver, were pieced, had a twin for a disciple, were wounded in the house of their friends, were crucified between two thieves, had darkness at their deaths, was dead for 3 days, raised from the dead after 3 days and ascended, was expected to return, etc. Even a blind man could see that there is a "common story" here or a "common mythology" that ties all these stories of these sungods together with the "Jesus Story". The more I read about the "Jesus Story" and saw its origin as far back as Egypt and the earliest recorded written records that exist on this planet, many of which can be seen on the side of the walls of Egyptian temples today, then I seriously had to doubt the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament being a divine and unique revelation. The more I studied it appeared as if my "Jesus Story" was a fraud. I began to wonder where I could find any truth concerning this supposed "Jesus Christ" of history. What is even more startling is that Early Christian apologists admitted this "farce" and "forgery" when confronted by those exposing such Christian plagiarism in the first and early centuries and they tried to explain this all away by saying that this "replay of the lives of the Solar gods" away as the work of the Devil.

Let us look at Augustine for just a second because he says some incredible things that most Christians will never read. What never ceased to amaze me when reading the early Church Fathers is their admission to their own deceptions in foisting the Christian faith upon the world. One of the great admissions by Augustine in his writings is one which pulls the underpinnings out from under the whole of the "unique" Christian Religion as the "only" path to Heaven which Roman Christianity attests today. I can remember it well when studying Augustine and his theology as this passage jumped out at me like few that I had read in that time of my life. In what I was reading of Augustine one day I was startled by what he said and it stopped me on a dime and I had to re-read it several times to see not only the picture of what Augustine was painting but at the same time identify with his own concern about how could there be "Christianity before Christ"! I read more I felt the concern and identified with the great mystery of which Augustine had written. I began to see that Augustine, the supposed greatest Church Father ever, had studied this question regarding a "Christianity before Jesus" and answered it accordingly as follows:

"That which is known as the Christian religion existed among the ancients, and never did not exist; from the beginning of the human race until the time when Christ came in the flesh, at which time the true religion, which already existed began to be called Christianity"

(Retractt. I, xiii, cited by Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn in his Shadow of The Third Century, Elizabeth N.J.: Academy Press, 1949, p.3). Please take the time to re-read this quote above from Augustine. Also read anything you can

written by Alvin Kuhn if you want to know the truth behind our Christian Faith.

I wondered at what this astounding quote from Augustine could mean. It would take several years of study on my part to identify exactly what Augustine meant by that quote. He was speaking about Egypt and the Egyptian religion which was a mixture of the Mystical and Mythical representations of Divine Truth given to the earliest of mankind on this planet. Now Augustine wrote around 400 A.D. and mind you this is far removed from the time period supposedly of the "Historical Jesus". I would come to see with more study that Augustine "assumes" something that was not in this "TRUE RELIGION" which "ALREADY EXISTED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE HUMAN RACE" which is really not true; namely, that nowhere in this "TRUE REGION FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE HUMAN RACE" was there ever a "Karast/Christ" who was believed to have come in "the flesh". This is a major study to say the least that took several years to get to the bottom of it thoroughly on my part but I did and the fruits of my studies are becoming available in various websites as time permits.

The Bishop of Carthage, Tertullian, says that Christians were considered Sun worshippers because they prayed towards the east just like their pagan counterparts who also worshipped the Sun. Tertullian goes on to say, *"You say we worship the Sun; so do you."* (Catholic Encyclopedia, xiv, 525; Ad. Nationes, xiii; Ante-Nicene Father, iii, 123)

Answer for yourself: How much do you know about this Tertullian?

Tertullian went on to renounce Christianity and admitted that he was in error. When challenged by their opponents the Christian's general argument was, "What better way to for the Devil to combat our True Religion than for the Devil to have previously created a whole bunch of false religions identical to our True Religion." I don't know how dim you have to be to believe such a thing but they had no choice when cornered by their critics. Such dialogue among early Christian Church Fathers only went to expose the whole of Roman Christian dogma as a bunch of Church Fathers best known to be "copy cats" and they knew it! It is they who forged a "Historical Jesus" and it is we who don't know of this today! Instead of teaching the same Divine Truths and Divine Revelations as held by the Ancient priests and sages as expressed through the medium of "myth, legend, and symbols" since time began these early Church Fathers like Ignatius, Justin Martyr, and Irenaeus "LITERALIZED THE WHOLE THING" and presented these prior symbolic godmen as if a unique character all rolled into one named "Jesus Christ" and inserted him into a historical time line of their making.

One can read the many books by those authors listed above and others and find the same basic story line as found in the "Jesus Story" from every Aryan Sun Worshipping nation under the Sun. This common story line was troublesome to say the least for such a one as myself being reared in a Christian home with Jesus taught as the only way to Heaven. I had to know from where all these nations got this "same story". I reasoned that there had to be an original source for these multiple "Jesus Stories" as found in the lives of Osiris, Dionysus, Attis, Mithra, etc. The more I read these authors over the span of 2-3 years and consumed book after book it began to appear that my "Jesus Story" was not the story of a historical person after all but a retelling of a much older "original story". I had to know how it came into being in the beginning and I set my sights on finding out where the ultimate source for the "Jesus Stories" lay.

THE ANALYSIS OF SOLAR & LUNAR MYTHOLOGY

I had to know how this "Jesus Story" had begun in the beginning and where it had come from. I had to know where all these godmen like Chrishna, Horus, Orpheus, Bacchus, Osiris, Dionysus, Buddha, Apollo, Hercules, Adonis, Ormuzd, Mithras, Indra, Œdipus, Quetzalcoatl, etc., had their ultimate origins. Sure the stories of each one of these exist and overlap amazingly but I reasoned that such a "common story" must of had an ultimate origin that all nations could see for themselves and had done so in successive periods of time spanning hundreds if not thousands of years. Just a little more study and I would have it. I had noticed that in all of my

reading that the mention of Constellations as well as the Sun and Moon seemed to recur continually. The more I studied I began to see how these orbs provided the ultimate source for the original "Osiris Story" and since the "Osiris Story" is again a prototype for the "Jesus Story" then it made sense that behind the "Jesus Story" somewhere lay these same orbs that gave life to the "Osiris Story". I was right as my studies into Astronomy and Astrology would show me fairly quickly. The source for all of this that lays behind the "Jesus Story" was to be found in Astronomy and Astrology. Now I had it. **This was the final key to the whole puzzle.** I had found the beginning of the "Jesus Story" and it was above my head in the stars and constellations all the while. **No wonder all the nations had similar stories; mankind saw the same things in the sky and as trade and travel increased over time, let alone captivities through military conquest (the Jews) throughout the world the stories and mythology of these constellations would become undifferentiated between all nations.**

In pursuit of this knowledge and having to know how the "Jesus Story" began I found that all roads led to Egypt, as well as other nations chronologically down through history, where the events were the same but only the names of the characters in their own "Jesus Stories" were different. In such study I ran into the **revelation that the whole "Jesus Story", as well as the stories of all the other crucified saviors and godmen prior to Jesus, was nothing more than an allegory of the Sun's annual journey through the sky and the Zodiac and the transit of the Sun and stars through the 4 seasons of the year (the Spring equinox, the Summer solstice, the Autumn equinox, and the Winter solstice). Various personifications of the movements of these celestial orbs, all mixed together, told the "Jesus Story" verbatim.** I quickly realized that this one solar event, the path of the Sun through the Heavens, repeatedly observed by all of mankind year after year, for thousands of years, recorded and chronicled by all nations for thousands and thousands of years, **explains why all these stories of the sungods and the "Jesus Story" are essentially the same. Only the names for their "Jesus" was different as one would expect. The allegory of the personified Sun in its path through the sky was the original precursor to the "Jesus Story" in our New Testaments and not an assumed historical person. Rome would come later and "literalize" this prior allegory and out comes the "historical Jesus".**

Answer for yourself: But how can be certain that the above is true? There is a way. Do you know what it is? Just do more study into the existing supposed evidences for a historical Jesus and see if they can pass the test of scrutiny. I did and they cannot as modern scholarship today attests. **We learn from such a study is that that all existing outside references to the "historical Jesus" are faked in one way or the other.**

An unbiased study of History will show you that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. Outside of this one forged book, the Roman Bible and the New Testament, there exists not one piece of unforged or unadulterated evidence for the historical existence of this man from Galilee. I had already discovered for myself that an unbiased and through study of Comparative Religion revealed to me that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus. As I continued such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology I then found that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. **Amazingly I found that the personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follows in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book of Matthew. Doing such an involved personal study made me realize that my hope for finding the "historical Jesus" evaporated into thin air.** Then I realized that the Jewish Nation had been right all along; their Messiah had not come and Jesus of Nazareth was not only an imposter but non-historical as well.

This period in my life is when I coined this phrase:

A Christian's religious belief system, when tested and exposed to contradictory facts from Biblical languages, Biblical history, Biblical culture, the study of Gnosticism as well as Comparative Religions, Astronomy and Astrology, and Archeology, must in the Spirit of Truth and Repentance, be flexible enough to change.

I quickly came to realize that the parallels of the Ancient legends and myths (as told by the Ancients of the personified Sun in its annual path as it travels through the Zodiac) with the "Jesus Story" are so numerous that it is impossible to explain them away as just a coincidence. During the course of such study I was so overwhelmed by what I saw at first I could not believe what I was encountering; in fact I felt that I had to begin a simultaneous study of Astronomy and Astrology in order to see for myself the "Jesus Story" in the sky. **The fruit of such study was the personal accumulation of mounds of data that showed without a doubt that the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is nothing more than Rome's plagiarism of the personification of Sun and its path through the sky.** Never had I dreamed when in Seminary that my studies would ever lead into such areas as Comparative Religions, Solar Mythology, and Astronomy, but pursuing such studies in these areas **proved beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Story" is just an allegory for the Sun passing through the Zodiac and the passage of the seasons of the year.** This common origin, the personification of the Sun by nation after nation, explains why all the stories of crucified saviors are essentially the same as the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament.

Of course these are just words but the articles are packed with evidence and facts to prove what I say. For those who have not read the websites and studied for themselves the materials presented I am not going to ask the reader to do a little reading in these areas as we continue with articles. But if you want to know the truth about the "Jesus Story" then you have to become acquainted with the evidence and facts that lie behind such above statements. The following is a presentation in summary form of the Astral Theology that lies behind the "Jesus Story". Once you have read this then you will see that the outline for the "Jesus Story" being little more than a combination of Solar Mythology coupled with Lunar Mythology.

In my studies I repeatedly discovered, no matter whom the author, that down through history there exists two principal types of Savior-Gods and this is agreed to by the vast majority of hierologists and others who study the Ancient literature regarding "sacred things. They are:

- **vegetation gods and**
- **astral gods.**

The vegetation theory was presented with great erudition by Sir James G. Frazer in **The Golden Bough**, Abridged Edition (New York: The Macmillan Co., 1949), and also by Grant Allen in **The Evolution of The Idea of God** (London, Watts and Co., 1931). The stellar, lunar and solar myth theories have been treated with an equally vast scholarship by **Charles F. Dupuis, Count Volney, Gerald Massey, Dr. Albert Churchward, Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn, John M. Robertson, Godfrey Higgins, Ernest Busenbark, and Rev. Robert Taylor.** **Other experts will be cited as we progress, but the men named above are among the outstanding authorities in these areas and many of their books are yet available to the interested reader.**

An accurate and concise summary of the vegetation theory has been given by Dr. Forsyth in his **Psychology and Religion**:

"Many gods besides Christ have been supposed to die, be resurrected and ascend to heaven. This idea has now been traced back to its origin among primitive people in the annual death and resurrection of crops and plant life generally. This explains the world-wide prevalence of the notion. Among still more primitive tribes, Grant Allen showed, it is not yet understood that sown corn sprouts because of

the spring sunshine, and they attribute the result to divine agency. To this end, they are accustomed at seed time to kill their tribal god, either in human or animal form, and scatter the flesh and the blood over the sown fields. They believe that the seeds will not grow unless the god is sacrificed and added to them in this manner. When, therefore, the crop appears, they never doubt that it is their god coming to life again. It is from this erroneous belief of primitive tribes that Christianity today derives its belief in Christ's death and resurrection" (David Forsyth, Psychology and Religion, London: Watts and Company, 1935, p. 97.)

Now a quick note on Astral theology and Astral gods. As I continued my reading and study over the years I discovered that the majority of the specialists in solar mythology have regarded the ancient crucified Saviors as personifications of the sun and believed that their biographies were allegories of the sun's passage through the twelve constellations of the zodiac. This theory has been oversimplified by some scholars, since stellar and lunar elements also enter into the solar mythology. The vegetation cults were the most ancient, but they were over time blended with the astral worship. It serves our purpose greatly to learn a little about them especially concerning the death and resurrection of the god. In the primitive sacrificial rites, the victim was originally the king or chief of the tribe or clan. The prosperity of the group was supposed to have a magical relation to the health of the king. If the ruler became old and feeble, it was thought that the nation or tribe would suffer a similar decline, so the king, considered to be a god in human form, was sacrificed for the good of all and then replaced with a younger and more vigorous successor (a type of rebirth). In later times the king's son was chosen as the scapegoat, and, being of divine origin, was called the son of the god. In even later days a condemned criminal replaced the royal victim. The culprit was given regal honors for a time, then put to death. He was usually slain while bound to a tree with arms outstretched, as if on a cross. After being entombed, he was believed to rise from the dead within three days; the three-day period being based on the three-day interval between the old and new moons. Later with the development of solar theology we find ironically this same "3 day" period expressed at the Solstices. This become the time period of darkness and the death of the god before his "rebirth". Berossus in his Chaldean History tells of an annual festival celebrated in Babylonia, called the *Sacaea*. This fete lasted five days, and during that time masters and servants exchanged places in society. The king temporarily gave up his throne, and a mock king, Zoganes, took his place. After five days the mock king was dethroned, scourged, and then either hanged or crucified. "In this regard," an eminent Egyptologist remarked, "it is interesting to notice that in the Acts, the writer mistakenly speaks of Jesus as having been slain and then hanged to a tree, as though this were a common phrase coming readily to his mind, and the word *hanged* is frequently used in Greek to denote crucifixion." (Weigall, The Paganism in our Christianity, pp. 77-78.)

The Roman scholar Macrobius (fourth century) in his Saturnalia discussed the practice in pagan temples of representing the gods at different ages of their lives and stated that:

"These differences of age refer to the sun which seems to be a babe at the Winter Solstice (Christmas), as the Egyptians represent him in their temples on a certain day; that being the shortest day, he is then supposed to be small and an infant".

This hypothesis was not original with Macrobius, who obtained it from the priests of Egypt since Horus as depicted in the same way as the "rising sun, the midday sun and the setting sun". I discovered upon such study the many parallels between the careers of Horus and Jesus Christ which Gerald Masses listed in his Ancient Egypt. This compendium gives nearly 200 similarities and identical events between the "Horus Story" and the "Jesus Story". It was in Egypt that I found the 1st "Jesus Story" from which all others descend. I discovered that in Egypt, 3000 years ago, the birthdate of the sun-god was celebrated on the 25th of December; the first day to noticeably lengthen after the day of the Winter Solstice (the 21st of December). At the midnight hour on the first minutes of the 25th of December the birthday of the sun was commemorated. The sun was then in the zodiacal sign of Capricorn, then known as the Stable of Auegus, so the infant sun-god was said to

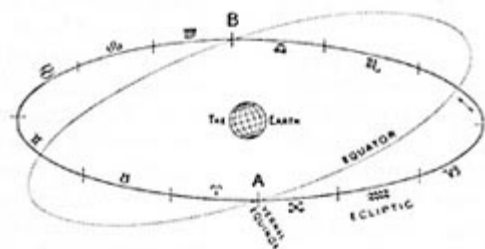
have been born in a stable. Follow the above link and you can follow the life of Jesus as traced not only chronologically through the Gospel of Matthew as well as the successive path of the Sun through the Zodiac beginning with the Constellation of Capricorn. Now back to the events of December 25h. At the time of the Winters solstice brightly shining on the meridian was Sirius (The Star from the East); while rising in the east was Virgo (The Virgin), with the horizon passing through the center of the constellation. To the right of Sirius was the constellation Orion (The Great Hunter), with three stars in his belt. These stars, in a straight line, point at Sirius and were anciently known as the "three kings." We have met them in the Gospels as the three Magi or wise men from the East. In the Zodiac of Denderah the constellation Virgo was pictured as a woman with a spike of corn in one hand, and on the adjacent margin the Virgin was denoted by a figure of Isis with Horus in her arms. If anyone doubts the relevance of this to the Christian cult, then ponder the words of Edward Carpenter in his Pagan and Christian Creeds:

"But it is well known as a matter of history that the worship of Isis and Horus descended in the early Christian centuries to Alexandria, where it took the form of the worship of the Virgin Mary and the infant Savior and so passed into the European ceremonial. We have therefore the Virgin Mary connected by linear succession and descent with that remote Zodiacal cluster in the sky! . . . A curious confirmation of the same astronomical connection is afforded by the Roman Catholic Calendar. For if this be consulted, it will be found that the festival of the Assumption of the Virgin is placed on the 15th August, while the festival of the birth of the Virgin is dated the 8th September. . . .

At the present day, the Zodiacal signs (owing to precession) have shifted some distance from the constellations of the same name. But at the time when the Zodiac was constituted and these names were given, the first date obviously would signalize the actual disappearance of the cluster Virgo in the sun's rays, i.e., the Assumption of the Virgin into the glory of the God, while the second date would signalize the reappearance of the constellation or the Birth of the Virgin" (Edward Carpenter,

Pagan and Christian Creeds, New York: Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1920, pp. 32-33.)

With all this talk about the Constellations and the unbelievable parallels to the "Jesus Story" it was but a short time and I realized that I needed to learn more about Astronomy if I was to understand the "Jesus Story" found in the sky so after reading and scanning a few books to learn about celestial concepts I was ready to go deeper in my search for the origins of the "Jesus Story". Especially important is the understanding of the Precession of the Equinoxes as explained in our other websites. In so doing I was left simply breathless and utterly amazed: I had found the "keys" to deciphering the whole "Jesus Story" as seen in the Heavens above as interpreted by the Ancients by observing the movement of the Sun, Moon, and Constellations down through time. The next thing I did was go purchase a telescope for I wanted to see the "Jesus Story" in the Heavens for myself. I realized that behind the "Jesus Story" was an intimate link with the Precession of the Equinoxes. In the time period of the New Testament in the Middle East it was the beginning of the age of Pisces, the two fishes. The age was changing and the Age of Aries, the Lamb; or should I say the "Lamb of God", had just ended only to be replaced by a new understanding of "the Egyptian Karast/Christ" with the emergence of the Age of Pisces. I was ecstatic to come to see this knowledge. It was with further study that I learned that at the Winter Solstice the sun was at the lowest point of the celestial sphere, at its southern limits, then it began to move northward along the ecliptic passing over the celestial equator at the Vernal Equinox (Easter). The crossing of the sun from the south to the north side of the equator was the origin of the festival of the Passover. The Sun literally "passed over" the crossing of the Earth's equator where it intersected with the ecliptical orbit of the Earth around the Sun thus forming a CROSS IN THE HEAVENS! The Sun was on the Cross and when later personified the Son of the Sun was on the Cross; said differently as if the Son of God was on the Cross. When the sun passed over the celestial equator 3000 years ago it was situated in the Constellation of Aries the Lamb, or Ram, so the lamb became the symbol of the sun-god. This suggests the origin of the Paschal Lamb, widely known as a symbol of the crucified



Christ. Several of the sacrificed saviors were said to have been crucified in the heavens. This solar crucifixion may be explained as follows:

L. Gordon Rylands, in his The Beginnings of Gnostic Christianity goes on to say: *"For in an astronomical chart, the sun is apparently crucified upon the intersecting lines of the Equator and the Ecliptic at the moment of his descent into the lower hemisphere, the hemisphere of darkness and death; and so again at the moment of his resurrection into the hemisphere of light and life, while the period of transit is three days. At the time when the myth of the death of the sun-god originated, the sun, being in the constellation Aries at the Spring Equinox, was identified with the Ram. That is the Lamb which has been slain from the foundation of the world. The custom of dressing the paschal lamb in the shape of a cross is referable to the same myth"* (L. Gordon Rylands, The Beginnings of Gnostic Christianity, London: Watts and Co., 1940, p. 217.) A blind man can see the crucifixion of the Son of God in this celestial event that occurred twice a year as observed by mankind: at both the Vernal or Spring Equinox and the Autumn Equinox. The Spring Equinox was chosen as most special for its association and connection with the new life from the dead of winter as seen in the new greenery and lush growth of vegetation in the Spring of the year.

All roads in my studies always led back to Egypt where these Ancient observations captured Divine Concepts which were encased in myths and legends in order to preserve the message of God to mankind for all Eternity. Again it needs to be stressed that these myths and legends like Osiris and Horus were not to be seen and understood as if they happened to a "literal" god or person like Osiris but in them was captured by their Spiritual Masters the messages of God; namely, that God gave to all Creation patterns and cycles that expressed Heavenly truths like "birth, life, death, and rebirth" that was appointed for all mankind created in His image. The Ancients, seeing Divine Order and Divine Laws operating in both the Cosmos and in Nature reasoned that likewise man, created in the image of God, was given life in order to experience this God and live their lives in like order exemplified above their heads in the sky as well in Nature that surrounds mankind. These Laws of the Cosmos were delineated by the Spiritual Masters and from them the Ancients developed similar patterns and cycles or order for man's life according to God's pattern revealed to them in the Heavens and in Nature. **Egypt called it living in Ma'at in hopes that man, at the end of his cycle of birth, life, and death, would be ready for his judgement and be accepted by the Divine Creator. Following the examples of Osiris and Horus, as well as many others, provided mankind with a "pattern" of righteousness which he was to emulate during his life.** These myths were but the



anthropomorphic way (to ascribe human form or attributes to an animal, plant, material object) of providing instructions for man as how to live a life honoring to the Creator so that in his death he would be judged with mercy instead of punishment. So we find these Divine Messages gathered from the Ancients scrutiny of the Heavens and Nature whereby they extrapolated the Laws of the Cosmos which they later expressed in the various personifications of forces and powers in both the Heavens and in Nature along with the movements of these orbs in the Heaven. **These Laws taken from the movement of the Sun, Moon, Constellations, as well as parallel Laws seen in Nature, provided mankind with a pattern to emulate for his life and prepare him for his death and later accounting before the Creator. But yet these personifications and earlier "Jesus Stories" were but that; namely, allegories and were never intended to be understood as if a literal historical person.** The vehicles chosen to express these Divine Truths, myths and legends about a non-historical being, achieved its purpose for these religious myths yet live today in the world. We must never lose sight of the fact that these Ancients never viewed these "vehicles" as historical truths about a historical Osiris or even later vehicles like Dionysus or Attis or Mithra or even Jesus for that matter. Rome and its "literalization" of these prior myths in their unique synthesis creates a "fleshy Christ" out of the Egyptian Karast. But let us not be deterred but let us see as did the Ancients the genius of using myth to capture for all Eternity these Divine Truths and Divine

Message and Laws of the Creator. It worked for them but it has not worked for us. Sadly we have lost the knowledge on how to interpret these myths today. We have lost the "gnosis" or knowledge necessary to properly interpret these myths today; even the "Christ Myth" and the "Jesus Story".

Accordingly we find in the vast body of world mythology that we have vegetation gods, tree gods, star gods, moon gods, sun gods, etc., but Osiris of Egypt seems to have been all of these blended into one. We need to talk about a few before closing this article. In the Temple of Isis at Philae was an engraving of the body of Osiris with stalks of corn growing out of it, and sometimes this god was called the crop or harvest, **so Osiris was symbolic of the corn which annually died and came to life again. In such a way Osiris was teaching mankind of God's plan for "life exists after death". Understand it was the SAME Osiris who died who was raised to life and not a reincarnation. The Ancients understood that as the same plant that died the previous year was raised to new life the following year then they like Osiris would be raised to a new life following their deaths. The same principle was seen in the Moon as the SAME Moon who went through its phases into total darkness and death only to be illuminated by the light of the Sun following 3 days of total darkness was representative again of the same principle noticed first in nature; namely, life cycles from death into life. The Ancient reasoned as it was the SAME moon it would be the SAME person who would live again following the darkness of death.**

Osiris, in another aspect, was a god of the dead. Among his titles were: Ruler of the Dead, Lord the Underworld, and Lord of Eternity. On the monument he occupies the judgment seat and holds the staff of authority and the cross of life. **On his breast a St. Andrews cross may be seen**, and his throne is covered with a pattern of squares in two colors, like a chessboard, representing the good and evil which he was required to judge.

Osiris, in another aspect, was a moon-god. Osiris is credited with ruling over Egypt for twenty-eight years. This is symbolic of the twenty-eight days of the lunar month. The rending of the corpse of Osiris into fourteen parts by Set and his fellow conspirators refers to the waning of the moon, which was imagined to lose a part of itself on each of the fourteen days of the second half of the lunar month. The mythical account tells of Set's discovery of the body of Osiris at the time of the full moon, so the dismemberment took place during the waning of the moon. An explanation of this was given by Gerald Massey:

"Osiris as light giver in the moon was torn in fourteen pieces during the latter half of the lunation by the evil Sut, the opposing power of darkness. He was put together again and reconstituted by his son, beloved Horus, the young solar god. This representation could not have been made until it was known that the lunar light was replenished monthly from the solar source. Then Horus as the sun-god and the vanquisher of Sut, the power of darkness, could be called the reconstituter of Osiris in the moon" (Gerald Massey, Ancient Egypt, Vol. I, p. 187.)

The spring season in Egypt was heralded by the new moon of the month of Phamenoth, and at this time in the temples the ceremony of the entry of Osiris into the moon was celebrated. At the rite of the burial of Osiris, his worshippers built a crescent-shaped chest, because the moon approaching the sun becomes crescent-shaped and then vanishes. On the monuments Osiris is sometimes seen as a human-headed mummy, holding the emblems of power, and wearing on his head the image of a full moon within a crescent.

Osiris, in another aspect, was a sun-god. John M. Robertson in his Christianity and Mythology states:

"Rightly intent on establishing a hitherto ill-developed principle of mythological interpretation, the cult of the vegetation spirit, Dr. Frazer had unduly ignored the conjunction seen deductively to be inevitable, and inductively to be normal, between the concept of the vegetation god and that of others, in particular the sun-god. He becomes for once vigorously polemical in his attack on the thesis that Osiris was a sun-god, as if that were excluded once for all by proving him a vegetation god. The

answer is that he was both, and that such a synthesis was inevitable . Dionysus and Adonis, Dr. Frazer shows, are vegetation gods. Yet they too are both born on December 25th, as was the Babe Sun-god Horus, who however was exhibited as rising from a lotus plant. Now, why should the vegetation god be born at the winter solstice save as having been identified with the sun-god?" John M. Robertson, Christianity and Mythology, p. 33.)

The esoteric religious rites of the ancient Egyptians were known as the MYSTERIES. There were two sets of Mysteries. Osiris was the god of the Greater Mysteries, and Isis was worshipped in the Lesser Mysteries. The Mysteries were based on dramatic performances representing the death of Osiris (the sun-god) and the search for his body by Isis (the moon goddess). Many ancient nations celebrated mysteries, but those of Egypt were the earliest. In the words of Brown:

"The mysteries of all the other nations were quite similar to those of Egypt, and were no doubt derived from them" (Robert Brown, Jr., Stellar Theology and Masonic Astronomy, New York: D. Appleton and Co., 1882, p. 11.) Of course this would apply to Christianity as well.

My studies enlightened me to the fact that the sacerdotal or Priestly caste of ancient Egypt were an admirable group of men, possessed of keen intellect, profound knowledge, and high character. The Mystery Schools of Egypt were the world's earliest universities. The wise men of ancient Greece went to Egypt for their higher education. Among these men were Plato, Thales, Eudoxus, and Pythagoras. Plato studied in the Nile Valley for thirteen years. The metaphysical doctrines now called Platonic were first taught in the sanctuaries of Thebes, Memphis, and Heliopolis long before Plato was born.

I have had the privilege to read some of the best scholars and minds ever on this planet who has been able to peer down through thousands of years and lost knowledge and piece together again the source for all the world's religions. In so doing I learned that the role of the zodiacal symbolism in ancient mythology and religion was revealed to the modern world by a French scholar, Charles François Dupuis (1742-1809), who wrote a twelve volume work entitled The Origin of All Religious Worship. A one-volume abridgment, translated into English, was published in New Orleans in 1872 and extracts from this translation have recently been reprinted in The Rise of Modern Mythology, by Burton Feldman and Robert D. Richardson. Count Volney was a disciple of Dupuis and popularized many of his ideas in The Ruins of Empires (New York: Peter Eckler, 1890). Some of the key ideas have been concisely epitomized by Professor Richardson in his The Rise of Modern Mythology, as follows:

"Dupuis . . . traced much of Western Civilization, religion, and myth, to the development of the zodiac. He argued, the zodiac must have arisen in North Africa, in Upper Egypt and Ethiopia, about fifteen-thousand years ago, since the constellations and their signs were matched best at that time and place... The zodiac, Dupuis thought, was an astronomical and agricultural calendar, the first most important schematization of the astral, solar and lunar events that interested early man, and the general source of most early stories, personifications, and myths. Early man according to Dupuis, worshipped nature and the forces of nature: he did not worship some abstract or nonexistent force behind or above nature" (Burton Feldman and Robert D. Richardson, The Rise of Modern Mythology, Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 1972, pp. 276-277.)

The theoretical position taken by Dupuis was brilliantly defended by his disciple, Volney, and at a later date by Massey and Churchward. The classic statement on the origin of the zodiacal system was given by Count Volney in his celebrated Ruins of Empires, and since that work is now out of print I reproduce the following eloquent passage:

"Should it be asked at what epoch this system took its birth, we shall answer on the testimony of the monuments of astronomy itself, that its principles appear with certainty to have been established

about seventeen thousand years ago. And if it be asked to what people it is to be attributed, we shall answer that the same monuments, supported by the unanimous traditions, attribute it to the first tribes of Egypt; and when reason finds in that country all the circumstances which could lead to such a system; when it finds there a zone of sky, bordering on the tropic, equally free from the rains of the equator and the fogs of the North; when it finds there a central point of the sphere of the ancients, a salubrious climate, a great, but manageable river, a soil fertile without art or labor, inundated without morbid exhalations, and placed between two seas which communicate with the richest countries, it conceives that the inhabitant of the Nile, addicted to agriculture from the nature of his soil, to geometry from the annual necessity of measuring his lands, to commerce from the facility of communications, to astronomy from the state of the sky, always open to observation, must have been the first to pass from the savage to the social state; and consequently to attain the physical and moral sciences necessary to civilized life.

It was, then, on the borders of the Upper Nile, among a black race of men, that was organized the complicated system of the worship of the stars, considered in relation to the productions of the earth and the labors of agriculture; and this first worship, characterized by their adoration under their own forms and natural attributes, was a simple proceeding of the human mind....

As soon as this agricultural people began to observe the stars with attention, they found it necessary to individualize or group them; and to assign to each a proper name. . . A great difficulty must have presented itself. . . First, the heavenly bodies, similar in form, offered no distinguishing characteristics by which to denominate them; and secondly, the language in its infancy and poverty had no expressions for so many new and metaphysical ideas. Necessity, the usual stimulus of genius, surmounted everything. Having remarked that in the annual revolution, the renewal and periodic appearance of terrestrial productions were constantly associated with the rising and setting of certain stars, and to their position as relative to the sun, the mind by a natural operation connected in thought these terrestrial and celestial objects, which were connected in fact; and applying to them a common sign, it gave to the stars, and their groups the names of the terrestrial objects by which they answered.

Thus the Ethiopian of Thebes named stars of inundation, or Aquarius, those stars under which the Nile began to overflow; stars of the ox or bull, those under which they began to plow; stars of the lion, those under which that animal, driven from the desert by thirst, appeared on the banks of the Nile; stars of the sheaf, or of the harvest virgin, those of the reaping season; stars of the lamb, stars of the two kids, those under which these precious animals were brought forth....

Thus the same Ethiopian having observed that the return of the inundation always corresponded with the rising of a beautiful star which appeared towards the source of the Nile, and seemed to warn the husbandman against the coming waters, he compared this action to that of the animal which, by his barking, gives notice of danger, and he called this star the dog, the barker (Sirius). In the same manner he named the stars of the crab, those where the sun, having arrived at the tropic, retreated by a slow retrograde motion like the crab (Cancer). He named stars of the wild goat (Capricorn), those where the sun, having reached the highest point in his annuary tract... imitates the goat, which delights to climb to the summit of the rocks. He named stars of the balance (Libra), those were the days and nights, seen being equal, in equilibrium, like that instrument; and stars (Scorpion), those where certain periodical winds bring vapors, burning like the venom of the scorpion. In the same manner he called by the names of rings and serpents the figured traces of the orbits of the stars and

planets, and such was the general mode of naming all the stars and even the planets, taken by groups or as individuals, according to their relations with husbandry and terrestrial objects, and according to the analogies which each nation found between them and the objects of its particular soil and climate. (Volney, The Ruins of Empires, pp. 120-123.)

I found with more study that the symbolism of the zodiac has been brilliantly displayed in the myth of Hercules, and this myth was known among other peoples: to the Sumerians, Phoenicians, and Greeks. Herodotus named Hercules as being originally one of the great gods of Egypt. There is no god named Hercules in the official pantheon of Egypt, but an ancient Greek tradition identified Hercules with Khonsu, an ancient god of Ethiopian derivation.

Dupuis was of the opinion that the "Jesus Story", like the twelve labors of Hercules, were astronomical allegories and myths of the passage of the sun through the twelve signs of the zodiac, and that the story of Jesus Christ in the Bible was equally mythological, since both Jesus and Hercules were sun-gods, and that neither were historical characters. This theory of the non-historicity of Jesus Christ has been ably defended by Count Volney, Lord Bolingbroke, Reverend Robert Taylor, Gerald Massey, Dr. Albert Churchward, Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn, John M. Robertson, G. R. S. Mead and several other scholars, equally eminent.

Gerald Massey and his school have argued persuasively for an Egyptian origin of Christianity, claiming that the whole Christian Bible, both Old and New Testaments, are traceable to the religious records of ancient Egypt. Massey presented his opinions backed up by impressive documentation. I cannot discuss these works at length, for that would require a book in itself. However, Massey did publish a book of ten lectures; the most important being The Historical Jesus and the Mythical Christ. I shall discuss this work briefly because of its importance in the study of the myth theory of Christian origins. Massey noted that two birthdays had been assigned to Jesus by the Christian Fathers; one at the Winter Solstice (Christmas), and the other at the Vernal Equinox (Easter); and he observed:

"These, which cannot both be historical, are based on the two birthdays of the double Horus in Egypt. Plutarch tells us that Isis was delivered of Horus the child, about the time of the Winter Solstice, and that the festival of the second or adult Horus followed the Vernal Equinox. Hence the Solstice and Spring Equinox were both assigned to the one birth of Jesus by the Christolators; and again, that which is impossible as human history is the natural fact in relation to the two Horuses, the dual form of the Solar God in Egypt" (Massey, Lectures, p. 6.)

The relation between Osiris, Horus and Jesus, along with the astronomical elements underlying the mythology, is explained thusly:

"In Egypt the year began just after the Summer Solstice, when the sun descended from its midsummer height, lost its force, and lessened in its size. This represented Osiris, who was born of the Virgin Mother as the child Horus, the diminished infantile sun of Autumn; the suffering, wounded, bleeding Messiah, as he was represented. He descended into hell, or hades, where he was transformed into the virile Horus, and rose again as the sun of the resurrection at Easter. In these two characters of Horus on the two horizons, Osiris furnished the dual type for the Canonical Christ, which shows very satisfactorily how the mythical prescribes the boundaries beyond which the historical does not, dare not, go. The first was the child Horus, who always remained a child. In Egypt the boy or girl wore the Horus lock of childhood until twelve years of age. Thus childhood ended about the twelfth year. But although adulthood was then entered upon by the youth, and the transformation of the boy into manhood began, the full adulthood was not attained until thirty years of age. The man of thirty years was the typical adult. As with the man, so it is with the God; and the

second Horus, the same God in his second character, is the Khemt or Khem-Horus, the typical adult of thirty years. The God up to twelve years was Horus, the child of Isis, the mother's child, the weakling. The virile Horus (the sun in its vernal strength), the adult of thirty years, was representative of the Fatherhood, and this Horus is the anointed son of Osiris. These two characters of Horus the child, and Horus the adult of thirty years, are reproduced in the only two phases of the life of Jesus in the Gospels and these two characters of Horus necessitated a double form of the mother, who divides into the two divine sisters, Isis and Nephthys. Jesus also was dual-mothered; and the two sisters reappear in the Gospels, as the two Maries, both of whom are the mothers of Jesus. This again, which is impossible as human history, is perfect according to the mythos that explains it."

"As the child Horus, Osiris comes down to earth; he enters matter and becomes mortal. He is born like the Logos or as a Word. His father is Seb, the earth, whose consort is Nut, the heaven, one of whose names is Meri, the Lady of Heaven; and these two are the prototypes of Joseph and Mary. He is said to cross the earth a substitute, and to suffer vicariously as the Savior, Redeemer, and Justifier of men. In these two characters there was constant conflict between Osiris and Sut, the Egyptian Satan. At the Autumnal Equinox the devil of darkness began to dominate; this was the Egyptian Judas, who betrayed Osiris to his death at the last supper. On the day of the Great Battle at the Vernal Equinox, Osiris conquered as the ascending God, the Lord of the growing light. Both these struggles are portrayed in the Gospels. In the one Jesus is betrayed to his death by Judas; in the other he rises superior to Satan. The latter conflict followed immediately after the baptism. In this way: when the sun was half way round from the Lion sign, it crossed the River of the Waterman, the Egyptian Iarutana, Hebrew Jordan, Greek Eridanus. In this water the baptism occurred, and the transformation of the child — Horus into the virile adult; the conqueror of the evil power, took place, Horus became hawk-headed, just where the dove ascended and abode on Jesus; both birds represented the virile soul that constituted the anointed one at puberty. By this added power Horus vanquished Sut and Jesus overcame Satan" (Massey, Lectures, pp. 13-15.)

Since the mythology of Horus was known in Egypt thousands of years before the advent of Christianity, then the Egyptian Christ must have been the original and the Christian Christ a copy of the much earlier prototype. This viewpoint again was cogently presented by Massey in the following passage:

"The Christian dispensation is believed to have been ushered in by the birth of a child, and the portrait of that child in the Roman catacombs as the child of Mary is the youthful Sun-God in the Mummy image of the child-king, the Egyptian Karast, or Christ. The alleged facts of our Lord's life as Jesus the Christ, were equally the alleged facts of our Lord's life as the Horus of Egypt, whose very name signifies the Lord... Whether you believe or not does not matter, the fatal fact remains that every trait and feature which go to make up the Christ as Divinity, and every event or circumstance taken to establish the human personality were pre-extant and pre-applied to the Egyptian and Gnostic Christ, who never could become flesh. The Jesus Christ with female paps, who is the Alpha and Omega of Revelation, was the lu of Egypt and the lao of the Chaldeans. Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Ichthys the Fish, was Egyptian. Jesus as the Coming One; Jesu born of the Virgin Mother, who was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost; Jesus born of two mothers, both of whose names are Mary; Jesus born in the manger, at Christmas and again at Easter; Jesus saluted by the three kings, or Magi; Jesus of the transfiguration on the Mount; Jesus whose symbol in the Catacombs is the eight-rayed star — the Star of the East; Jesus as the eternal child; Jesus as God

the Father, reborn as his own Son; Jesus as the Child of twelve years; Jesus as the Anointed One of thirty years; Jesus in his Baptism; Jesus walking on the waters, or working his Miracles; Jesus as the Caster-out of demons; Jesus as a Substitute, who suffered in a vicarious atonement for sinful men; Jesus whose followers are the two brethren, the four fishers, the seven fishers, the twelve apostles, the seventy (or seventy-two in some texts) whose names were written in Heaven; Jesus who was administered to by seven women; Jesus in his bloody sweat; Jesus betrayed by Judas; Jesus as conqueror of the grave; Jesus the Resurrection and the Life; Jesus before Herod; in Hades, and in his reappearance to the women, and to the seven fishers; Jesus who was crucified both on the 14th and 15th of the month Nisan; Jesus who was also crucified in Egypt (as it is written in Revelation); Jesus as judge of the dead, with the sheep on the right hand, and the goats on the left, is Egyptian from first to last, in every phase, from the beginning to the end" (Massey, Lectures, pp. 21-22.)

As if these discoveries in my studies were not enough I further discovered to my surprise that the worship of Osiris and Isis was popular in the Roman Empire for hundreds of years and especially during the time of the assumed period of Jesus Christ, and the Greeks got many of their gods from the Egyptians, but neither the Romans nor the Greeks really understood the symbolism or mythology of the Egyptians. They had lost the "gnosis" and knowledge necessary to understand these myths as the Ancients intended. These Europeans turned these allegorical gods that represented Divine Concepts into literal men, and the esoteric meaning of the old religion was lost; hence the ancient beliefs and how to interpret them was lost over time. The old gods became humanized. Some remarks of Sir Wallis Budge on the decline of ancient Egyptian faith may appropriately be cited here:

"..the cult of Osiris and Isis spread all over Southern Europe, and into many parts of North Africa, and it continued to be a religious power in them until the close of the fourth century A.D. At Philae . . . the worship of Osiris and Isis continued until the reign of Justinian, and it only came to an end in Nubia then, because the Emperor caused the temple to be closed by force, and confiscated the revenues of the shrine. The ideas and beliefs which were the foundations of the cult were not even then destroyed, for they survived in Christianity. And the bulk of the masses in Egypt and Nubia who professed Christianity transferred to Mary the Virgin, the attributes of Isis the Everlasting Mother, and to the Babe Jesus, those of Horus. About the middle of the Ptolemaic Period the attributes of Osiris were changed, and after his identification with Seraphis, i.e., Pluto, the god of death, his power and influence declined rapidly, for he was no longer the god of life. In the final state of the cult of Osiris and Isis, the former was the symbol of Death and the latter the symbol of Life" (E. A. Wallis Budge, Osiris: The Egyptian Religion of The Resurrection, New York: University Books, 1961, Vol. II, pp. 305-306.)

As you might imagine the literature on the Osirian cult is rather large. This information is critical and necessary to understand properly if a Christian is searching out the true origins for his faith. I recommend that for the novice the best introductions would be James George Frazer, Adonis, Attis, Osiris, (New Hyde Park, NY: University Books, 1961), and Harold P. Cooke, Osiris: A Study in Myths, Mysteries and Religion, (London: The C. W. Daniel Co., 1931). Highly recommended and a must read is Historical Deception: The Untold Story of Ancient Egypt by Moustafa Gadalla as well as all books by this gifted author.

As quoted above "whether you believe it or not does not matter". The evidence speaks for itself.

Answer for yourself: What is the chance that 200 identical parallels between Horus, the Son of God, and the "Jesus Story" is but coincidence as Gerald Massey delineates in his masterful works on Egyptian religion?

When all the evidence is amassed from History, Comparative religion, Gnosticism, and Solar and Lunar mythology and compared with the accounts of New Testament and its "Jesus Story" then any thinking believer

will be convinced that the depiction of Jesus Christ as found in the New Testament is not the Jewish Messiah and not even a real historical person. He is just a myth. Having said that the evidence must yet be examined for mere statements should never suffice to convince anyone of anything. You have to see the facts and evidence which we present to be certain and that requires your personal study.

[Let us continue our study in the fourth article in this study](#)

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THIS "JESUS CHRIST"? MY THOUGHTS ON JESUS AFTER 20 YEARS OF STUDY #4

TRUTH HIDDEN IN MYTH?

There is one thing I have found that cannot be denied from my studies of Egypt and Egyptian Religion; namely, that **myths and legends are vehicles for truth and often carry Divine Truths given to the Ancients from the Creator.** These "myths" of the solar gods may not be "literal-historical" but they are loaded with Mystical Divine Truths which were never understood as if these sungods were real personages in the beginning. **We must never loose sight of this.** The Ancient sages and priest immortalized these Divine Truth by the agency of myth to ensure their eternity and immortality and they yet live today thousands of years later. **These myths, legends, and stories told that captured these Divine Truths might not be "real" and "historically literally" but that does not mean that the Divine Truths held within these myths are not "real".** Although the "Osiris Story" might not be real that does not mean that it is not chocked full of Divine Truths recognized by the Ancient magi, sages, and priests of Egypt. **The same applies to the "Jesus Story" (in places)! Although the "Jesus Story" might be not a historical truth that does not mean we cannot, once understanding that it is but an allegory that was later "literalized", look within it for God's Divine Truth to us for when you do you will find that such Divine Truths likewise rest within it as well when interpreted properly.** It is important to understand that we find "truth" often in myths and legends for no myth exists that has not a seed of truth within it.

PRESENTING THE "JESUS STORY" THROUGH THE 4 WAYS OF RABBINICAL TEACHING

What I also uncovered when getting to the bottom of the origin of the "Jesus Story" is that the New Testament Jesus can be understood in many different ways and in so doing yet communicate Divine Truth to the reader. As stated above we basically have 3 different ways to understand "the Christ" and the "Jesus Story" as I and others see it. We at Bet Emet Ministries have covered all 3 different understandings and presentations of "Jesus Christ" through the totality of our websites.

- **Historically**...(myth taught through the medium of a presumed historical person; although not accurate to the existence of a historical person yet important in that it serves as an example to be emulated by all mankind)
- **Mythically**...(personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and the 4 seasons of the year; the equinoxes and solstices)
- **Mystically**...(expressing a hidden teaching, a secret doctrine, given under strict and exacting conditions to approved candidates by the Masters of Wisdom regarding the descent of the Logos into matter, ie.,

mankind). Paul speaks of this:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are all three methods of presenting Jesus Christ equally accurate to truth? Well you have seen up to now that they are not. Our focus needs to be on correctly interpreting the Mystical and Mythical Christ and then dealing with the erroneously interpreted "Historical Jesus...the Christ with flesh".

It goes without saying that we all begin to read and study the Bible from a "literal" perspective assuming that it is the vehicle for "literal truth" about Jesus Christ, never realizing that often these stories were written to be understood as allegories by the original writers. Bet Emet Ministries began several years ago to present websites dealing with Christianity which adopted this **"Literal Interpretation" of Jesus in the "Jesus Story"** since the "literal" approach toward Jesus in the New Testament is taught today by almost all of Christianity as they assume that Jesus Christ was a historical person. **We all grow up in the Western Hemisphere assuming that the "Jesus Story" is a historical reality; that is until we do the serious study of our faith required to get to the bottom of the "Jesus Story" and the religious synthesis within it. Only with the study of Gnostic Christianity did I come to clearly see the Mystical Christ. Many of our websites, especially the early ones from years ago, begin by approaching the "Jesus Story" from this historical - grammatical method of interpretation because this is how we grow up and first get acquainted with the "Jesus Story".** This I felt was necessary to get the reader and student started in order to reveal the greater Spiritual Truths that lay within Biblical Judaism that does not come with the added baggage of idolatry which we find in Gentile Christianity. As a pastor I realized that it takes time for a "seed to grow" and if I strike out and were to say "everything you believe about Jesus is wrong" I would lose any hope of reaching people with the fruits of my studies. **So the beginning study of the Jewish Roots of Christianity follows the Rabbinical Methods of teaching and I applied them to Bet Emet's presentation of the "Jesus Story".** There are 4 levels of Rabbinical teaching.

PASHAT The first level of understanding is PASHAT (simple). The Pashat is the literal meaning. It is similar to what Protestant hermeneutics calls "Grammatical Historical Exegesis" and also similar to what Protestant Hermeneutics calls "The Literal Principle." The PASHAT is the plain, simple meaning of the text; understanding scripture in its natural, normal sense using the customary meanings of the words being used, in accordance with the primary exegetical rule in the Talmud that no passage loses its PASHAT (b.Shab. 63a; b.Yeb. 24a). While there is figurative language (like Ps. 36:7) symbolism (like Rom. 5:14); allegory (like Gal. 4:19-31) and hidden meanings (like Rev. 13:18; 1Cor. 2:7) in the Scriptures, the first thing to look for is the literal meaning or PASHAT. This is how and why I developed the first websites and in so doing try to reveal the beauty of Biblical Judaism to the Christian student desiring the truth of his Jewish Roots. For it is in Biblical Judaism do we find our links with Egypt in their purest form thus preserving better than any these Ancient understandings of God and the Cosmos and man's responsibilities to the Creator. **These following websites approaches "the Christ" as an assumed "historical person" yet never telling the reader that behind this motif of a "historical Jesus" lies the greatest deception know to mankind.**

- RETURNING TO THE JEWISH ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY...THE FAITH OF JESUS/YESHUA
- <http://returntofaithofjesus.netfirms.com>
- THE COVENANT OF NOAH & THE LAWS OF NOAH AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- <http://covenantofnoah.netfirms.com>
- THE BIBLICAL "PATTERN" OF WORSHIP & THE GENTILE GOD-FEARER IN THE FIRST CENTURY SYNAGOGUE - "CHURCH"
- <http://jewishrootscx.netfirms.com>

REMEZ The next level of understanding is called in Hebrew REMEZ (hinting at a prior truth or a hidden truth that goes beyond the current text). Peculiarities and contradictions in the Biblical texts are treated and

presented to the reader as hinting at a deeper truth than that conveyed by its PASHAT. The fun of discovering our Jewish Roots, Sabbaths, and Biblical Festivals is over and it is time for serious investigation of our inherited faith. **Our Websites get more challenging as I begin using the principle of Remez to hint that there are problems with the "Jesus Story" and begin to question many of the teachings of Christianity and their presentation of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah.** We still approach these issues as if "historical" but as your studies progress you begin to slowly get the picture that there is severe problems with what Christianity teaches about "the Christ" and its presentation of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. It bears saying again that we approach this information yet as if "historical" but as our websites progress we will soon move to the "Mythical" and the "Mystical" presentations of Jesus Christ. You might say we are in the process of cracking the egg shell regarding the "Jesus Story".

- **THE ESSENE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ITS LEGACY OF SUN WORSHIP**
- <http://essenechristianfaith.netfirms.com>
- **RETURNING TO THE BIBLICAL FAITH OF JESUS/YESHUA BY EXAMINING CLOSELY OUR BIBLES**
- <http://www.faithofyeshua.faithweb.com>
- **AN UNBIASED LOOK INTO THE HISTORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT...AND THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ITS CANONIZATION?**
- <http://historyofformationofnewtestament.netfirms.com>
- **PAUL...THE TRUE FOLLOWER OF JESUS...OR...SUBVERTER OF THE FAITH OF JESUS AND FOUNDER OF A NEW RELIGION?**
- <http://paulproblem.netfirms.com>
- **THE JEWISH CONCEPT OF "THE" MESSIAH....WHY CAN'T THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS AGREE?**
- <http://jewishmessiah.netfirms.com>
- **A TRUTHFUL ANALYSIS OF MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN THE HEBREW BIBLE AS CONTRASTED WITH THE CHRISTIAN TRANSLATIONS...DID JESUS FULFILL THEM?**
- <http://messianicprophecy.netfirms.com>
- **DANIEL 9:17-27: THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF YEARS AS TAKEN FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**
- <http://seventyweeksdaniel.netfirms.com>

This approach, teaching God's higher Divine truths through the vehicle of a godly example, the "assumed historical Jesus of the New Testament", works well up to a point because in doing so we are presented with a "Godly" example of a life to be emulated as found in the Jesus of the New Testament (for the most part). A life patterned after the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" will hopefully issue forth in one bearing the fruit of morality and ethics and one lived in the Fruit of the Spirit. This is the reason why Israel does not evangelize today because Christianity has accomplished for them their task as God's Priesthood. As a pastor I wish they could have accomplished this without the masked idolatry connected with the "Jesus Story". The non-Jew has learned of the God of Israel and has learned how to live in peace and harmony through the teachings of Christianity. Sadly in all of this the main character, the Jewish Messiah, has been so badly misrepresented in the character of Jesus who, for example, is made to cleanse all foods and abolish the kosher laws in Mark 7:14. This is rather strange for a Jew who is obligated to observe Kosher. Hopefully you see the problems of what I speak. Again through our websites the student is made aware of the problems inherent in places in this New Testament's depiction of the New Testament Jesus. Yet, in such a presentation then Jesus is the non-Jew's "pattern" for he, real or not, is the only Jew to ever witnessed to us and came knocking on the doors of our lives as non-Jews. Sadly the Jewish community is closed to the non-Jew for the most part due to the tragic treatment of their people by the Christian Church these last 2000 yrs. **As I say often it is sad that when we answered the door of our lives as we heard the "knock" of this New Testament Rabbi named Jesus that we did not possess, at that time, enough knowledge of the truth about "the Christ" and the true "Jewish Messiah" that we could not recognize that this Jew named Jesus, as God's "light to the Gentile world", came dressed like the idolator Constantine teaching a replacement religion.** Lacking this knowledge which Bet Emet's Websites provide the student unsuspectingly

we bought into the Roman counterfeit and no wonder the Jews cannot accept this Roman Jesus as their Messiah. Good for them! But hopefully as your studies mature you begin to see that there are other ways to understand the "Jesus Story" but surely understanding the "Jesus Story" as a historical truth concerning a literal person who lived 2000 years ago and who embodied the historical Jewish Messiah is not one of them.

DRASH Another level of Jewish hermeneutic and understanding the Scriptures is called in Hebrew "drash" meaning "search", this is the **allegorical, typological or homiletical application of the text.** Creativity is used to search the text in relation to the rest of the Scriptures, other literature, or life itself in order to develop an allegorical, typological or homiletical application of the text. This process involves eisegesis (reading of the text) of the text. **Ironically as I found this expression or interpretation of the texts reflected most accurately the type of "belief" of the earliest Christians who were not only looking for a historical Jewish Messiah to be revealed but at the same time understood that the "logos" or "the Christ/Sophia/Egyptian Karast" lived within all mankind. This understanding of "the Christ" reflects Paul and his 7 authentic epistles where he teaches the "Christ within".**

As you might expect a few years later, as time allowed, Bet Emet provided a website dealing with the **Mystical Interpretation of the "Jesus Story" and "the Christ" as we showed that the religious beliefs of the earliest "believers" who were called the first "Christians", long before Rome emerged to dominate the Christian faith, did not accept a historical Jesus at all but rather understood "the Christ" as a Divine Concept that lives within every man and woman and is not exclusive to just one person as is portrayed today by "literalistic Roman Christianity.** It is in this site that we **restore the earliest Gnostic Christian understanding of the "the Christ"** as it existed for almost 5 centuries before being utterly destroyed by Rome with its replacement religion we have today which I call "Literal Christianity".

- **MARCION AND THE "FIRST" NEW TESTAMENT...WHO WERE THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIANS AND WHAT DID THEY BELIEVE ABOUT "THE CHRIST"?**
- <http://firstnewtestament.netfirms.com>

With the completion of this website 2/3 of our quest to restore to the world the hidden truths behind "the Christ" and the "Jesus Story" has been realized. We have one to go.

SOD

The 4th and final level of understanding the Scriptures is called in Hebrew "Sod" meaning "hidden". **It is here that I reveal the hidden links to Egypt and Astronomy which they "allegorized" to capture for all time the Divine Concepts that they witnessed written in the sky and Heavens above them.** God, writing on the blackboard of the sky and Heavens, expressed to these Ancients sages and Priest eternal principles that were later captured in "myths" and "legends" to preserve for all time these Godly truths that would last through all time and yet today survive in spite of the destruction of Egypt by Alexander the Great and later Rome. These Laws of the Cosmos were expressed in allegorical myths that were reaffirmed by the same Laws witnessed operating in Nature. Ancient man, understanding that these same Laws operated within himself and his body saw therefore that "he was created in the image of God "; the image he witnessed operating above and around him when noticing the same Laws and Cycles in the Heavens and in Nature operating within his physical body as well. This is truly beautiful when you see it as it brought tears to my eyes to see and comprehend Gods' earliest message to me and you that has not been changed or adulterated by the agendas of men down through history. It is so simple when you see it. That is the way God intended it to be in the beginning but we strain at a nat and swallow a camel today with our highly developed and evolved theologies down through Christian history.

It has been a hard and long process for me to accomplish but my task is about through when I complete this **last website on the "Mythical Jesus Christ" as seen in the stars.**

Now it is time to devote this website to the comprehensive understanding of the **"Mythical Christ"**. In so doing

we will prove that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for the path of the Sun "personified" as it travels through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac and through the 4 seasons of the years (the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, the Autumn Equinox, and the Winter Solstice). You will come to see that this is the oldest and most important story humans ever knew as it also is full of Divine Truths that are to be understood "allegorically" and not "literally" as we have erroneously been taught today by a literalized Christianity of Rome's making. We owe a great debt to Ancient Egyptians and their great wisdom and their foresight in preserving for the world this earliest understanding of God.

- **THE EGYPTIAN RELIGION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY**
- <http://www.egyptcx.netfirms.com>
- **ASTROTHEOLOGY AND THE "JESUS STORY" OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: DOES IT ORIGINATE WITH THE STARS?**
- <http://jesuastrotheology.netfirms.com>

If you are diligent to study and read these websites then you have it all. There is little that exists that is not covered in one way or the other or has somehow escaped my attention over these almost 20 years of study. There is nothing I would trade for my years of study and the truths that I have gathered and although it has been challenging to my very core I fully am aware that because of such serious studies my walk with God, the true God, is closer than ever. It is truly well with my soul because **"I KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM SEPARATED FROM ALL THE FICTION"** that men have written down through history to promote their own religion and political agendas.

So we began our study with the question:

Matt 16:13 13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (KJV)

Now you have you answers! ?The rest is up to you to study to show yourselves approved..needing not be ashamed when you meet this Creator face to face when you cross your Nile/Jordan...(the same)

IN CLOSING

As stated earlier we begin our study with Bet Emet Websites with a "historical" assumption and present studies to show the beauty of Judaism over the dishonesty in Christian theological dogma and do so by using the depiction of the New Testament Jesus as if "historical" because he provides a vehicle for the teaching of Jewish theology, morals, values, ethics, etc. It is not my purpose to reveal the weaknesses behind such a historical presentation of Jesus at this time as it will be developed and proven at a later time as one's studies progress through the Mystical Jesus and the Mythical Jesus.

Of concern for us of course is the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament and its reliability as understood "literally" since it is being taught as a literal truth today about a historical man who lived 2000 years ago. You will come to see in time as you study that the Ancients understood this "Jesus Christ" entirely different from how we have been taught today under the direction of Roman and Protestant Christianity. Here are some big questions for you to ponder in light that most Christians trust in this Jesus Christ for their Eternal Salvation.

- **Answer for yourself:** Who or what is truly behind the name "Jesus Christ"? Can it be proven that the "Jesus Story" is nothing but the personification of the Sun and its passage through the various houses of the Zodiac as it passes through the 4 seasons and the equinoxes and solstices? If so then what do you do now?
- **Answer for yourself:** Are the infancy narratives and later depictions of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament nothing more than solar stories told as allegories which were later "literalized" and subsequently written into Rome's New Testament and depicted as a literalized historical

Jesus Christ when in fact they were understood by the Ancients as astrological myths taken from astronomy?

- **Answer for yourself:** Did Rome destroy the Gnostic Christ of the earliest "Christians" which had existed since the beginning of time over the first 5 centuries of the early Church and replace it one of their own making? What are you to do when you see this from your studies on our Websites?
- **Answer for yourself:** If I study to find that the "Jesus Story" follows chronologically the Gospel of Matthew from chapter one through the end of the book which parallels identically the personification of the Sun in its path through the Zodiac then what should this mean to me regarding my belief in Jesus as the historical Christ and Jewish Messiah?
- **Answer for yourself:** Have we as Christians and followers of the "the Christ" been deceived by Rome and spent a good part of our lives worshipping a man as God as Rome has declared in their New Testament since the Nicean Council (325 A.D.) when in fact we should have been worshipping the one true Creator as the Pharaoh Moses (Akhenaton) instructed? Are we guilty of idolatry as Christians because we have believed a fable no more real than Snow White and the seven dwarfs?

Well the following studies in the above websites is not for the weak of heart as I will present infallible proofs that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is but a hoax perpetrated upon us by Rome in their hatred of Jewish Gnosticism back in the first century. You will see, in the last website depicting the Mythical Christ, as we move chronologically from one sign of the Zodiac to the other, from month to month, from season to season, from Spring equinox to Summer solstice, from Autumn equinox to Winter solstice, and repeating again this cycle, that if you study with us and finish the studies on this website, that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is nothing more than the literalization by Rome of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac along with other solar myths later incorporated into their "Jesus Story" as literalized by Rome as well. In so doing you will see as I and many others have that we have not been taught the truth about "the Christ within" and how He is so integral to the proper worship of the Invisible God as Egypt taught. It would seem that Egypt got it right in the beginning but thanks to Hellenism and Romanism we lost these earliest and correct understanding of Divine Concepts witnessed in God's Heaven and Nature. In a way these were our classroom and where we were to be instructed by the Creator about our life and purpose in God's creation. We are truly blessed today to live in an age where archeology and the information age can bring these truths back to life for you and me.

As a "retired Pastor", and moved by what my studies revealed, I feel moved to share this information and evidence from such studies with those interested in the truth behind the origin for "Jesus Story" which is taught to the world today as a historical reality when in fact it is not. In the websites that are delineated above such evidence is presented to the reader in hopes that the missing puzzle pieces concerning the "Jesus Story" will be plainly evident to him and he can, in the light of such knowledge, no longer be deceived by the astrological allegory of "the Christ" as found in the New Testament which is erroneously taught "literally" today. I make very few promises to our readers but I make this one now: If you do these studies, and read these articles on this website then you will be thoroughly convinced as I was that the "Jesus Story" was never meant to be understood "literally" as it has been taught to you and me. **Thus the worship of Jesus as a historical person or connecting this assumed historical person with God or believing him to be God is the most vulgar idolatry according to Moses and the Ten Commandments and a terrible affront to the Creator and constitutes blasphemy of the Name of God.**

[Let us continue our study in the last article in this series.](#)

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THIS "JESUS CHRIST"? MY THOUGHTS ON JESUS AFTER 20 YEARS OF STUDY #5

Well in this last article I felt it would be beneficial if we listened to what the scholars have to say about the "Jesus Story". Of special note will be comments regarding our last website on the subject of the Astrological and Astronomical Foundation of the "Jesus Story" and the Mythical Christ. We begin of course where it all started; in Africa.

Dionysius Siculus, a Greek historian, born at Agrigum in Sicily, lived in the times of Julius Caesar and Augustus. From his own statements we learn that he travelled in Egypt between 60-57 B.C. and that he spent several years in Rome. The latest event mentioned by him belongs to the year 21 B.C. He asserts that he devoted thirty years to the composition of his history, and that he undertook frequent and dangerous journeys in prosecution of his historical researches. According to Diodorus, the Ethiopians were the earliest of civilized men, and that they colonized Egypt under the leadership of Osiris. Then the Egyptians diffused this Ethiopian culture to all parts of the world.

Answer for yourself: What should this tell us? It should alert us to the fact that the "Osiris Story" went into all the world and explains why so many of the world religions have parallels and overlaps with the "Osiris Story" and why Christianity mimics the "Osiris Story" with its own adaptation of it as found in the "Jesus Story". Of course within this "[Osiris Story](#)" is the "[Horus Story](#)" and this is more critical to our study since both Jesus and Horus is the Son of God. There is an interesting commentary on the latter statement by Dr. Churchward:

"Dionysius Siculus declares that the Egyptians claimed to have sent out colonies over the whole world in times of the remotest antiquity. They affirmed that they had not only taught the Babylonians astronomy, but that Belus and his subjects were a colony that went out of Egypt. This is also supported by the book of Genesis in the generations of Noah. He was greatly impressed with the assertions of the priests respecting the numerous emigrations, including the colonies of Babylon and Greece, but they named so many in diverse parts of the world that he shrank from recording them upon hearsay and word of mouth. He tells us that they had sacred books transmitted to them from ancient times in which the historical accounts were recorded and kept, and then handed on to their successors.... Thus we see that colonies went forth and settled in all parts of the world, leaving the proofs in language, myth, and the hieroglyphics, in religious rites. The symbolical customs and ceremonies in far off lands are still extant among races by whom they are no longer read or understood, but which can be read in Egypt" (Churchward, The Signs and Symbols of Primordial Man, pp. 283-284)

Answer for yourself: What should this tell us? Simply that we have lost the "gnosis" or necessary knowledge today to properly understand both the "Osiris Story" as well as the "Jesus Story"; let alone recognize that our

"Jesus Story" comes from Africa in the first place and have had to rely upon Rome's version of these Ancient myths which serious study will show you is unbelievably flawed when compared to the original from which it was derived.

Herodotus was told by Egyptian scribes that they had astronomical records going back 50,000 years.

We cannot check these figures, but certainly the Egyptian astronomers had accurate records, going back to a remote past. Later on, Diodorus observed:

"The positions and arrangements of the stars as well as their motions have always been the subject of careful observation among the Egyptians ... they have preserved to this day the records concerning each of these stars over an incredible number of years, this subject of study, having been zealously preserved among them from ancient times, and they have also observed with the utmost avidity the motions and orbits and stoppings of the planets . . . And according to them the Chaldeans of Babylon, being colonists from Egypt, enjoy the fame which they have for their astrology because they learned that science from the priests of Egypt" (Library of History, Book I, pp. 277-279.)

The data preserved in the Great Pyramid of Egypt shows an advanced knowledge of mathematics and astronomy. This truly is a most fascinating study; possibly the most interesting study of my life. Orthodox scholars may deny this, but the evidence exists and it cannot be shouted down. As a well-informed English scholar observed:

*"Our entire solar system with all its planets and moon describes a huge circle around another sun in space, viz., the star Sirius. This movement takes 25,920 years to complete and, during that time, our Sun appears to traverse through various constellations or star clusters. This was already known to the ancient from China to Mexico and from Babylon to Egypt" (George R. Goodman, "The Age of Unreason," an article in *The Freethinker*, Vol. LXXXV, p. 182.)*

In the article cited above Mr. Goodman also discussed the relations of the large and small zodiacs. In discussing the large zodiac he noted that:

"By arbitrarily dividing that huge circle into twelve sections (or houses) they gave to each of them an appropriate sign and name and called the duration of 2,160 years an age. Twelve of these ages constitute one complete turn of our solar system around Sirius".

This next statement is of immense importance and should grab your attention.

Noting that all religious festivals, even those in Christianity, were and are based on the motions of the sun, moon, planets, and the resulting four seasons, Mr. Goodman then declared:

"But for a long time it was something of a mystery why practically all Sun-gods and most of the Christs and Messiahs should have been portrayed as having had two mothers. The answer can be found in the small zodiac. For if one draws a straight line from the zodiac's section called Virgo, going through the pivotal center to the opposite section called Pisces, one has traversed six months, which will presently be seen to dramatize not only cosmic happenings, but also man's evolutionary development".

"The ancients localized the birth of the natural man in the zodiacal house of Virgo, and that of the evolved man in the opposite house of Pisces . . . Virgo gave man his natural birth by water (all babies

are born in a sac of water!) and became known as the Water-Mother. Pisces stood as the symbol of the evolved and intellectual man and was called the Fish-Mother'... No wonder then that Virgo was poeticized as the Water-Mother of the Natural man, and Pisces as the intellectual and ethically-evolved man or the god-to-be. Man's physical body is the high product of a biological evolution that actually started in the ocean water! The virgin mothers are all identified with water as symbol, and their various names, such as Meri, Mary, Myra, Myrrha, Miriam . . . On the other hand, there are the fish avatars of Vishnu (the second god of the Hindu triad), such as the Babylonian Ioannes who, like the Egyptian Horus and the Gospel Jesus, and the Hebrew Jonah (derived from Ioannes) - all came as the zodiacal Pisces or Ichthys, fish in Greek, and offered themselves as food for man while the latter is immersed in the sea of generation . . . To put it concisely in one sentence - all the various Christs and saviors were credited with two mothers, because Virgo was the watermother of the natural man and Pisces was the fishmother of the spiritually evolved or highly ethical and intellectual man. . . But the greatest unveiling of this investigation awaits the sleuth who makes use of the Julian calendar in the Roman Catholic calendar of Saints in connection with the large zodiac. He will find that the death of John the Baptist is fixed on August 29th. On that day, a specially bright star, representing the head of the constellation Aquarius, rises whilst the rest of his body is below the horizon, at exactly the same time as the sun sets in Leo (the kingly sign representing Herod). Thus the latter beheads John, because John is associated with Aquarius, and the horizon cuts off the head of Aquarius! (Goodman, The Freethinker, p. 182.)

THE HISTORICITY OF JESUS CHRIST???

I must in conclusion of these articles say something about the question of the historicity of Jesus Christ. Throughout my studies over these years I began with Jesus as the Jewish Messiah and ended with severe doubts to that matter as you might expect having read these articles that bring the truth to light regarding "the Christ" and the Astrology and Astronomy behind the "Jesus Story" to the surface. Orthodox Christians recognize him as a god, Unitarians as a man, and Rationalists as a myth. An English scholar, Herbert Cutner, wrote an important and informative book: Jesus: God, Man or Myth? (New York: The Truth Seeker Co., 1950). Mr. Cutner, presenting impressive evidence pro and con, finally decided, having weighed all the evidence both pro and con that Jesus was a myth. This may come as a shock to some readers as it did to me when I first came across it in Gerald Massey's lecture on The Historical Jesus and The Mythical Christ. I remember it well having tried to refute Gerald Massey, but failing completely to disprove what he said about the "historical Jesus" being a fake I finally had to bow my knee in repentance having analyzed the proofs for myself and was now was fully convinced that he was correct and that my inherited traditions about Jesus of Nazareth were incorrect. This preponderance of celestial evidence which I had uncovered revealing that the "Jesus Story" was nothing more than the personification of the Sun its path through the Zodiac and the Heavens was beyond any coincidence for any "thinking believer". The position taken by the great Egyptologist was found to be unassailable in my opinion having had two years trying to prove such evidence a falsehood. I could not and finally gave up trying. Massey looked for the "historical Jesus" in the "Jesus Story" and could not find him; neither could I. But Massey did discover another Jesus who lived in Egypt about the year 100 B.C. and met his death by crucifixion. This is as close as it gets. The interested student may study this thesis in Massey's Lectures, in G. R. S. Mead's Did Jesus Live 100 B.C.?, and also in Dr. Franz Hartman's The Life of Jehoshua: The Prophet of Nazareth (Boston: Occult Publishing Co., 1889).

I also noticed something during all my years of study. It was in the wake of the Scopes Monkey Trial and the uproar about evolution being taught in American schools that the rise of fundamentalism began to cover up the Ancient knowledge once possessed in this country as evidenced by the many good books written in the latter 1800's concerning the truth about the "Jesus" of the New Testament. I have personally in my library so many of these good books it saddens me to say that today such knowledge concerning the truth about the "Jesus Story" is harder to come by than before. Only in these latter years following the discovery of the Dead Sea

Scrolls and the Nag Hammadi Gnostic Library is the truth again rising slowly to the surface once again. It as if this knowledge of the truth about the "Jesus Story" from the enlightenment of Europe began to be extinguished by fundamentalist censorship in America following the early 1900's and we are blessed today to be witnessing the recovery of these long lost truths and knowledge of the Egyptian Karast and the "Christ within".

Professor Harry Elmer Barnes, historian and sociologist, after extensive study, finally announced:

"As a matter of fact, the evidence for the point of view that Jesus was actually an historic character is so slight that a considerable number of the most distinguished students of New Testament times have declared Jesus to be a mythological personage...Among the more eminent scholars and critics who have contended that Jesus was not an actual historical figure we mention Bruno Bauer, Kaithoff, Drews, Stendel, Felder, Deye, Jensen, Lublinski, Bolland, Van der Berg, Virolleaud, Couchoud, Massey, Bossi, Niemojewski, Brandes, Robertson, Mead, Whittaker, Carpenter and W. B. Smith"
(Harry Elmer Barnes, The Twilight of Christianity, New York: Vanguard Press, 1929, pp. 390-391).

Robert Keable, a liberal Christian apologist, wrote a book with the title, The Great Galilean, purporting to be a life story of the Christian Christ. Mr. Keable must have drawn heavily on his imagination in order to produce this book, for he tells us right at the start that he had no historical documentation. In his own amazing words:

"No man knows sufficient of the early life of Jesus to write a biography of him. For that matter, no one knows enough for the normal Times obituary notice of a great man. If regard were had to what we should call, in correct speech, definitely historical facts, scarcely three lines would be filled".

"Moreover, if newspapers had been in existence, and if that obituary notice had had to be written in the year of his death, no editor could have found in the literature of his day so much as his name. Yet few periods of the ancient world were so well documented as the periods of Augustus and Tiberius. But no contemporary writer knew of his existence. Even a generation later, a spurious passage in Josephus, a questionable reference in Suetonius, and the mention of a name that may be his by Tacitus - that is all. His first mention in any surviving document, secular or religious, is twenty years after".

"We do not know with anything approaching historical certainty of whom he was born, or when, or where; how long he lived, or how long he labored; and the sayings which are indubitably his are a mere handful. The stories of his reputed resurrection are so contradictory and confused that it is impossible to make more than a guess at their true import. If the question of his ever having lived at all is not very seriously open to doubt, at least it has been possible for a Swedish professor within the last few months to make out a perfectly good case for the supposition that he was born a century or so before the accepted date" (Robert Keable, The Great Galilean (Boston, Massachusetts: Little, Brown and Co., 1929, p. 3.)

Orthodox Christians hold that the four Gospels of the New Testament were written by the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But in my studies over these last 20 years I found that beyond any doubt this cannot be so, for these four characters were not historical men and surely were not Jews. They were, in fact, the four corner signs of the zodiac which were later personified. The evidence has been presented by George R. Goodman, as follows:

"Hewn out of the stonework outside Catholic churches, one can sometimes see four curious figures which are variously described as representing the four evangelists or the four living creatures mentioned in the Apocalypse and Ezekiel. Actually, they are merely the four points of the compass, and have been adopted from the Zodiac, in which they are known as the four fixed signs, and are

three months apart. They are Leo the Lion, Taurus the Bull, Aquarius the Water-Bearer and Scorpio, also known as the Eagle. According to tradition the lion represents Shem, the Lion of Judah, and the Semitic race. The Bull symbolizes Egypt and the land of Ham. Aquarius is said to represent the mythical Noah and the remnants of the Atlanteans, the Adamic race, driven by a catastrophical flood to the four quarters of the globe. And Scorpio or the Eagle, belongs to Japheth who is alleged to have traveled north, thus becoming the father of the Aryan race" (Goodman, *The Freethinker*, Vol. 85, p. 186).

In the eighteenth century Viscount Bolingbroke, **Charles F. Dupuis**, and **Count Volney** discussed and wrote about the myth theory of Christian origins. I have read both their books and remember the incredible revelation gained from reading these books which are available today in repents. In the early nineteenth century this line of scholarship was continued in England by the Reverend Robert Taylor. Reverend Taylor, having himself studied as a pastor to learn such truths behind the "Jesus Story", preached sermons in which he claimed that the Christian Savior was but the personification of the Sun and that the story of his life was nothing more than the allegory of the passage of the Sun through the twelve signs of the zodiac. As a result, Reverend Taylor was called the "Devil's Chaplain" and was sentenced to two years in jail for blasphemy. Taylor was an ordained minister, a surgeon, an a graduate of Cambridge University, but this did not protect him from persecution from his repentance from his former teaching of religious lies and presenting the hidden truths behind the "Jesus Story".

One of the greatest merits of Ernest Busenbark's Symbols, Sex and the Stars, is his splendid chapter on the death and re-birth of the Sun God. For the benefit of those who are unable to consult that work I have attempted to condense it in the words of the author.

ALLEGORY OF THE SEASONS...THE PATH OF THE SUN THROUGH THE EQUINOXES AND SOLSTICES: THE "JESUS STORY"

THE WINTER SOLSTICE

As the sun appears to recede southward in autumn, the days in the northern hemisphere become shorter and cooler, vegetation withers, fertility of the earth ceases, the sun stands lower in the sky, its warmth and brightness are diminished. Allegorically speaking, the hours and powers of Darkness are gradually winning over the powers of Light. On December 22, in north temperate latitudes, there are twice as many hours of darkness as there are of daylight. For weeks the sun has been growing weaker and weaker. Now is the culminating point, the shortest day of the year. On this day the sun reaches his farthest point southward. In Babylonian mythology this point represented the gates of the underworld, presided over by Nergal, the prince of Darkness. In the Hercules myth, it represented the arrival of the sun at the Pillars of Hercules, which marked the end of his journey. As the sun sinks below the horizon on this date, the forces of Darkness achieve their victory. But the supremacy of Darkness is quickly challenged, because the virgin goddess (Virgo) gives birth to a new sun which replaces the dead god on the following day, and a new cycle begins. For about **three days** the length of the day seems to remain unchanged, then it gradually lengthens. **The birth of the sun was personified in Egypt by Horus, the god of light and savior of the world.** On the inner walls of the holy of holies in the Temple of Luxor, the birth of Horus is depicted in a series of four scenes which are strikingly similar to Christian representations of the Annunciation and Immaculate Conception of Mary and the Birth and Adoration of Jesus (Busenbark, Symbols, Sex and The Stars, p. 116.)

SPRING AND THE SPRING EQUINOX

For weeks after the winter solstice, the puny, newborn sun struggles against the powers of Darkness. Myths present the youngster as growing up in obscurity or concealment. But as the weeks pass, the young sun god gathers strength, rising higher and higher in the sky, his brightness increasing rapidly until on March 21, he emerges victorious. This is the day of the spring equinox, when the sun crosses the equator. It is the turning

point, the day of his **Passover or Crossification**. Night and day are of equal length all over the world on this date, the sun rising at 6:00 a.m. and setting at 6:00 p.m. Now begins a period in which the hours of light exceed the hours of darkness, symbolized as the sun's resurrection from the Underworld (the lower signs of the zodiac) and with its regeneration, life and vegetation can continue; the young sun redeems the world from darkness. During the Aries (Lamb) age, Egyptians celebrated this season by sacrificing a lamb. Three days later they celebrated the resurrection of the young sun-god. The Jewish custom of killing the paschal lamb and celebrating the Passover is said to celebrate the Lord's passage over the houses in Egypt when he slaughtered all of the first-born children and animals of the Egyptians. There is little reason to doubt that, originally, the celebration was an ancient solar festival. With the rise of Christianity, the day and hour on which the Jews were commanded to sacrifice the lamb came to be observed as the day and hour at which Christ died on the cross, his Resurrection being celebrated on the third day following (Busenbark, Symbols, Sex and The Stars, pp. 119-120.)

SUMMER AND THE SUMMER SOLSTICE

On June 21, the longest day of the year, the youthful sun reaches the farthest point northward in the ecliptic. On this day the sun rises earlier and sets later than on any other day in the year. On June 21, the earth's North Pole is inclined 23-1/2 degrees toward the sun, and on December 21 this position is reversed, the North Pole then being inclined 23-1/2 degrees away from the sun. To the Babylonians the point of the summer solstice represented the gate of Nibbu, the domain of the god Anu, "the point beyond which no man can pass." It marks the very peak of the sun god's virility when he shines with maximum brilliance and heat. The culminating point is at the full moon which marks the day when the sun mates with Ishtar, the Great Mother Goddess. It also marks the beginning of the sun's decline, for having given freely of his energy to restore fertility to the earth, his powers begin to wane, that is, the length of the days soon begins to decrease. In Babylon both the marriage and the decline of Tammuz were celebrated but a few days apart. This was the significance of that statement of Gilgamesh in which he accused Ishtar of being an enchanter, a poisoner, and a sapper of virility. For his death the people of Babylon and other Chaldean cities were in the habit of mourning and fasting for forty days prior to the festival of Ishtar (Busenbark, Symbols, Sex and The Stars, pp. 120-121.)

AUTUMN AND THE AUTUMN EQUINOX

On September 23 the powers of Light and Darkness are again on even terms (day and night being of equal length) and the sun now begins its entry into the Underworld. In Babylonian astrology this period marked the entry of the sun into the six lower signs of the zodiac and the six unlucky or unfruitful months. It was also observed by important religious ceremonies as the time of judgment, the period when men's deeds on earth were weighed in the Balance and, on the Zodiac, was symbolized by a pair of scales. At this period the Babylonians solemnly celebrated the Festival of Lights with processions of citizens carrying torches to symbolically light the passage of the dead through the Underworld . . . After the autumn equinox, the dark powers steadily increase their mastery over the sun until the final episode on December 22, when the cycle ends with the sun's death and the birth of a new sun savior. . . Here the axis and equator form a cross on which is placed the Macro-cosmic man, pierced through the heart by a spear which strikes him at an angle of 23-1/2 degrees, the exact angle of inclination of the ecliptic on December 22 and June 21 (Busenbark, Symbols, Sex and The Stars, pp. 122-124.)

THE MESSAGE IN THE STARS...THE SAME SINCE THE BEGINNING

In most ancient calendars the year began at the time of the Vernal Equinox, March 22. According to calculations of some astronomers, **the sun rose in the sign of Aries (the ram/lamb) at this season of the year, from about 2512 to 360 B.C. It was within this period that astrology, the zodiac, and the sun god myths reached complete development**, though the first zodiacal signs were charted in the sky much earlier.

As the earth makes a complete revolution every twenty-four hours, all of the twelve signs or constellations

follow each other through the sky with a new one rising over the eastern horizon every two hours. And, as the earth advances in its orbit around the sun, the sun appears to rise in a different sign each month.

During the Aries Age sunrise was in Cancer at the summer solstice, in Libra at the autumn equinox, and in **Capricorn at the winter solstice**. This is why on our Websites I begin the "Jesus Story" with the Sun in Capricorn since following the Winter solstice we have the "birth" of the Sun anew.

Answer for yourself: Why is this necessary? This is done to reveal the allegorical birth of Jesus as well as the "Jesus Story" in the stars:

- Several hours before sunrise on December 25, or about midnight, the sign of the Virgin, the Constellation Virgo, rose above the horizon in the east. This was the hour of the young sun god's birth.
- The sacrificial lamb, the constellation Aries, was at the same time in the horizon with the rising of the Virgin in the east.
- High in the western sky, in the sign of Taurus, stood Orion, which is called the star of Horus. The three bright stars in the belt of Orion were the three magi, or kings.
- Directly across from where these 3 stars in Orion's belt point is the brightest star in the sky names Sirius which is the "birth star" that led the 3 magi to the birth of the sungod.
- Directly across the sky from Orion is the Scorpion, which a myth says followed him, as indeed it does in the Zodiac.
- In Taurus is the constellation of Columba, the dove, symbol of the Virgin and the Holy Ghost.
- At the feet of the Virgin is the herdsman Bootes known as the "foster father" of Mary, the Virgin, and whom we meet as Joseph in the "Jesus Story".
- Within the sign of Taurus there is also a small group of stars called the stable (Auriga). This is the same Stable of Augeas, which Hercules mythically cleansed as his sixth labor, and Justin Martyr proudly boasted that Christ was born on the very day when the sun takes his birth in the Stable of Augeas in the sign of the Goat (Capricorn). It also agrees with the tradition that the sun god was born in a stable or cave (caves or niches carved in the rocks being sometimes used as stables) . . .
- In the Aries Age, Capricorn was followed in January by the sign of Aquarius. The principal festival now marking this period is Epiphany, commemorating Christ's baptism and assumption of the Holy Spirit. It is the **essence of symbolism that like qualities go together; therefore, when we read that the baptism of Christ by John the Baptist occurred on January 6, the event falls just where we should expect to find it, in Aquarius, the Waterman.** January 6 was observed in Egypt as the day of Nibs, when the water was said to be at its purest. Epiphanius wrote that this was the season when water was withdrawn from the river and stored not only in Egypt but in many other countries. In some places **springs and rivers were said to turn into wine on this day. From this tradition a myth developed to the effect that Bacchus (Dionysus) turned water into wine at this very time of year; and, by one of those "coincidences" which are to be found so frequently in the Scriptures, the turning of water into wine at the marriage in Cana was the first miracle of Jesus.** Two centuries after Epiphanius, Chrysostom commanded that the water be blessed and drawn from the rivers at the baptismal feast. In Roman Catholic communities priests still bestow blessings on rivers and other bodies of water at this season of the year, the practice doubtless being derived from the ancient Egyptian custom (Busenbark, Symbols, Sex and The Stars, pp. 125-127.)

Answer for yourself: Do you see the Nativity, the very origin of Jesus in the stars above? This is where it began but of course in Ancient times the name was different.

We have heard people say that since historical events are dated B.C. and A.C. or A.D., then there must have been an historical Jesus. Of course, this chronological scheme proves no such thing. Unitarians have eliminated the miraculous elements in the Gospel and then proceeded to accept the rest of narrative as ground for the biography of the man Jesus. This is entirely uncritical. In the words of Massey:

"The worst foes of the truth have ever been, and still are, the rationalizers of the Mythos, such as the Unitarians. They have assumed the human history as the starting point, and accepted the existence of

a personal founder of Christianity as the one initial and fundamental fact. They have done their best to humanize the divinity of the Mythos, by discharging the supernatural and miraculous element, in order that the narrative might be accepted as history. Thus they have lost the battle from the beginning, by fighting it on the wrong ground" (Massey, Lectures, p. 23)

The birth of Jesus Christ has been set at Christmas and his death and resurrection at Easter. **But up to the fourth century, the birth of the Christian Savior was celebrated on the sixth of January.**

Answer for yourself: Why was the date for the birth of the Christian Savior changed?

The reason why it was changed to December 25 was as follows:

"Certain it is that the winter solstice, which ancients assigned to the twenty-fifth of December, was celebrated in antiquity as the birthday of the Sun, and that festal lights or fires were kindled on this joyful occasion. Our Christmas festival is nothing but a continuation under a Christian name of this old solar festivity; for the ecclesiastical authorities saw fit, about the end of the third or the beginning of the fourth century arbitrarily to transfer the nativity of Christ from the sixth of January to the twenty-fifth of December, for the purpose of diverting to their Lord the worship which the heathen had hitherto paid on that day to the sun" (Frazer, The New Golden Bough, p. 722.)

Everyone knows that Easter is a roving date in the calendar, since it is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox (the beginning of Spring). **Easter, therefore, cannot be the date of the death of any historical personage since it changes year to year.**

Answer for yourself: Is there a connection between these two opposing dates for the crucifixion of Jesus and Astronomy? Two dates are given in the New Testament for the time of the crucifixion, namely: the 14th and 15th of the month of Nisan.

Answer for yourself: How do we know that? Simply because the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John has the crucifixion on two different days!

Answer for yourself: Why this discrepancy? The true explanation was given by the famed Egyptologist Gerald Massey once again:

"The Synoptics say that Jesus was crucified on the 15th of the month of Nisan. John affirms that it was on the 14th of the month. This serious rift runs through the very foundation! As human history it cannot be explained. But there is an explanation possibly, which, if accepted proves the Mythos. The crucifixion (or Crossing of the Sun of the Spring Equinox) was, and still is, determined by the full moon of Easter. This, in the lunar reckoning, would be on the 14th in a month of twenty-eight days; in the solar month of thirty days it was reckoned to occur on the 15th of the month. Both unite, and the rift closes in proving the Crucifixion to have been astronomical, just as it was in Egypt, where the two dates can be identified" (Massey, Lectures, p. 6.)

Answer for yourself: Having seen that the whole story of the crucifixion of Jesus is not historical but Astronomical then what does that mean to the Christian who is trusting in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection for his Salvation? Well I had to face the same question and found the answers for myself in the message of Judaism: repentance for the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Learning of my true Covenant with the Creator and the Laws and requirements given me as found in Judaism today then in repentance I turned to the true God now devoid of the false "Osiris" and false godman whom I now saw was not historical but mythical.

Upon trying to disprove these scholars that I was reading when involved in the studies of my "Jewish Roots" and the roads traveled in such studies I finally had to admit I could not disprove them and finally bowed my knee to the overwhelming evidence that I was uncovering that was proving to me beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Story" is found in the movement of the celestial orbs in the Heavens and from such observations of the Ancients, which were later personified in the stories of "Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Adonis, Attis, Krishna, Mithra, and Jesus". In other words all of these "Crucified Saviors" come from the movement of the Sun as it moves past the intersection of the earth's equator and the celestial orbit of the earth around the Sun when these celestial movements were later "personified".

It is the tradition among orthodox Christians that Jesus Christ was buried on Good Friday and arose from the tomb on Easter Sunday. There are no historical data for this belief.

Godfrey Higgins in his two volume set entitled Anacalypsis states:

The Gospels all agree that Jesus rose on the Sunday morning, and pointedly and unnecessarily, unless there was a particular meaning intended to be conveyed say very early before daylight. But the tradition is, that he rose the moment after midnight of the second day. At Rome, at some of the churches, the ceremonies begin at this time, and in Syria, in commemoration of the resurrection of Adonis; and now in the same place and at that same time, the ceremonies of the resurrection of Jesus Christ begin to be celebrated..."The history of the sun, I repeat, is the history of Jesus Christ. The sun is born on the 25th of December (Winter solstice), the birthday of Jesus Christ. The first and greatest of the labors of Jesus Christ is his victory over the serpent, the evil principle, or the devil. In his first labor Hercules strangled the serpent, as did Krishna, Bacchus, etc. This is the sun triumphing over the powers of hell and darkness; and, as he increases, he prevails, till he is crucified in the heavens, or is intersected in the form of a cross (according to Justin Martyr) when he passes the equator at the vernal equinox...The twelve labors of Hercules are his labors in passing through the signs of the zodiac, which are so similar to the history of Jesus Christ, as to induce the revered, pious, and orthodox Parkhurst to declare them types of what the real Savior was to do and suffer. These celestial images are what induced the learned Alphonso the Great to declare, that the whole history of Jesus Christ might be read in the stars" (Anacalypsis, Vol. II, pp. 143-145.)

Historical Christianity is based on the four Gospels. These works were supposedly written by the four Evangelists: (2) Mark, (2) Matthew, (3) Luke, and (4) John. The Gospel of John has no value as an historical document. It was written as an interpretation of the mission of Jesus in terms of Hellenistic metaphysics and Alexandrine theology. The other three Gospels are called the Synoptics, because they are a synopsis of an earlier source document. These three Gospels were written, according to church tradition, sometime between 65 and 95 A.D. E. Again according to Church tradition the Gospel of Mark, it seems, appeared between 65 and 70 A.D.; Matthew between 70 and 75 A.D.; and Luke between 78 and 93 A.D. None of these writings have any historical value, and their supposed authors never existed. The four Evangelists, Matthew, Luke, John and Mark were myth duplicates of the four Sons of Horus of ancient Egypt. These were Amset, Tuamutef, Gebhsennuf and Hapi. They were the four corner constellations of the Zodiac. So the four so-called gospel writers were just as mythical as were their writings. God mythology cannot be transmuted into bad history (John G. Jackson, Christianity Before Christ, p. 198-200).

What amazed me in my studies during the early years is that in reading the Gospel accounts of the early life and ministry of Jesus, I found nothing of any certainty was known about his birth, childhood, and early manhood. The Mark Gospel and that of St. John say nothing of a virgin birth but start their story with the ministry of Jesus. The Gospels of Luke and Matthew deal with the early years of the Savior, and the writers disagree with each other in so many instances as to make their accounts of no historical value. Neither story appeared before 100 A.D. and the first quote or mention of a Gospel by names occurs after 170 A.D. by the pen of Irenaeus, and it is not known who wrote them. Two birthplaces are given for the Lord Jesus, Bethlehem and

Nazareth. Bethlehem was situated in Judea, about five miles south of Jerusalem. Nazareth is a considerable distance north of Jerusalem. Since nobody can be born in two places, then either one or both accounts are false. As if that is not enough archeologists today teach us that Nazareth was not even built as a city in the time period allotted for the life of Jesus.

The writer of the Gospel of Matthew said that Jesus was born in a house, but according to Luke his first birthplace was a stable. Another tradition told of his birth in a cave. The cave story is obviously mythological and so is that about the stable. The Egyptologist, Sir Arthur Weigall, was a member of the Church of England and firmly believed in the historicity of Jesus, but he was compelled to admit that the Markan and Lukan stories of the birth of the Savior were mythological, for he declared that:

"Firstly, as regards the cave; the cave shown at Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus was actually a rock shrine in which the god Tammuz or Adonis was worshipped as the early Christian Father, Jerome tells us; and its adoption as the scene of the birth of our Lord was one of those frequent instances of the taking over by Christians of a pagan sacred site. The propriety of this appropriation was increased by the fact that the worship of a god in a cave was a commonplace in paganism: Apollo, Cybele, Demeter, Herakles, Hermes, Mithra and Poseidon were all adored in caves; Hermes, the Greek Logos, being actually born of Maia in a cave, and Mithra being rock-born"... "Then as regards the stable: St. Luke says that when the child was born Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger (phatne), that is to say a rough trough, like the Greek liknon, which was a sort of basket used either for hay or as an actual cradle, somewhat as the manger is represented in Botticelli's picture of the Nativity. The author of the Gospel of St. Luke, however, was here drawing upon Greek mythology; for the god Hermes was wrapped in swaddling clothes when he was born and placed in a liknon, or manger-basket. So also was the god Dionysus, who in Bithynia, gave his name to the month beginning at our Christmas, and who. . . was closely related to the popular conception of Jesus" (Weigall, The Paganism in our Christianity, pp. 51-52.)

As we have seen, December 25th, Christmas Day, could not have been the birthday of an historical Jesus. This has been conceded by many eminent Christian scholars. Again I cite Weigall:

"I may add that the time of the year of which Jesus was born is completely unknown, the date of our Christmas Day, December 25th, having been adopted by the Church only in the Fourth Century A.D., this being the traditional date of the birth of the sun-god... Nothing, in fact, is known historically, about the early years of our Lord. All that can be said is that He was the son of a carpenter named Joseph and of his wife, probably called Mary, who seem to have lived at Nazareth, or the neighboring hamlet of Bethlehem"

"These two had at least seven children, there being five sons - Jesus, James, Joses, Judas and Simon, and two or more daughters whose names are not known; and we may therefore picture our Lord as growing up with his brothers and sisters in the usual rough manner of a middle-class native household, but gradually detaching Himself from them as his religious consciousness developed"
(Weigall, The Paganism in our Christianity, pp. 53-54.)

In the supposed biographies of Jesus in the Bible only the early and late years of his life could be discussed because there was a blank period of eighteen years between the ages of twelve and thirty. Most Christian writers don't even mention it since any explanation of it would be pure speculation from their viewpoint. We have been informed that Jesus Christ was crucified and that he afterwards rose from the dead and finally ascended to heaven. The Christian Father Irenaeus wrote a book, Against Heresies, about 180 A.D., and in this work he mentioned that there were in his day Christians who denied that

Jesus was crucified. They claimed that Jesus metamorphosed himself and that Simon of Cyrene took his place on the cross. As for Jesus, he lived on for many years and died as an old man. Some scholars have regarded this story as a forgery. But this is hard to believe. As an English authority remarked:

"It is quite impossible to imagine a Christian forger would have deliberately inserted a statement to the effect that Jesus died an old man with the Divine Authority of the Gospels against him. On the other hand, one can easily imagine that a forger, horrified at the statement of Irenaeus, thought it better served the Faith to add a sentence of his own that the Christ was crucified by Pontius Pilate"

(Cutner, Jesus - God, Man or Myth?, p. 102.)

It is in the statements like this from the pens of my Church Fathers that I was spurred on to even deeper studies in order to find the "truth" about the "Jesus Story" since obviously I was learning that you cannot believe what these Church Fathers wrote or said for the most part since it became obvious to me that they had an anti-Jewish agenda.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus has been shown as carrying the cross on the way to the crucifixion, while in the Synoptics the cross-bearer was Simon of Cyrene:

- According to Mark, Jesus was crucified at the third-hour (9:00 a.m.),
- According to Luke, it was the sixth hour (12:00 noon),
- According to John he states that at noontime Jesus had not yet been sentenced to death, so it must have been later that day.

Answer for yourself: What are we to believe if anything with supposed infallible and inerrant writings like these? In dealing with the Gospel Myths, in a scholarly study J. M. Robertson wrote a passage both brief and brilliant on the cross-bearing by Simon of Cyrene. Since this great work is now out of print, I cite in full the section to which I refer:

Another item in the gospel story can with some degree of probability be traced to an artistic representation of a pagan myth. One of the subsidiary labors of Hercules was the setting up of two pillars at Gades (Cadiz) to mark the boundaries of Europe and Libya. Here the cult of Herakies combines with that of his Phoenician double, the Sun-God Melkarth, worshipped at Gades, of whose mythos the Samson legend in the Hebrew Bible is a variant. The two pillars (represented in the Hebrew as in the Phoenician temples), are simply ancient symbol-limits of the course of the sun in the heavens; and, as usual we have a variety of legends in the different mythologies to explain them. In the Samson legend they occur twice, figuring as the gateposts of Gaza, which the hero carries off; in another as the two pillars of the Philistine hall, between which the shorn and blinded hero sits in his captivity; Samson here being the winter sun, weak and rayless; at the end, of course, and therefore touching at least one pillar (as the personified sun at the end of his solar year). Now just as Samson in one story carries the pillars, so did Herakles, as became his strength, carry his pillars to their places; even as in the Tyrian form of the legend he dies at the very place where he has set them up (the sun dies at the very place in the Heavens that he renews his cycle and path yearly). And in ancient art he was actually represented carrying the two pillars in such a way under his arms that they formed exactly a cross. Here, perhaps, we have the origin of the myth of Jesus carrying his own cross to the place of execution. Christian art has always represented him as staggering under the load, as even Herakies stoops with the weight of his columns. Singularly enough, the three synoptics substitute for Jesus as cross-bearer one Simon, a man of Cyrene, coming from the country - a way of suggesting perhaps, that he was strong. Cyrene is in Libya, the legendary scene of the pillar-carrying of Herakles; and in Palestine Simon, Semo or Sem, was actually a Godname, representing the ancient Sun-God Semesh, identified with Baal, with whose mythos that of Samson unquestionably connects.

And the God Semo or Simon was especially worshipped in Samaria. That district, lying between Galilee and Judea, must at an early period have tended to affect the Jesuist legend; and in the third and fourth gospels, the Founder visits the region and wins converts in it. What more likely than a representation of the Sun-Hero Simon (so recognized by the many Jews settled in Greek-speaking countries), carrying his pillars crosswise, should come to figure as that of a man Simon carrying a cross? The two versions of the cross-bearing satisfy us that the story is a myth: is any hypothesis more probable than that Simon the Cyrenian's task is a variant of that of the Cyrenian Simon-Herakles?" (Roberson, Christianity and Mythology, pp. 368-369.)

The mother of Jesus, according to John, was a spectator of the Crucifixion, but this was not so if we believe the other Evangelists, who, however, named Magdalene as being among those present.

Answer for yourself: In what year was Jesus allegedly crucified? According to holy writ it occurred during the rule of Pontius Pilate and when Caiaphas was a High Priest of the Jews; or anytime between 26 and 36 A.D. One hundred so-called Christian authorities attempted to name the year in which Christ was crucified; twenty-three gave the year 29, eighteen said the year 30 was correct, nine gave the year 31, seven settled for the year 32, thirty-seven concluded that the year 33 was right, and six stood up for 36 A.D.

The glaring contradictions of the story of the Resurrection have to be read to be appreciated:

- If we follow John, Mary Magdalene was the lone visitor to the tomb on the first Easter morn.
- Matthew said that Mary Magdalene was accompanied by the other Mary.
- Mark names Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome.
- Luke asserted that it was Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James, Joanna, and some other women.
- These women, stated Mark, came at sunrise, but John said that they arrived when it was not dark.
- When these pilgrims arrived the tomb was closed according to Matthew, but open if we consult Luke, who stated that the stone covering the tomb had been rolled away.
- The women met an angel, if we listen to Matthew; Mark said they saw a young man;
- Luke recorded two men; and John asserted that the women observed two angels.

Answer for yourself: Cannot God get this inspired and infallible story correct? Well on second thought maybe it is not inspired at all.

Walter Cassels in his scholarly study Supernatural Religion, studied the Resurrection narratives in detail and then concluded that since there were no witnesses to this alleged event then we must dismiss it as being an historical happening. **If there was no crucifixion and no resurrection, then there was also no ascension. It stands to reason that if the whole thing was Astronomical then it was not historical! This has caused considerable embarrassment to educated and intelligent Christians when they are exposed to the Astronomical "Jesus Story".**

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

The religions of the world may be divided into two main types: namely, the natural and the supernatural, or Atheistic and theistic. The great Western cults such as Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are theistic, since they are founded on the belief in a personal god. The great Eastern cults such as Buddhism, Confucianism, and Theosophy are considered by some as Atheistic religions, since they are not based on the belief in a personal god. The theological god is personal, whereas the metaphysical god is nonpersonal. **Many educated people in the Western World today are turning back to the wisdom of the ancients, who believed in a Great God who was not anthropomorphic but just a name for the Universe, the All in All which has neither beginning nor end. The Minor gods were symbols of the laws and forces of Nature. Such ideas are**

embraced in the African Traditional Religion and in the most advanced type of religion in the Western World, which has been called by the Rev. Professor Thomas Altizer and the Rev. Dr. Paul Van Buren, Christian Atheism. Atheists have been popularly considered as anti-religious people. But many Atheists are and have been Spiritualists and Theosophists, and are not these people religious? **I learned long ago that just because someone studies hard and for a long time to uncover the truths behind the "Jesus Story" and no longer considers himself a believer in the "traditional Christian Jesus" does not mean he does not believe in the First Cause or the Creator whom most call God. Many would classify such a one as an "atheist" but such is a narrow view on the whole subject.** We must be careful of the labels pinned on advanced thinkers by traditional tunnel-visioned Roman Christianity. Madam Alexandra David Ned lived for many years among the mystics of Tibet. From a Christian viewpoint these people are Atheists, but they certainly are not without religion. Madam David-Neel has said that:

"To present to Westerners a perfectly clear and complete idea of the mysticism of the Tibetans is almost impossible.. . In the West a mystic is a devout person - of a very superior type, granted, but always essentially a believer, the worshiper of a god. On the contrary, the Tibetan mystic will probably be regarded by many Occidentals as an Atheist. If we call him by such a name, however, we must guard against attributing to the term those feelings and ideas which it connotes in Western lands. In countries under Christian influence the Atheist for centuries past has been a rare exception, a kind of demonical character appearing in the flock of faithful believers. Even in these days he appears before the imagination of many as a rebel confronting Faith and Religion in a theatrical attitude of denial and challenge. There is nothing like this in Tibet, where the idea of a supreme personal God has never held sway" (Alexandra David-Neel, Initiations and Initiates of Tibet, pp. 11-12.)

Professor John S. Mbiti is an authority on African religions, and he tells us that:

"As far as is known, there are no images or physical representations of God by African peoples: this being one clear indication that they consider him to be a Spiritual Being. The fact that He is invisible also leads many to visualize Him as spiritual rather than physical. One of the most explicit descriptions of God as Spirit occurs in a traditional Pygmy hymn which says:

- In the beginning was God
- Today is God
- Tomorrow will be God.
- Who can make an image of God?
- He has no body.
- He is a word, which comes out of your mouth.
- That word! It is no more,
- It is past, and still it lives! So is God.

"In a Shona traditional hymn God is addressed as the Great Spirit who piles up rocks to make mountains, causes branches to grow and gives rain to mankind. Thus, God is pictured as an active and creative Spirit. It is particularly as Spirit that God is incomprehensible. So the Ashanti rightly refers to him as the fathomless Spirit, since no human mind can measure Him, no intellect comprehend or grasp him . . . So God confronts men as the mysterious and incomprehensible and beyond human vocabulary. This is part of the essential nature of God" (John S. Mbiti, African Religions and Philosophy, pp. 44-45.)

The god of the theologians is personal; the god of the philosophers is non-personal. This difference, not being apparent to many people, has caused a considerable confusion of thought. **Many Christians denounce Paganism as false religion. If this is correct, then Christianity is also false, for it is of pagan origin.**

and if one is not true, then neither is the other. Outstanding thinkers such as the philosopher, Spinoza; the astronomer, Professor Fred Hoyle; and the Egyptologist, Dr. Margaret Murray, have said that **god is just another name for nature, or the Universe(the Invisible Intelligent Creative Energy of the Cosmos from Whom all come and all return).**

These ideas are not exactly new, for a great French scholar expressed some of them in the late eighteenth century. I refer to **Charles Francis Dupuis**. This scholar wrote voluminously, but a good one-volume edition of his best writings was published under the title **Dupuis' Explanation of an Apocalyptic Work**, translated by Gilbert Vale. On god and his worship Dupuis wrote as follows:

"The word God appears destined to express the universal and eternally active force which gives motion to everything in nature, according to the laws of a constant and admirable harmony which develops itself in the different forms taken by organized matter, which intermingles with everything animates everything, and which seems to be one unallied in its infinitely varied modifications, and to belong but to itself. Such is the living force which the universe, or that regular assemblage of all bodies, which an eternal chain links together, encloses within itself, and which a perpetual motion majestically impels in the bosom of boundless space and time. It is in this vast and marvelous ensemble that man, from the moment he wished to reason upon the causes of his existence and of his preservation, as well as upon those of the various effects which are born and destroy themselves around him, ought first to have placed that sovereignly cause, which makes everything spring forth, and in the bosom of which everything reenters again to return out of it, by a succession of new generations and under different forms"...

*"Behold, the great God, the first, or rather, the only God, which has manifested himself to man through the veil of the matter he animates, and which forms the immense body of the Divinity. Such is the sense of the sublime inscription of the temple of Sais: "I am all which has been, all which is, all which shall be, and no mortal has yet raised the veil which covers me. . He who sees the world sees God, as much as man can see him; as he who sees the body of a man and his movements, sees the man as much as he can be seen, though the principle of his movements, of his life, and of his intelligence remains concealed under the envelope that the hand touches and that the eye perceives. It is the same with the sacred body of the Divinity or the Universe - God" (**The Universe: God and His Worship**, pp. 1-4.)*

John G. Jackson, in his **Christianity Before Christ** gives a very concise account on the worship rendered to nature Dupuis expressed himself thusly:

"It is no longer by reasoning that we will endeavor to prove that the universe and its parts considered as so many portions of the Great Cause or Great Being, ought to have attracted the attention and the homage of mortals. It is by facts and by an abstract of the religious history of all nations that we are enabled to demonstrate that what ought to have been, has effectively been, and that all mankind of every country from the most remote antiquity, have had no other gods than the natural gods, that is today the world and the moon, the planets, the fixed stars, the elements, and in general everything bearing the characteristic of cause and perpetuity in nature.. . Cheremon and the most learned priests of Egypt were persuaded, the same as Pliny, that nothing except the world, or except the visible cause, ought to be admitted, and they supported their opinion by that of the most ancient Egyptians who only recognized, they say, four gods, the sun, the moon, the planets, the stars comprising the zodiac, and all those which, by their rising or setting mark the division of the signs, their interior subdivisions, the horoscope and the stars which preside over it, and which they name the powerful

chiefs of heaven. They affirmed, that the Egyptians, considering the sun as a great God, the architect and moderator of the universe, explained not only the fable of Osiris, but moreover all their other religious fables generally by the stars and the play of their motions, by their apparition, their disappearance; by the phases of the moon, by the increase or the diminution of its light, by the progressive march of the sun, by the division of the heavens and of time into their two great parts, the one belonging to the day, the other to the night, by the Nile; in short, by the action of physical causes. They are said to be the gods-sovereign, arbiters of fate, that our fathers have honored with sacrifices, and to whom they have raised images... It was in honor of the orb which gives us light, that they built the town of the sun, or Heliopolis, and a temple in which they placed the statue of this god. It was a gift, and represented a beardless young man, with his arm raised, a whip in his right hand, in the attitude of a charioteer; in his left hand were the thunder bolts and ears of corn. It was thus they designated the power, and altogether the beneficence of the god who lights the fires of the thunder, and who yields that which makes the harvest spring up and ripen. . . In short, the world, in the Egyptian system, was regarded as a great Divinity, composed of the assemblage of a crowd of gods, or partial causes, who were nothing else than the diverse members of the great body called the World or the Universe-God'....

"The Ethiopians, progenitors of the Egyptians, placed in a burning climate, did not less adore the Divinity of the sun, and above all that of the moon, who presided over the nights, and whose wild freshness made them forget the scorching heat of the day. All of the Africans sacrificed to these two great divinities. It was in Ethiopia that was found the famous table of the sun. The Ethiopians who dwelt above Meroë admitted gods eternal and of an incorruptible nature, says Diodorus, such as the sun, the moon, and the whole universe" (Universality of the Worship Rendered to Nature, pp. 1-4.)

Of the animated and intelligent universe, we read:

"It is right to consider in the universe all the affinities under which the ancients have considered it. They were very far from seeing in the world a machine without life and without intelligence, moved by a blind and necessary force. The greatest and soundest part of the philosophers thought that the universe eminently contained the principle of life and motion which nature had placed in themselves, because it existed eternally in nature, as in the abundant and teeming source, the results of which vivified and animated everything possessing life and intelligence. . . Men believed that the universe lived like man and like the other animals, or rather that those only lived because the universe, essentially animated, communicated to them for some instants an infinitely small portion of its eternal life which it poured into the gross and inert matter of the sublunary bodies. Did it withdraw that portion from them, the man and the animal died, and the universe alone, always living, circulated, by its perpetual motion, around the remains of their bodies, and organized new beings". (pp. 1-2.)

"Cleanthes, who looked upon the universe as God, or as the universal and unproduced cause of all effects, gave to the world a soul and an intelligence, and it was to that intelligent soul that properly belonged the Divinity. God, according to him, established his principal seat in the ethereal substance, in that subtle and luminous element which circulates around the firmament, and which thence impregnates all the stars, who thus share the divine nature". (p. 3.)

"Thus, the universe is one vast body, moved by one soul, governed and guided by one intelligence which have one extent, and which acts in all its parts, that is to say, in everything which exists, since nothing exists out of the universe, which is the assemblage of all things". (p. 4.)

"The universe was then a unique God, composed of the assemblage of a crowd of gods, which concurred as partial causes in the total action, it exercises itself in itself and upon itself. Thus formed itself that great administration, one only in its wisdom and in its primitive force, but multiplied ad infinitum in its secondary agents, called gods, angels, genie, etc., and with which men believed they could treat as they treated with the ministers and the agents of human administrations". (p. 13.)

Count Volney, who based The Ruins of Empires on the research Dupuis, concluded that both civilization and religion originated among the African Ethiopians. In referring to the ancient kingdom of Ethiopia, Volney observed that:

"There a people, now forgotten, discovered, while others were yet barbarians, the elements of the arts and sciences. A race of men, now rejected from society for their sable skin and frizzled hair, founded on the study of the laws of nature, those civil and religious systems which still govern the universe".
(The Ruins of Empires, pp. 16-17.)

Peter Eckler in the publisher's preface to the work cited above commented as follows:

"A voluminous note, in which standard authorities are cited, seems to prove that this statement is substantially correct, and that we are in reality indebted to the ancient Ethiopians, to the fervid imagination of the persecuted and despised Negro, for the various religious systems now so highly revered by the different branches of both the Semitic and Aryan races. This fact, which is so frequently referred to in Mr. Volney's writings, may perhaps solve the questions as to the origin of all religions, and may even suggest a solution to the secret so long concealed beneath the flat nose, thick lips, and Negro features of the Egyptian Sphinx. It may also confirm that statement of Diodorus, that, "The Ethiopians conceive themselves as the inventors of divine worship, of festivals, of solemn assemblies, of sacrifices, and of every other religious practice."

"That an imaginative and superstitious race of black men should have invented and founded, in the dim obscurity of past ages, a system of religious belief that still enthalls the minds and clouds the intellects of the leading representatives of modern theology - that still clings to the thoughts, and tinges with its potential influences the literature and faith of the civilized and cultured nations of Europe and America, is indeed a strange illustration of the mad caprice of destiny, of the insignificant and apparently trivial causes that often produce the most grave and momentous results".
(Volney, The Ruins of Empires, pp. iii and iv.)

The conclusions of Count Volney were subsequently confirmed by Professor A. H. L. Heeren, General J. G. R. Forlong, Gerald Massey, Dr. Albert Churchward, and Lady Flora Lugard. The Ethiopian contributions to culture and mythology were best stated by the Scottish anthropologist, General J. G. R. Forlong, whom we cite:

"It was undoubtedly Kushites who rendered possible the Aryan advance, and who played the part of a civilizing Rome thousands of years before Rome's birth. It was their vast mythology and strange legends that passed as Lord Bacon wrote, "like light air into the flutes of Grecians, there to be modulated as best suited Grecian fancies. Indeed, it is manifest from many old writings, that it was their tales, myths, traditions and histories that lay at the base of the Western World's thought and legendary lore. These so impressed all subsequent races and entered so deeply and minutely into all Aryan mythologies that many writers now think Aryans can only claim to have added to the superstructure and complexion of Ethiopian myths and mythical history; and let us remember that active Aryan life and mythologies began at least 3000 years B.C. when high Asia...becoming too cramped for this race, they were pressing southward to India and Ariana and to the west generally.

Then and there must Aryans have met with Ethiopian civilization, as did Semites, when these began to group themselves into nations about a thousand years later, or say 2000 B.C. They were all builders on old Kushite foundations" (J. G. R. Forlong, Rivers of Life, London: Bernard Quaritch, 1883, Vol. II, pp. 403-404.)

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen in these summaries of my thoughts on Jesus?

It all began in Africa with the acute observations of God's Heavens and the movements of celestial orbs in the Garden of God from which over time patterns and cycles were observed and those among primitive mankind extrapolated from them "Divine Truths" that were later personified into myths, legends, and traditions that captured for all Eternity this Divine message from the One Creator and God to all mankind. These messages observed in movements of the Sun, Moon, and Constellations were confirmed by a second voice from this same God in the Ancient's observations and witness of Nature and her laws which were seem to parallel the same Laws operating in the Heavens above. God was saying the same things and early mankind reasoned it as such. These Laws expressing cycles and patterns and Divine Order of the Cosmos was understood by man not only as a paradigm for his existence but a plan for his life both ethically and morally. These Laws and patterns and cycles found expression in the personification of these forces as found in myths and legends of "gods" and "goddesses" which in reality were but forces and powers that expressed the benevolence and love of the Creator for His children whom He has fashioned in His image. Over time sadly the allegorical understanding of the working of the Cosmos became "literalized" and in so doing the beautiful truths once held by the Spiritual Masters of Egypt and Africa was lost. One only has to do a little study into sacred geometry in Egypt to see the unbelievable wisdom and knowledge possessed by these Ancients. Summarizing all that has been said I believe with all my heart that we must return to our "African and Jewish roots" in the wake of Roman literalized Christianity and the transfiguration of the Gnostic Christ into a historical Jesus of Nazareth which as you are beginning to see never existed. **Sometimes we have to "unlearn" in order to "learn". This is hard but necessary.**

An impartial study of History will show you, as it did me, that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. Outside of this one forged book, the Roman Bible and the New Testament, there exists not one piece of unforged or unadulterated evidence for the historical existence of this man from Galilee. An impersonal through study of Comparative Religions will reveal to you, as it did me, that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of the assumed Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. If you study you will find as I did that **the personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book.** This kind of evidence may be denied but cannot be disproved!

As an educated man to believe that this is but "coincidence" stretches belief beyond limits of sanity. **Besides any serious study of Egypt will show you that this "Jesus Story" existed on 2 levels: the Mystical and the Mythical....only later will Rome come and reinterpret these Divine Truths and forge them into a Historical time line with a fictitious person and in so doing destroy the Ancient truths and Divine Revelation given the Ancients who first developed these "religious doctrines" in the first place.** So when you see this, and I mean all of this, then there is no room for a "Historical Jesus". Due to the preconditioning of a Jesus-centric faith into which we are born I have found it necessary to begin teaching these "Divine Truths" of ethics and morality that is found in the "mind of Christ" through the vehicle of this "Historical Jesus" and in so doing slowly begin to widen the scope of the reader's learning and gradually introduce him to these other concepts and origins of the "Mystical and Mythical" Christ and slowly expose the Historical Jesus for what he is; namely, just an allegory which was later literalized and forged in Rome's New

Testament in their grand scheme of replacement religion. So Egypt is destroyed today but her children and her truths live among her children, the Jewish nation and Biblical and Rabbinic Judaism. For me if you want to find the Messiah and come to learn of the mind of such a one like whom this Jesus was to be then we must begin to look at Biblical Judaism and the place of the non-Jewish Godfearer within it for only in Judaism do we find Egypt's wonderful legacy and do we find "the mind of Egyptian Karast (Krst)" who is the original Christ, and it is there today that the Egyptian mysteries were continued by the early Jewish gnostic "Christians" and the authentic Paul who only wrote 7 epistles. The rest of the Pauline corpus is forged in his name by Rome in their anti-gnostic purge of the world's truth and the transfiguration of the Gnostic Christ into the Historical Jesus. The Christianity of the Ancients is not the Christianity of Rome today. I pray and hope that your studies not only show you this but convinces you as they did me that these metaphysical concepts coming down through recorded history from Egypt and later into Judaism were destroyed when "literalized" and "Christianized" in Rome. It is time we return to the "faith once given" to the Saints and it is not Gentile Roman Christianity as I have found; a sad confession to make by an Ordained Pastor of an apostate faith. Bet Emet Ministries is my repentance.

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IN SEARCH OF THE HISTORICAL JESUS...DID HE LIVE 100 B.C.E?

In the previous article in this series I answered the prior question: "Can we find a historical Jesus" with a resounding "yes" but also with a caution as to the answer since it will be unsettling to most if not all Christians not aware of Jewish Biblical History. Let me explain if I can.

First of all we need to be introduced to a well hidden fact; namely, that the Church Fathers which bequeathed us the New Testament are often less than honest and trustworthy. Since the fathers of the early Christian Church possessed the religious texts and determined what would appear in the Bible, there occurred plenty of opportunity to change, modify, or create texts that would bolster the position of the Church. **Eusebius, ecclesiastical church historian and bishop, had great influence in the early Church and openly advocated the use of fraud and deception in furthering the interests of the Church.** He first mentioned a "Jesus" from the pen of Josephus which is rather curious owing to the fact that none of the earlier church fathers mention Josephus' Jesus. Having done study on Eusebius in depth this is a real problem for trusting the Christian religious documents we have inherited from his age. In his Ecclesiastical History, he writes, *"We shall introduce into this history in general only those events which may be useful first to ourselves and afterwards to posterity"* (Vol. 8, chap. 2). In Praeparatio Evangelica, he includes a chapter: *"How it may be Lawful and Fitting to use Falsehood as a Medicine, and for the Benefit of those who want to be deceived"* (book 12, chap. 32). The Church had such power over people in that day and to question the Church or their views on the Christian Jesus could result in death. The Orthodox Church also fought against competing Christian cults like the Gnostics. Many heretics and dissenters to Catholic orthodoxy got burned, along with their sacred texts. Tragic is the loss of the Gnostic texts which taught the first Christ as a Spiritual reality resident inside each child of God instead of a fleshly Christ to the exclusion of all children of God. Back then any eyewitness writings of a Jesus or "Christ" that disagreed with the accounts of Irenaeus and Eusebius possibly could have got burnt along with the writers because of their heretical nature and disagreement with the established Roman orthodoxy position.

Before the writing of the documents we have today that teach a fleshly Jesus the earliest "Christians" did not believe in a historical fleshly Jesus Christ.

I have found through years of study that the terms Christ and Christians, spelt originally "Chríst" and "Chrístians", were borrowed from the Temple vocabulary of the Pagans. There is an amazing truth to be found upon research into this area of study.

Of more importance to our studies is the fact that "Chrístos" is the early Gnostic term for Christ. This technical term was used in the fifth century B.C.E. by Aeschylus, Herodotus and others. The Manteumata pythocresta, or the "Oracles delivered by a Pythian God" through a pythoness, are mentioned by the former (Cho. 901), and Pythocrístos is derived from chrao. Chrésterion is not only "the test of an oracle," but an offering to, or for, the oracle. Chrístes is one who explains oracles, a "prophet and soothsayer," and Chrésterios, one who serves an oracle or a God. The earliest Christian writer, Justin Martyr, in his first

Apology, calls his coreligionists "Chréstians".

Answer for yourself: What does this mean? Simply that in 150 A.D. another term by which the Christians were known was this same term "Chrestos" or "Chrestians". It is only through ignorance that men call themselves Christians, instead of Chréstians," says Lactantius. The terms Christ and Christians, spelt originally "Chrést" and "Chréstians," were borrowed from the Temple vocabulary of the Pagans. Chréstos meant, in that vocabulary, "a disciple on probation," a candidate for hierophantship; who, when he had attained it, through Initiation, long trials and suffering, and had been anointed (i.e., "rubbed with oil," as Initiates and even Idols of the Gods were, as the last touch of ritualistic observance), was changed into Christos-the "purified" in esoteric or mystery language. In mystic symbology, indeed, Christes or Christos meant that the "way," the Path, was already trodden and the goal reached; when the fruits of the arduous labor, uniting the personality of evanescent clay with the indestructible Individuality, transformed it thereby into the immortal Ego. "At the end of the way stands the Christes," the Purifier; and the union once accomplished, the Chréstos, the "man of sorrow" became Christos himself. Paul, the Initiate, knew this, and meant this precisely, when he is made to say in bad translation, "I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you," the true rendering of which is, "until you form the Christos within yourselves." But the profane, who knew only that "Chréstos" was in some way connected with priest and prophet, and knew nothing about the hidden meaning of "Christos", insisted, as did Lactantius and Justin Martyr, on being called "Chréstians" instead of Christians. Every good individual, therefore, may find Christ in his "inner man," as Paul expresses it, whether he be Jew, Muslim, Hindu, or Christian.

Having said that it is time we look at the Talmudic references to a Jesus and compare this with our New Testament accounts.

WHO IS THIS JESUS OF THE TALMUD WHOM WAS KILLED ON THE EVE OF THE PASSOVER?

First of all we need to become familiar with the Jewish Talmud. The Talmud ("teaching" or "study") is a multi-volume compilation containing the Mishnah (oral legal teachings) and Jewish commentary on the Mishnah (Gemara). It is the basis of Jewish religious life. The accepted version was compiled by Rabbi Akiba who died in 135 C.E. and Rabbi Meir and completed by Rabbi Judah in 200 C.E. In the Talmud it is stated: *'[In contradiction to this] it was taught: On the eve of the Passover Yeshu was hanged. For forty days before the execution took place, a herald went forth and cried, 'He is going forth to be stoned because he has practised sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy. Any one who can say anything in his favour, let him come forward and plead on his behalf.' But since nothing was brought forward in his favour he was hanged on the eve of the Passover! — Ulla retorted: 'Do you suppose that he was one for whom a defence Dilling Exhibit 47 Begins could be made? Was he not a Mesith [enticer], concerning whom Scripture says, Neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him? With Yeshu however it was different, for he was connected with the government [or royalty, i.e., influential].' (Sanhedrin 43a).* This reference reveals several key things:

- Since "Jesus" is a very common Jewish name we are only told that some "Jesus" was hanged or crucified.
- This Jesus died on Passover eve
- No one defended Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Is this "Jesus" the Jesus of the Gospels?

In all the years of my studies one of my "pet peeves" is the inaccurate quotations given by the majority of Christian writers in support for various "Jesus" positions. This is but one quote above is but one example of hundreds where "selective" quotations are made to support tentative Christian positions. In so doing many Christians refer the above passage to the Jesus of the New Testament when in fact it does not refer to him as I

will explain.

This above text from the Talmud concerning some "Jesus", long censored in editions of the Talmud, is concerned primarily with due process in capital crimes. Standard process requires that punishment be delayed for forty days in order to allow extenuating evidence to be presented. However, in extreme cases, such as seducing Israel into apostasy, this requirement is waived. The case of Jesus, according to the Talmud, constituted an exception to this rule. Although one who enticed Israel into apostasy is considered an extreme case, **the Jews at the time waited forty days because of the close ties of Jesus to the Roman authorities.**

Answer for yourself: Did you catch that? Does the account of the familiar "Jesus" of the Gospels appear to have close ties to the Roman government of the time and how could he then be the Jew's expected Messiah if we were a traitor? If anything it reads just the opposite. We need to read the whole account when reading Christian quotes of the Talmud if we ever hope to get to the truth concerning the relationship between the Talmud and the New Testament Jesus. However, once the forty days elapsed without the presentation of favorable or extenuating comment about him, the Jews proceeded to kill him on the eve of Passover.

Three themes emanate from this passage.

- First, the charges against this Jesus relate to seduction of Israel into apostasy and the practice of sorcery. According to the Gospels, the charges against Jesus concerned his self-proclamation as a messiah but this is not considered sorcery and claiming to be the messiah was not an offense punishable by anything according to Jewish Law. The Talmud seems to prefer the more specific charges of practicing sorcery and leading Israel into false beliefs. One twentieth-century historian, Morton Smith of Columbia University, argued on the basis of recently discovered "hidden Gospels" that the historical Jesus indeed was a first-century sorcerer (**Jesus the Magician**, Harper Collins, 1978). In the eyes of the Talmudic rabbis, the practice of sorcery and false prophecy constituted capital crimes specifically proscribed in Deuteronomy 18:10-12 and 13:2-6.
- Second, the Talmud is here offering a subtle commentary upon this Jesus' political connections. The Gospels portray the Roman governor Pontius Pilate as going to great lengths to spare Jesus (Mark 15: 6-15). Although this passage is believed by many modern scholars to have been written to appease the Roman authorities and blame the Jews for the crucifixion of the New Testament Jesus, the Talmudic passage points in the same direction but to an entirely different Jesus: The Jews waited forty days, in a departure from the usual practice, only because Jesus was close to the ruling authorities.
- Lastly, the passage suggests rabbinic willingness to take responsibility for the execution of this Jesus. No effort is made to pin his death upon the Romans where as the crucifixion in the New Testament was a Roman method of execution and not Jewish. In all likelihood, the passage in question emanates from fourth-century Babylon, then the center of Talmudic scholarship, and beyond the reach of both Rome and Christianity. Although several hundred years had elapsed since the lifetime of Jesus, and therefore this is not at all a contemporary source, the Talmudic passage indicates rabbinic willingness to acknowledge, at least in principle, that in a Jewish court and in a Jewish land, a real-life Jesus would indeed have been executed. It appears their distance from the historical setting is clouding the tradition somewhat.

To be sure, historians can not accept such a text uncritically. For one thing, the Talmudic text, as noted, was written some 300 years after the event it reports. Secondly, it makes no acknowledgment of intra-Jewish tensions in first century Palestine in which Jewish sects proliferated, and Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Zealots competed for Jewish allegiances. Jesus's antipathy towards the Shammai School of the Pharisees, of course, is well known from the Gospels, and the Talmudic rabbis, who presumably read these accounts, defined themselves as the intellectual heirs of the Pharisaic teachers. By contrast, the High Priest was, in all likelihood, a member of the Sadducee faction, which generally consisted of more aristocratic elements. What the Talmudic narrative does demonstrate is fourth century rabbinic willingness to take responsibility for the execution of some Jesus.

Answer for yourself: But whom is this Jesus actually?

But although one might try to tie "this Jesus" with the Jesus of the Gospels this really cannot be done upon further study into the subject at hand. It never serves the cause of truth to come to a rapid conclusion based on the circumstantial evidence concerning anything as we shall see.

Answer for yourself: Then who was "this Jesus" mentioned in the Talmud whom was killed on the eve of the Passover for teaching sorcery? Was the Messiah of Israel to come teaching "sorcery"? Let us look into this shall we?

There is evidence to support the contention that the character from which the New Testament Jesus is constructed lived in and around 100 BC as a "Jehoshua Ben Pandira". The personal existence of Jesus as Jehoshua Ben-Pandira can be established beyond a doubt; the only problem is that this is not the "Jesus" of the later New Testament owing to the fact that **this Jesus or Jeshshua Ben-Pandira existed over 100 years prior to the assumed historical Jesus of the Gospels.**

Alarming to me when studying out the claims for a historical Jesus is the fact that there is no valid historical evidence of a Jesus Christ that existed outside of the Christian Church's claims other than this Jehoshua Ben Pandira. In summary fashion:

- The Roman historian Tacitus wrote, in AD 116 from his Annal 15:44.2: *But, despite kindly influence, despite the leader's generous handouts, despite appeasing the gods, the scandal did not subside, rather the blaze came to be believed to be an official act. So, in order to quash the rumour, Nero blamed it on, and applied the cruellest punishments to, those sinners, whom ordinary people call Christians, hating them for their shameful behaviour. 15.44.3. The originator of this name, Christ, was sentenced to torture by Procurator Pontius Pilate, during the reign of Tiberius, but although checked for a moment, the deadly cult erupted again, not just in Judaea, the source of its evil, but even in Rome, where all the sins and scandals of the world gather and are glorified.* The first section merely corroborates the presence of Christians in Rome in Nero's time, a documented historical fact. Only the second paragraph concerns Jesus as a historical figure. Many modern scholars and some ancient as well believe this to be a later textual interpolation by Christian scribes. Tacitus is considered the most reliable scholar of his time. He had access to Roman archives, and his only mistakes arose from occasional reliance on secondary sources. In this case he could have been using either Christian sources or Roman archives. It is argued that if he had been using Roman archives, he should have identified Pontius Pilate as a "prefect" rather than a "procurator," but that is disputable. The more serious criticism is that the records would have identified Jesus by his given name rather than "Christus." Although Tacitus was Roman rather than Jewish and might have believed that was part of the name, it is extremely unlikely he would have selected it alone from the archives. In addition, Christian accounts were readily available while centuries of inquiry have turned up no Roman documents related to a historical Jesus. The conclusion is that the information must have been derived from Christian sources. **Thus it offers no independent evidence for the existence of a historical Jesus.**
- Suetonius, Roman historian-69 C.E., mentions a "Chrestus", a common name. Apologists assume it means "Christ" but this is but an assumption. His quote: *As the Jews were making constant disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus, he expelled them from Rome.* A second quote does not mention Jesus, but refers to Christians being persecuted under Nero. This is the key objection to using this passage. "Chrestus," as Suetonius spells it, is the correct Latin form of a true Greek name, so that some would say that it does not refer to Jesus Christ. Benko, for example, has suggested that "Chrestus" was some kind of Jewish agitator who had no association with Christianity, perhaps a semi-Zealot reacting to plans by Caligula to put a statue of Zeus in the Jewish Temple; as for the spelling issue, he points out that Suetonius spells "Christians" correctly, so it is unlikely that he misspelled "Christus." Some scholars note that the substitution of an "e" for an "i" was "a common error in the spelling of proper names" at the time; thus we arrive at "Christus" as before with the Tacitus quote. Or just the reverse. It is equally true that Tacitus rendering of "Christus" is equally correct as "Chrestus". But something is yet missing that is of major importance.

- I have found through years of study that the terms Christ and Christians, spelt originally **"Chrést"** and **"Chréstians"**, were borrowed from the Temple vocabulary of the Pagans. There is an amazing truth to be found upon research into this area of study.
- **Of more importance to our studies is the fact that "Chréstos" is the early Gnostic term for "the Christ within".** This technical term was used in the fifth century B.C.E. by Aeschylus, Herodotus and others. The Manteumata pythocresta, or the "Oracles delivered by a Pythian God" through a pythoness, are mentioned by the former (Cho. 901), and Pythocréstos is derived from chrao. Chrésterion is not only "the test of an oracle," but an offering to, or for, the oracle. Chrétes is one who explains oracles, a "prophet and soothsayer," and Chrésterios, one who serves an oracle or a God. The earliest Christian writer, Justin Martyr, in his first Apology, calls his coreligionists "Chréstians". Let that fact sink in; there was no difference between "Chrestian" and "Christians" to Christianity's first apologist of the faith.

Answer for yourself: What does this mean? Simply that in 150 A.D. another term by which the Christians were known was this same term "Chrestos" or "Chrestians". It is only through ignorance that men call themselves Christians, instead of Chréstians," says Lactantius. The terms Christ and Christians, spelt originally "Chrést" and "Chréstians," were borrowed from the Temple vocabulary of the Pagans. Chréstos meant, in that vocabulary, "a disciple on probation," a candidate for hierophantship; who, when he had attained it, through initiation, long trials and suffering, and had been anointed (i.e., "rubbed with oil," as Initiates and even Idols of the Gods were, as the last touch of ritualistic observance), was changed into Christos-the "purified" in esoteric or mystery language. In mystic symbology, indeed, Christes or Christos meant one who had embarked on the "way" or the Path. "At the end of the way stands the Christes," the Purifier; and the union once accomplished, the Chréstos, the "man of sorrow" became Christos himself. Paul, the Initiate, knew this, and meant this precisely, when he is made to say in bad translation, **"I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,"** the true rendering of which is, **"until you form the Christos within yourselves."** But the layman, who had no knowledge of the "gnosis" or knew only that "Chréstos" was in some way connected with priest and prophet, and knew nothing about the hidden meaning of "Christos", insisted, as did Lactantius and Justin Martyr, on being called "Chréstians" instead of Christians. Every good individual, therefore, may find Christ in his "inner man," as Paul expresses it, whether he be Jew, Muslim, Hindu, or Christian.

- Some Christians use parts of the Talmud, (collection of Jewish civil and religious law, including commentaries on the Torah), as evidence for Jesus. They claim that Yeshu (common name in Jewish literature) refers to Jesus. **However, this Jesus, is depicted as a disciple of Jehoshua Ben-Perachia at least a century before the alleged Christian Jesus. We will look at this in detail in a moment.**
- Some historians think Jesus was derived from a Jewish evangelist. Some believe that this Yeshua, as the Hebrews called him, was a member of the Zealots who sought to end to the rule of the Romans of their land. To rally support for their cause, Yeshua proclaims himself the Son of God, born of mortal woman, and carefully orchestrates the events that lead to him being sentenced to death; and adds to his martyrdom by falsifying a resurrection 2 days later. That scenario has been presented in a book and video titled: The Passover Plot by Hugh J. Schonfield, 1966.
- The Gospels claim that people came to know Jesus far and wide by a great multitude of followers and the great priests back then (Matt 4:25; 21:15-23, 26:3, Luke 19:47, 23:13). They thought of Jesus as a teacher, miracle healer, and a prophet (Matt:14:5). Yet, it is not verified in any historical writings of the time that one would expect to exist if the above was a historical reality so well known by so many.
- Pontius Pilate supposedly performed as judge in the trial and execution of Jesus, yet no Roman record mentions such a trial (Matt 14:1).
- Philo Judaeus, 20 B.C.E. - 50 C.E., the greatest Jewish-Hellenistic philosopher and historian of the time in the area of Jerusalem during the alleged life of Jesus. He wrote volumes of writings of detailed accounts of Jewish events that occurred in the area. Yet, there is not a single account of a historic Jesus Christ" in all of his writings.
- Nor do we find any mention of Jesus in Seneca's (4? B.C.E. - 65 C.E.) writings, nor Pliny the Elder (23? - 79 C.E.).

- The study of geography does not help discern the identity of this Jesus either. John 12:21: "The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee." Bethsaida resided in Gaulonitis (Golan region), east of the Jordan River, not Galilee, which resided west of the river. John 3:23: "John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim." Critics agree that no such place, as Aenon, exists near Salim. There occurs no evidence for a city (not the town) named Nazareth at the time of the alleged Jesus. Nazareth is not in the Old Testament, or in the volumes of Josephus's writings. None of the New Testament epistle writers mention a Jesus of Nazareth, even though most of the epistles were written before the gospels. No one mentions Nazareth until the Gospels. If the scriptures make so many factual errors about geology, science, and contain so many contradictions, then falsehoods could occur in any area and sadly they do and are easily spotted once your knowledge in such areas grow due to your personal study.

Before, and during the 1st century, the Jews had prophesied about a coming Messiah based on Jewish scripture. It became a popular dream expressed in Hebrew Scripture for the promise of an "end-time" with a savior to lead them to the Promised Land. **Roman records show executions of several would-be Messiahs, but none mentions a Jesus.** Many ancients believed that there could come a final war against the "Sons of Darkness" (the Romans). This probably served as the ignition and flame for the future growth of Christianity. But strangely absent from all of the Jewish writings from this very important period of time is any mention of a the messianic hopeful Jesus Christ.

Many pagan myths so closely parallel the alleged Jesus that virtually nothing about Jesus "the Christ" came to the Christians as original or new. Justin Martyr, to the Pagans: *"When we say that the Word, who is first born of God, was produced without sexual union, and that he, Jesus Christ, our teacher, was crucified and died, and rose again, and ascended into heaven; we propound nothing different from what you believe regarding those whom you esteem sons of Jupiter (Zeus)."* It would appear from this quote and many others that could be mentioned that the pattern of the Christian Jesus is a composite figure taken from many sources.

Early, pre-Gospel documents show that the concept of Jesus sprang from non-historical, spiritual beliefs of a Christ derived from Jewish scripture, and Hellenized myths taken from earlier civilization, in particular Egypt, which were only later further adaptations of earlier savior gods which themselves were but personifications of powers and forces recognized by the Ancients as manifestations of the Creator God. The New Testament stories appear as an eclectic patchwork of Jewish, Hellenized and pagan stories compiled by pietistic believers to appeal to an audience in their particular religious times.

I could go on but my focus from now on in this article is the references in the Talmud to what many say today refer to the New Testament Jesus.

THE TALMUD AND JESUS

One account affirms that, according to a genuine Jewish tradition *"that man [Jesus] (who is not to be named) was a disciple of Jehoshua Ben-Perachia."* It also says, *"He was born in the fourth year of the reign of the Jewish King Alexander Jannæus, notwithstanding the assertions of his followers that he was born in the reign of Herod."* **The date referred to as the "fourth year of the reign of the Jewish King Alexander Jannæus" would be more than a century earlier than the date of birth assigned to the Jesus of the Gospels!** But it can be further shown that Jehoshua Ben-Pandira may have been born considerably earlier even than the year 102 B.C., although the point is not of much consequence here. **Jehoshua, son of Perachia, was a president of the Sanhedrin--the fifth, reckoning from Ezra as the first: one of those who in the line of descent received and transmitted the oral law, as it was said, direct from Sinai.** There could not be two of that name. This Ben-Perachia had begun to teach as a Rabbi in the year 154 B.C. We may therefore reckon that he was *not born* later than 180-170 B.C., and that it could hardly be later than 100 B.C. when he went down into Egypt with his pupil. For it is related that he fled there in consequence of a persecution of the Rabbis, feasibly conjectured to refer to the civil war in which the Pharisees

revolted against King Alexander Jannæus, and consequently about 105 B.C. If we put the age of his pupil, Jehoshua Ben-Pandira (the assumed Jesus of the Talmud) at fifteen years, that will give us an approximate date, extracted without pressure, which shows that Jehoshua Ben-Pandira (the assumed Jesus of the Talmud) may have been born about the year 120 B.C. But twenty years are a matter of little consequence here.

According to the Babylonian Gemara to the Mishna of Tract "Shabbath," this Jehoshua, the son of Pandira and Stada, was stoned to death as a wizard, in the city of Lud, or Lydda, and afterwards crucified by being hanged on a tree, on the eve of the Passover. This is the manner of death assigned to Jesus in the Book of Acts but with a difference; the Romans used iron spikes for the wrists and ankles and the Jews only tied the corpse to a tree following death by stoning. The Gemara says there exists a tradition that on the rest-day before the Sabbath they crucified Jehoshua, on the rest-day of the Passah (the day before the Passover). The year of his death, however, is not given in that account; but there are reasons for thinking it could not have been much earlier nor later than B.C. 70, because this Jewish King Jannæus reigned from the year 106 to 79 B.C. He was succeeded in the government by his widow Salomè, whom the Greeks called Alexandra, and who reigned for some nine years. Now the traditions, especially of the first "Toledoth Jehoshua," relate that the Queen of Jannæus, and the mother of Hyrcanus, who must therefore be Salomè, in spite of her being called by another name, showed favour to Jehoshua and his teaching; that she was a witness of his wonderful works and powers of healing, and tried to save him from the hands of his sacerdotal enemies, because he was related to her; but that during her reign, which ended in the year 71 B.C., he was put to death. We need to understand and can clearly see now why many Jewish writers and Rabbis always deny the identity of the Talmudic Jehoshua and the Jesus of the Gospels. "This," observes Rabbi Jechiels, *"which has been related to Jehoshua Ben-Perachia and his pupil, contains no reference whatever to him whom the Christians honor as God!"* Another Rabbi, Salman Zevi, produced ten reasons for concluding that the Jehoshua of the Talmud was **not** he who was afterwards was called Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus of Nazareth (and of the Canonical Gospels) was unknown to Justus, to the Jew of Celsus, and to Josephus, the supposed reference to him by the latter being an undoubted forgery.

The "blasphemous writings of the Jews about Jesus," as Justin Martyr calls them, always refer to Jehoshua Ben-Pandira, and not to the Jesus of the Gospels. It is Ben-Pandira they mean when they say they have another and a truer account of the birth and life, the wonder-working and death of Jehoshua or Jesus. This repudiation is perfectly honest and soundly based. The only Jesus known to the Jews was Jehoshua Ben-Pandira, who had learnt the arts of magic in Egypt, and who was put to death by them as a sorcerer. This was likewise the only Jesus known to Celsus, the writer of the "True Logos," a work which the Christians managed to get rid of bodily, with so many other of the anti-Christian evidences.

Celsus observes that he was not a pure Word, not a true Logos, but a man who had learned the arts of sorcery in Egypt. So, in the Clementines, it is in the character of Ben-Pandira that Jesus is said to rise again as the magician. But here is the conclusive fact: The Jews know nothing of Jesus, the Christ of the Gospels, as an historical character; and when the Christians of the fourth century trace his pedigree, by the hand of Epiphanius, they are forced to derive their Jesus from Pandira!

Epiphanius gives the genealogy of the Canonical Jesus in this wise:

Jacob, called Pandira, Mary=Joseph--Cleopas, Jesus.

This proves that in the fourth century the pedigree of Jesus was traced to Pandira, the father of that Jehoshua who was the pupil of Ben-Perachia, and who becomes one of the magicians in Egypt, and who was crucified as a magician on the eve of the Passover by the Jews, in the time of Queen Alexandra, who had ceased to reign in the year 70 B.C. The facts of this admission by this early Church Father are startling and unsettling to the existence of a possible historical Jesus coinciding with the day of Herod. It appears upon study of the historical references for a historical Jesus and the Talmudic references that this Jesus whom the New Testament refers and uses for their model for a historical character lived and died more than a century too soon to be the

historical Jesus of the Gospels. This means that the mythos of "the Egyptian Karast or "Christ" is later literalized and set into a historical setting of Rome's choice which can be shown to be less than reliable when contrasted with other evidences available which today attest otherwise.

Thus, the Jews do not identify Jehoshua Ben-Pandira with the Jesus of the Gospels, of whom they, his supposed contemporaries, know nothing, but protest against the assumption as an impossibility; whereas the Christians **do** identify their Jesus as the descendant of Pandira. It was he or nobody; yet he was neither the son of Joseph nor the Virgin Mary, nor was he crucified at Jerusalem. **It is not the Jews, then, but the Christians, who fuse two supposed historic characters into one!** There is only one history acknowledged or known on either side; therefore in the absence of credible and unforged historic evidence to the existence of a first century historical Jesus then it follows that the Jesus of the Gospels is the Jehoshua of the Talmud, or is not at all, a historical person as the evidence is stacked against such a possibility. This shifts the historic basis altogether; it antedates the human history by more than a hundred years, and it at once destroys the historic character of the Gospels, together with that of any other personal Jesus other than a Ben-Pandira which is wrenched from his historical setting. In short, the Jewish history of the matter will be found to corroborate the mythical "Christ" of Egypt. As Epiphanius knew of no other historical Jesus than the descendant of Pandira, it is highly likely in face of the evidence that this is the Jesus whose tradition is reported by Irenaeus in 180 C.E. when he brings forth the 4 Gospels out of thin air in his relentless attack on the Christian and Jewish Gnostics and "the Christ within".

Irenaeus was born in the early part of the second century, between 120 and 140 C.E. He was Bishop of Lyons, France, and a personal acquaintance of Polycarp; and he repeats a tradition testified to by the elders, which he alleges was directly derived from John, the "disciple of the Lord," to the effect that Jesus was not crucified at 33 years of age, but that he passed through every age, and lived on to be an oldish man. Now, in accordance with the dates given, Jehoshua Ben-Pandira may have been between 50 and 60 years of age when put to death, and his tradition alone furnishes a clue to the Nihilistic statement of Irenaeus.

When the true tradition of Ben-Pandira is recovered, it shows that he was the sole historical Jesus who was hung on a tree by the Jews, not crucified in the Roman fashion, and authenticates the claim now to be made on behalf of the astronomical allegory and personified allegories of the sun and its path through the Heavens which was later "literalized" into an assumed historical Jesus of the first century. This explains why the "Jesus Story" can be shown to be an almost identical copy of the lives of prior sungod to which the "logia" or "sayings" of the Christ has been added as "filler". Thus we end up with the "literalized" Christ of Rome and the mythical Messiah of the Canonical Gospels which the Jews have never accepted and never will since it is a total repudiation of the true Hebrew Scriptures and prophecies. This also explains the Jesus that Paul never taught since he never knew of a historical Jesus Christ since the Christ of Paul was not the "carnalized Christ" that had flesh on it. For you should see by now that the Jesus of the "other Gospel," of which we were warned by Paul in his 7 authentic epistles which are comprised in 2/3 of the whole of the Roman New Testament, is the "carnalized Christ" of Rome's making in which they used a prior Jehoshua Ben-Pandira for their clay in constructing a historical Jesus. It would be this Ben-Pandira, the Nazarene, of whom James was a follower, according to a comment on him found in the Book of Abodazura. Anyway, there are in reality three Jesuses, or Jesus and the Christ, one of whom is repudiated by Paul and two which are supported by him; the Mystical and the Mythical. Sadly that leaves the historical Jesus outside the realm of historical truth and reliability.

But Jehoshua, the son of Pandira, can never be converted into Jesus Christ, the son of a virgin mother, as an historic character. Nor can the dates given ever be reconciled with contemporary history. The historical Herod, who is said to have sought to slay the young child Jesus, is known to have died four years before the date of the Christian era, assigned for the birth of Jesus. The dates simply don't match up in light of the absence of historical documentation for a historical Jesus contemporaneous with the first century and the characters known to have lived then such as Herod, Nicodemus, Paul, Gamliel, Josephus, etc.

As the reader might have imagined in this short article the truths behind the New Testament Christ do not lie with Rome and their replacement religion but with the Mystical and Mythical Christ of Egypt which all nations adopted and cherished until the rise of Rome where such sacred religious truths, as told through prior myths

and legends, were stamped out in Rome's assault on Gnosticism. It again was through the medium of "literalization" that all the prior truths concerning God within mankind, as told through myths, legends, allegories, metaphors, etc., were "literalized" and put into a fictitious timeline by Rome and used as the "religious glue" to hold a fragmenting Roman Empire together and renew the hope of political unity through religious deception.

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4 AREAS OF STUDY NECESSARY TO FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT "THE JESUS CHRIST" & "THE CHRIST"

We ended the last article by stating that in order to recover the truths regarding the question "Whom is Jesus Christ" then 4 areas of study will be necessary. It is to these areas of study we now turn in order to determine whom this "Jesus Christ" of the New Testament really is and how he was understood by the Ancients and writers of the New Testament. These 4 areas of study are:

- **The Analysis Of History In Relationship To The Documentation Of The Historical Jesus**
- **The Analysis Of Gnosticism**
- **The Analysis Of Comparative Religion**
- **The Analysis Of Solar Mythology**

I will deal with these "areas" of study in more detail later but this is but a short introduction for what lies ahead. This article will help begin to open our eyes to what lies behind the "Jesus Story" but mind you this is but a short introduction to the more in-depth studies that come later. You might say we are just getting "or feet wet".

THE ANALYSIS OF HISTORY IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE "HISTORICAL JESUS"

We begin with the recorded history surrounding Jesus Christ in the first century, or should I say the "lack of it" along with examination of the text of the New Testament.

Troubling most for me during my years of study was the fact that there isn't a single "unforged" reference to Jesus Christ anywhere in recorded history for the time he supposedly lived. The few references which some say allude to him are, according to modern scholarship, forged or manufactured long after the original writing in question in order to bolster support for the existence of a "historical Jesus" in the face of accusations to the contrary by Christian detractors. What should be inconceivable to a "thinking believer" is that during the alleged time of Jesus not one writer, either Jewish or Gentile, bothered to write down anything about this most extraordinary person and presumed Messiah. Many people alive at that time wrote extensively about everything that happened for it was a very troublesome time in the Middle East, and yet there is not a single reference to Jesus anywhere in all this wealth of first hand accounts. This strange silence on Jesus Christ which pervades almost a century of Christian correspondence cries out for explanation. Modern scholarship to day will tell us that all references to Jesus Christ outside of this "one" book given to the world by Rome are either forged, fabricated, or purely invented in order to place this "Jesus Christ" into a historical time-line of Rome's choosing. Of course they chose the Messianic time-line of the Jews but ironically the Jews tell us today that their expected Messiah never

appeared and never fulfilled the expected Jewish and Hebrew prophecies in their Hebrew Scriptures.

If one does some serious study and examines when the New Testament of Rome was truly written they discover that the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John; the four books detailing the life of Jesus) are not referenced in any writings by any Christian writer or Church Father until the later half of the second century, a full 140 years after the "Christ Event" supposedly happened. You need to let that register. Not one reference to any of these 4 Gospels by name can be found in any Christian writer until after 180 A.D.

Answer for yourself: Would you stop for a second and ask yourself how that can be since harsh debates with the Jews and the emerging Roman Christianity were ongoing during these years.

But Rome will have their own dates to authenticate their "tradition". Even the Catholic Church admits a date of 70 A.D. for the earliest Gospel, a full 40 years after the alleged event. Some Bible Scholars accept this tradition but other more trustworthy Modern Scholars who possess the knowledge claim the Gospels were written in 170 A.D. mainly because there is no reference to them by anyone, Christian or non-Christian, prior to that time, especially by certain people who definitely would have included references to them had they existed. Justin Martyr, the first "Apologist" mentions no Gospel in his prolific writings in 150 A.D. in his debates with the Jews. This is where our inquiry has to begin and this will be addressed as we make our way through this website.

Next we must look into comparative religion. We already have addressed this in detail on [prior websites](#) by this ministry. But a few comments are necessary.

THE ANALYSIS OF GNOSTICISM

Gnosticism flourished in Egypt and Western Asia between 250 B.C. and AD. 400. It was a **Theosophic movement made up of elements of Egyptian mythology, Indian metaphysics, Judaism, and Greek philosophy.** Gnosticism was overwhelmed by Christianity in the fourth century, AD., but some of the lost Gnostic literature has been recovered, and I shall briefly consider it. The ancient Gnostics were those who "knew", just as the modern Agnostics are those who "do not know". Gnostics believed in a Supreme God who was both unknown and unknowable. This unknown god was not the creator of the world; this task was delegated to lesser gods, who were emanations of this Supreme God. **Egypt called this the "many in the One".** These subordinate gods or emanations (attributes) from the One true God, who created and governed the world, were called "Aeons". Among the Aeons were:

- **The Logos (The Word, Christ [masculine])**
- **Sophia (Wisdom [feminine])**
- **Nous (Mind)**
- **Phronesis (Judgment)**
- **Dynamis (Power)**

What I uncovered in my studies is that all of the above are but attributes of the One Supreme God, yet they exist separately but yet are interrelated. The Supreme God and the Aeons altogether formed the Pleroma (**Fullness** of the Godhead).

Col 1:19 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; (KJV)

Col 2:8-9 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (KJV)

In the Gospel of St. John, the Logos, or Word, is identified with "the Christ" which to these earliest writers was not a "historical fleshly person" but a manifestation of God existing in the metaphysical realm. The Gnostic

influence among the primitive Christians was very strong. **St. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, was Gnostic.** As Rhys has observed: It will be noticed that generally speaking **the earlier Epistles show signs of Gnostic influence, while the later show signs of anti-Gnostic bias.** In the earlier epistles long before Rome's later forgery of the First New Testament, "the Christ" is spoken of as a spiritual being who has always existed. . . . This Christ spirit was in Paul himself, just as it had been in Jesus: ***"Christ liveth in me."* (Galatians 2:20)** (Rhys, Shaken Creeds, p. 39.) A later Christian Gnostic, Manes (216-275), formed a sect known as the Manichaeans. The Manichaeans according to Rhys, ***"believed that Jesus descended from heaven in the form of a man about thirty years of age. His body was illusory, as he was in reality a purely spiritual being; and in the same way the dove (Holy Spirit) which descended upon him, or rather into him, at his baptism was also an illusion."*** This explains why Paul never concerns himself with a "fleshly Jesus" or mentions hardly any teachings associated with the later traditions of "Jesus of Nazareth". Paul's Christ was not a human being; that is until Rome makes it look that way by later forgeries of anti-Gnostic writings to which they attach Paul's name thereby giving these anti-Gnostic forgeries immediate "authority".

Manes, the founder of this sect called Manichaeans, described the Virgin Birth story as a fable which had grown up around the **imaginary figure of this pre-existing spirit Jesus**, and drew attention to the fact that **no first-hand witness gave evidence to its occurrence.** (Rhys, Shaken Creeds, p. 173.) A later form of Manichaean Gnosticism was established in the late sixth century of Mazdak, who combined his religious doctrine with socialism: Mazdakism is mentioned in Chapter XLI of Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, and Professor J. B. Bury appended the following note on this esoteric cult: Its religious character distinguished Mazdakism from all modern socialistic theories. His doctrines were embraced by the ancient Gnostics and Mazdak was enrolled by them with Thoth, Saturn, Zoroaster, Pythagoras, Epicurus, John and **Christ as teachers of the true Gnostic doctrines** (Gibbon, History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, ed. by Oliphant Smeaton, Vol. II, Modern Library Two-Volume Edition, pp. 255-256).

If you wish to do your own study into this most important area of study of the earliest understandings of "the allegorical or Gnostic Christ" then I recommend to the readers that you consider:

- **Gnosticism, Judaism, and Egyptian Christianity** by Birger Pearson
- **Fragments of a Faith Forgotten** by G. R. S. Mead
- **Pistis Sophia, A Gnostic Gospel** by G. R. S. Mead
- **Did Jesus Live 100 B. C.?**, by G. R. S. Mead,
- **Thrice Greatest Hermes** by G. R. S. Mead,
- **Shadow of the Third Century**, Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn,
- **Early Christian Heresies** by Joan O'Grady
- **The True Origins of Christianity and the Bible** by Andrew Benson
- **The Beginning Of Christianity** by Andrew Welburn
- **The Historical Jesus And The Mythical Christ** by Gerald Massey
- **Jung And The Lost Gospels** by Stephan Hoeller
- **Gnosticism: New Light On The Ancient Tradition** by Stephan Hoeller
- **Gnosis: The Nature & History Of Gnosticism** by Kurt Rudolph
- **The Gnostic Gospels** by Elaine Pagels
- **The Gnostic Paul** by Elaine Pagels
- **The Gnostic Scriptures** by Bentley Layton

I discovered in all of my studies over these years that after the Roman Emperor Constantine made the Christian religion the State religion of the empire the remaining Gnostics were persecuted out of existence and their literature was destroyed. How and why Gnosticism was destroyed by organized Christianity is, as a rule, glossed over in history textbooks. One American scholar has penned an accurate and colorful account of these episodes. I ask the reader to read the following slowly and gleam the truths from it that I have found reiterated consistently throughout my studies by many infallible proofs:

"Preceding Christianity there was a school of science and philosophy which had accumulated practically all the wisdom and knowledge understandable to mankind. The object was to broadly educate the masses of the people by a unit system which would give to humanity a wisdom in common. This was the most potential period in human intellectual advancement the world has known. This school was called Gnosticism. Gnosis means to know - knowledge. Christianity means to believe - ignorance. These are the two schools; the one advocating the universal education of men, the other the universal ignorance of men. The one desired to develop the unit man, the other desired to suppress the unit and level all mankind to a common plastic mass. To accomplish this necessitated the suppressing of all extant knowledge; the closing of all the avenues through which people might acquire independent learning, education and intellectual training, and the debasement of humanity in abject ignorance The school which pitted itself against Gnosticism assumed the name Ecclesia. This name at once identified the purpose for which the organization was created to seize control of government, that it might exploit mankind for profit, and for its own glorification. Temporal power was the church goal. The name Ecclesia was derived from the Greek, and signified the legislative body which governed ancient Athens long before Christianity was invented. The first essential act of the Ecclesiasts was to suppress Gnosticism, and confiscate its vast accumulation of wisdom and knowledge, in order to control the education of future generations in a manner to adjust mankind to its purposes. Therefore the Gnostic wisdom was not wholly lost to the world but its great, universal educational system was supplanted and displaced. It is a well-established historical fact, not denied by the church that it required about 500 years to accomplish this submersion of Gnosticism, and to degrade the new generations in ignorance equal to the state of imbecility. History again points its accusing finger at the living evidence. The horrible results of such a crime against nature and mankind are pictured in the Dark Ages . . . Not even priests or prelates were permitted to learn to read or write. Even bishops could barely spell out their Latin. During this period of mental darkness, the ignorant masses were trained in intolerance, bigotry, fanaticism, and superstitious fear of an invisible power secretly controlled by the church; all of which begat a state of hysteria and imbecility. Through this terrorism popes seized control of the temporal power, retaining this control for nearly 500 years. They appointed and deposed kings at will, hence they dictated legislation to their ends and purposes - the very essence of government . . . This process of legislating evil into mankind is to vindicate that damnable doctrine of original sin, which slanders nature and insults all mankind . . . Originally the motive was to confiscate the intellects of man, but the modern policy is much more concerned in confiscating their personal rights and property. Here is the other aspect of the suppression of Gnosticism. Its method of teaching was an understandable symbolism. It specifically recognized nature as the great teacher, and visible things as the traditional records of past events, in progressive evolution from the lowest state to the highest, with thinking, reasoning man as the highest evolved being. Man did not fall, he was raised up by a natural promotion. Hence every man was a Gnostic to the extent of his accumulated knowledge and understanding. Thus each unit man became a teacher, and all men were given equal rights in the acquirement of knowledge. It was wholly an educational system, and a natural consequence in evolution. The Ecclesiasts, the Roman church, being thoroughly familiar with the Gnostic wisdom concerning astronomy, chemistry, and mathematics, as demonstrated by the splendid systems of Babylon, Egypt and Assyria, conceived the idea of developing a religio-political form of universal government, to control and exploit the future generations of people upon the earth through living, personified agents of the imaginary heavenly powers. . . to monopolize such a divine power as that contemplated it was necessary to personify nature, using the Gnostic system of symbolisms, and to give to these wholly imaginary beings names and functions. The Gnostic system had to be confiscated, and Gnosticism suppressed, to prevent exposure. This is why Christianity is so viciously antagonistic towards science and philosophy (Thomas Sawyer Spivey, . The Last of The Gnostic Masters, Beverly Hills, California: Published by the author, 1926, pp. 544-551.)

Let me say in closing this part of the article that once I obtained a through understanding of Ancient Gnosticism I could see the terrible and horrific transformation of their earlier and simpler Ancient truths as presented through the hands of Rome today that line the pages of our New Testaments. Not only would Rome burn the libraries of the world for hundreds of years to eradicate this prior knowledge of the Divine as understood since the beginning of time on this planet but would be responsible for the tragic reinterpretation of

all things "Gnostic" and in so doing present the world with a counterfeit religion in the name of a "historical Jesus" which up to that time has been treasured and believed by the Ancient Egyptians on down through every successive nation as the "Christ Within" which was of a Mystical Nature and not possessing "flesh" of any sort. Paul and his authentic 7 epistles taught it correctly:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

Paul and the earliest Christians, which I found upon my intense studies and the reading of the best of the books on these issues that exist today, knew no "Historical Jesus" and had no belief in a "fleshly Jesus of Nazareth". I discovered that only later with Rome's falsification and forgery of the earlier existing Gnostic New Testament presented by Marcion will the "Mystical Christ Within" and the "Gnostic Christ" be given "flesh" and in so doing be able now to be fit into a historical time-line of Rome's choosing. Our websites deal with this issue in detail. The more I studied the more my "Historical Jesus" began to vanish into the background of Rome's lies and deceptions and alterations of "the faith once given to the Saints which was definitely as I was finding more "Mystical" than "literal-historical". I have studied these areas and allied areas of study in detail along with Egyptian studies as they are related for over the last 6 years and the more that I study the more I see that this view of the Ancients Egyptian "Karast/Christ" is accurate to the earliest wisdom of the Ancients. My turmoil at discovering uneasy things concerning my Jesus finally turned into harmony and peace the more I found these Ancient Truths for myself and saw God as the earliest Ancients understood Him and these earliest Ancient Divine Truths which were captured for all Eternity through the medium of allegory and myths. Finally I found the peace and truth behind the "Jesus Story" but there were other problems that yet needed my attention if I were to cover all my bases in getting to the bottom of the "Jesus Story". I had yet to deal with the realm of Comparative Religion to the degree necessary as well as Mythology. That was next on the agenda.

THE ANALYSIS OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION

Following graduation from Seminary more study into the "Jewish Jesus" and "the Christ" only disconcerted me more. It was in such studies that I found myself up to my neck in reasons why the Jewish rabbis did not believe in my "Christian Jesus". Well at that time I was not going to "accept" their denial as "the ultimate truth" for I had been conditioned to believe the "Jews were blinded" to "the Christ". But in being an "apologist" myself as a Christian Pastor in a mega church in Dallas and trying to disprove these "Jewish" arguments against my "Jesus" I encountered book after book that began to open my eyes to what had happened over the Dark Ages by Rome and how they had altered the earliest understandings of "the Christ". In fact I found over time that the concept of "Jesus Christ" originated in Egypt no less. It was when reading many books on Comparative Religion that I uncovered and saw for myself the hard fact that the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, had existed thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus; in fact it began in Ancient Egypt thousands and thousands of years ago. If one looks into such study he finds that many other religions have identical stories of a crucified savior who was resurrected and ascended 3 days following their deaths; and it only begins there. I was to find over time as I studied Astronomy and Egyptian religion that the whole of the "Jesus Story" from beginning to end in the Gospel was "written in the stars".

The fruit of my studies in comparative religion as I contrasted it with the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament showed plainly that the exact same story and the various accounts and events in the "Jesus Story" already existed in numerous religions prior to the alleged time of Jesus dating thousands of years earlier. This I came to understand because other nations, not only being influenced by Egypt, but seeing these same events in the Sky and Heavens, used similar allegory to express what they saw and understood was God "speaking to them". I was overwhelmed when I discovered that the accounts of

Chrishna, Horus, Orpheus, Bacchus, Osiris, Dionysus, Buddha, Apollo, Hercules, Adonis, Ormuzd, Mithras, Indra, Oedipus, Quetzalcoatl, etc., all read like the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament. But my fear upon seeing such things in my studies would turn to "joy" as I continued to study and see for myself how these Ancient Spiritual Masters expressed what they saw in the Sky and the Heavens in "allegories" which were to be understood not in a "literal" sense but in a way that revealed deeper truths about God and His message to all mankind. It is these "allegories" and deeper truths which are lost to us today because Rome would later discount and reinterpret these Ancient "truths" as if "literal" and in so doing mankind lost the truth about the "Mystical Christ" and the "Mythical Christ" which mankind had understood since the beginning of time.

My studies would show me that other than the names being changed in each nation's recital of this "Mystical and Mythical Christ" the ancient story read the same from nation to nation. The motif of a Crucified Savior was already existent thousands of years prior to the alleged time of a "Historical Jesus". When reading comparative religions I found that they basically all had virgin births, were visited by wise men and shepherds, were given the same 3 gifts, had to flee a king which desired to kill the new born infant, was tempted by a devil, turned water into wine, raised the dead, walked on water, had transfigurations and shined brightly, had 12 dedicated disciples, were betrayed by 30 pieces of silver, were pieced, had a twin for a disciple, were wounded in the house of their friends, were crucified between two thieves, had darkness at their deaths, was dead for 3 days, raised from the dead after 3 days and ascended, was expected to return, etc. The story was the same. Even a blind man could see that there is a common story here or a common mythology that ties all these stories of these sungods together with the Christian's "Jesus Story". The more I read about the "Jesus Story" and saw its origin as far back as Egypt then I seriously had to doubt the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament being a **divine and unique revelation** as presented by Rome as they cast it in a "literal" motif. The more I studied it appeared as if my "Jesus Story" was a historical fraud. I began to wonder where I could find any truth concerning this supposed "Jesus Christ" of history the more I studied comparative religions as well as the texts of the New Testament which are replete with forgeries when compared with the Hebrew Scriptures. What is even more startling is that Early Christian apologists admitted this themselves in their writings when confronted by those by Celsus and many others who exposed such Christian plagiarism in the first and early centuries and believe it or not Christianity's only answer is that they tried to explain this all away by saying that this plagiarism and "replay of the lives of the Solar gods in their Jesus Story" was the work of the Devil. This is laughable and their detractors thought the same as well.

Now hold on. The Bishop of Carthage, Tertullian, says that Christians were considered as sun worshippers because they prayed towards the east just like their pagan counterparts who also worshipped the sun. Tertullian goes on to say, ***"You say we worship the sun; so do you."*** (Catholic Encyclopedia, xiv, 525; Ad. Nationes, xiii; Ante-Nicene Father, iii, 123). Here we have the testimony of a highly esteemed Christian Early Church Father who admits to this plagiarism.

Answer for yourself: How much do you know about Tertullian?

Tertullian went on to renounce Christianity and admitted that he was in error in accepting the "Christian interpretation of 'the Christ'".

When challenged by their opponents the Christian's general argument was, "What better way to for the Devil to combat our True Religion than for the Devil to have previously created a whole bunch of false religions identical to our True Religion." I don't know how gullible you have to be to believe such a thing but they had not another course of action when called out; they were exposed as copy cats and they knew it! It is we who don't today!

THE ANALYSIS OF SOLAR MYTHOLOGY

I had to know how this "Jesus Story" had begun in the beginning and where it had come from. Desiring to know how the "Jesus Story" began I began to trace the "Jesus Story" backwards down through history. Over time I would find that all roads led to Egypt. Chronologically other nations down through history inherited the

Egyptian wisdom where they adopted these "doctrines" and that explains why the events were the same but only the names of the characters were different in the various "Jesus Stories" down through history. In such study I ran into the **revelation that the whole "Jesus Story", as well as the stories of all the other crucified saviors and godmen prior to Jesus, were nothing more than an allegory of the Sun's annual journey through the Zodiac and the transit of the Sun and stars through the 4 seasons of the year (the Spring equinox, the Summer solstice, the Autumn equinox, and the Winter solstice).** I quickly realized that this one solar event, the path of the Sun through the Heavens, repeated and observed by mankind year after year, for thousands of years, recorded and chronicled by all nations for thousands and thousands of years, explains why all these stories of the sungods and Jesus are essentially the same. The allegory of the personified Sun in its path through the sky was the original precursor to the "Jesus Story" in my New Testament.

I quickly came to realize that the parallels of the Ancient legends and myths (as told by the Ancients of the personified Sun in its annual path as it travels through the Zodiac) with the "Jesus Story" are so numerous that it is impossible to explain them away as just a coincidence. During the course of such study I was so overwhelmed by what I saw at first I could not believe what I was encountering; in fact I began a simultaneous study of Astronomy and Astrology in order to see for myself the "Jesus Story" in the sky. **The fruit of such study was the personal accumulation of mounds of data that showed without a doubt that the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is nothing more than Rome's plagiarism of the personification of Sun and its path through the sky.** Never had I dreamed when in Seminary that my studies would ever lead into such areas as Comparative Religions and Solar Mythology but pursuing such studies in these areas **proved beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Story" is just an allegory for the sun passing through the Zodiac and the passage of the seasons of the year.** This common origin, the personification of the Sun by nation after nation, explains why all the stories of crucified saviors are essentially the same as the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament.

As a "retired Pastor", and moved by what my studies revealed, I feel moved to share this information and evidence from such studies with those interested in the truth behind the origin for "Jesus Story" which is taught to the world today as a historical reality when in fact it is not. In the website that follows such evidence will be presented to the reader in hopes that the missing puzzle pieces concerning the "Jesus Story" will be plainly evident to him and he can, in the light of such knowledge, no longer be deceived by the astrological allegory of "the Christ" as found in the New Testament which is erroneously taught "literally" today. I make very few promises to our readers but I make this one now:

If you do these studies, and read these articles on this website then you will be thoroughly convinced as I was that the "Jesus Story" was never meant to be understood "literally" as it has been taught to you and me.

Thus the worship of Jesus or connecting him with God or believing him God is the grossest idolatry according to Moses and the Ten Commandments and a terrible affront to the Creator.

When all the evidence is amassed from History, Comparative religion, and Solar mythology and compared with the accounts of New Testament and its "Jesus Story" then any thinking believer will be convinced that the depiction of Jesus Christ as found in the New Testament is not the Jewish Messiah and not even a real historical person. He is just a myth. **But?**

TRUTH HIDDEN IN MYTH?

There is one thing I have found that cannot be denied from my studies of Egypt and Egyptian Religion; namely,

that myths and legends are vehicles for truth and often Divine Truths from the Creator. The Ancient sages and priest immortalized these Divine Truth by the agency of myth to ensure their eternity and immortality and they yet live today thousands of years later. These myths, legends, and stories told that captured these Divine Truths might not be "real" but that does not mean that the Divine Truths held within these myths are not "real". Although the "Osiris Story" might not be real that does not mean that it is not chocked full of Divine Truths recognized by the Ancient Magi, sages, and priests of Egypt. The same applies to the "Jesus Story" (in places)!

Now for some really good news for all Christians. Although the "Jesus Story" might be not a historical truth that does not mean we cannot, once understanding that it is but an allegory that was later "literalized", look within it for God's Divine Truth to us for when you do you will find that such Divine Truths rest within it as well. It is important to understand that we find "truth" often in myths and legends for no myth exists that has not a seed of truth within it.

What I also uncovered when getting to the bottom of the origin of the "Jesus Story" is that the New Testament Jesus can be understood in many different ways and in so doing yet communicate Divine Truth to the reader. As stated above we basically have 3 different ways to understand "Jesus Christ" as I and others see it:

- **Historically**...(myth taught through the medium of a presumed historical person to serve as an example to be emulated by all mankind)
- **Mythically**...(personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and the 4 seasons of the year)
- **Mystically**...(expressing a hidden teaching, a secret doctrine, given under strict and exacting conditions to approved candidates by the Masters of Wisdom regarding the descent of the Logos into matter, ie., mankind). Paul speaks of this:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

FROM LITERAL TO MYSTICAL TO MYTHICAL

It goes without saying that we all begin to read and study the Bible from a "literal" perspective assuming that it is the vehicle for "literal truth" about Jesus Christ, never realizing that often these stories were written to be understood as allegories by the original writers and their later "copyists".

I now random study of Bet Emet Websites can be "confusing"; that is why we caution readers to "study in order"! Bet Emet Ministries began several years ago to present websites dealing with Christianity which adopted this "Literal Interpretation" of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" since the "literal" approach toward Jesus in the New Testament is taught today by almost all of Christianity as they assume that Jesus Christ was a historical person. We all grow up in the Western Hemisphere assuming that the "Jesus Story" is a historical reality; that is until we do the serious study of our faith required to get to the bottom of the "Jesus Story" and the religious synthesis within it. Many of our websites, especially the early ones from years ago, begin by approaching the "Jesus Story" from the historical-grammatical method of interpretation because this is how we grow up and first get acquainted with the "Jesus Story". This works well up to a point because in doing so we are presented with a "Godly" example of a life to emulate as found in the Jesus of the New Testament (for the most part). A life patterned after the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" will hopefully issue forth in one bearing the fruit of morality and ethics and one lived in the Fruit of the Spirit. This is the reason why Israel does not evangelize today because Christianity has accomplished for them their task as God's Priesthood. The non-Jew has learned of the God of Israel and has learned how to live in peace and harmony through the teachings of Christianity. Sadly in all of this the main character, "the Christ" has been so badly misrepresented. In such a way then Jesus is our "pattern" for he, real or not, is the only Jew to ever witness to us and came knocking on our door. As I say often it is sad that when we answered the door of our lives we did not possess, at that time, enough knowledge that we could not

recognize that this Jew named Jesus, as God's "light to the Gentile world", came dressed like the idolator Constantine teaching a replacement religion. We bought into the Roman counterfeit and no wonder the Jews cannot accept our Roman Jesus. But hopefully as your studies mature you begin to see that there are other ways to understand the "Jesus Story". That is the great news I bring!

A few years later, as time allowed, we at Bet Emet provided a website dealing with the **Mystical Interpretation of the "Jesus Story" and "the Christ"** as we showed that was the religious belief of the earliest "believers" who were called the first "Christians" or "Chrestians", long before Rome emerged to dominate the Christian faith, did not accept a historical Jesus at all but rather understood "the Christ" as a Divine Concept that lives within every man and woman and is not exclusive to just one person as is portrayed today <http://firstnewtestament.netfirms.com>.

So 2/3 of our quest to restore to the world the hidden truths behind "the Christ" has been realized. We have one to go. It has been a hard and long process for me to accomplish but my task is about through when I complete this last website on the "Mythical Jesus Christ" as seen in the stars.

Now it is time to devote a website to the comprehensive understanding of the **"Mythical Christ"**. In so doing we will prove that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for the path of the Sun "personified" as it travels through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac & through the 4 seasons of the years (the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, the Autumn Equinox, and the Winter Solstice). You will come to see that this is the oldest and most important story mankind has ever known as it is full of Divine and Spiritual Truths that are to be understood "allegorically" and not "literally" as we have erroneously been taught today by a literalized Christianity of Rome's making.

LET US CONSIDER THE MYTHICAL JESUS CHRIST AND SOLAR MYTHOLOGY...JUST FOR A SECOND AS WE BEGIN

A good teacher makes his students "think"; think thoughts that they have never thought before in their whole lives. This short introduction is intended to do just that; to get us to recognize and begin to notice what up to now has gone unnoticed by the vast majority of Christians. This short introduction is intended to get our feet wet and prepare us for a deeper look into these issues which lies just around the corner. But let us think and begin our preparation for what comes next by expanding our horizons by considering the following.

For most Christians, a "Christian astrology" or a Christian astronomy" cannot exist; the very idea is a contradiction in terms (oxymoron is the fashionable word). But you might be surprised by what you find if you look hard at Egypt and other nations that had the "Jesus Story" thousands of years before the supposed historical Jesus was supposed to have lived.

It was during my studies in recovering the Jewish Roots of my Christian faith as a Pastor and ex-Seminary graduate that I first ran into this concept and wanting to be apologetic for my faith I entered into such a study to prove my Christian faith correct in the face of such challenges. A year later I had cried rivers of tears and had a broken heart over what I uncovered. I was almost 45 years old and this knowledge had completely escaped me while even going to Seminary no less. This fact, that Christianity is a parody on the Sun and its path through the Zodiac, once proven beyond any doubt, absolutely devastated me during my years of study following Seminary and during the years of my Pastorate. I would finally resign my Pastorship at a large mega church in Dallas having proven to myself that I was preaching a false "Christ". I am indebted to Seminary however for it was there I was equipped with the necessary knowledge and tools to do such religious studies and researches necessary to find these truths and do them well. Unlike most of the graduates there I left Seminary and entered into my pastorate while yet consumed with my studies. No time on the golf course for me.

Answer for yourself: But since Christianity begins with signs in the heavens and the visit of Wise Men or Magi (literally, astrologers-astronomers) to the Christ child then should this statement not tell us that something is amiss and we have not had a proper

understanding concerning the Bible, Astronomy, and possibly Astrology as taught us by Christianity today? Has it ever dawned upon you yet that to investigate the link between the stars and the "Jesus Story"? It took me several years with all of my studies but I finally got there. I firmly believe the study of Jewish Roots of Christianity, if done correctly, will take you to Egypt where you find the first "Karast/Christ" from which all others originate.



Matt 2:1-10 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. 9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Who were these Magi and why would they be seeking a presumed Jewish messiah of all things? These Magi were not Jewish for they were from Iraq and were of another faith so why would they be concerned about a Jewish king? This is a time bomb when it finally hits you but these Magi at the time of the supposed birth of Jesus were an ancient priestly caste dwelling within the Parthian empire that **practiced astrology and what we now call astronomy!**

Answer for yourself: Should we not be concerned why astrologers and astronomers were seeking anything in Israel let alone another religion? What has astrology or astronomy have to do with religion in the first place?

Well it has everything to do with it as all world religions find their origin in the Heavens with the Sun and stars as they travel the Heavens whether they know it or not and you the reader will come to see this soon.

The Bible itself states in its first chapter (Gen.1.14) that the lights in the heavens were put there as "signs" and signs exist to be interpreted.

Gen 1:14 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: (KJV)

Notice the book of Job:

Job 38:31-32 31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? 32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What is the "Mazzaroth"?

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon:

4216 mazzarah- Mazzaroth; **the 12 signs of the Zodiac and their 36 associated constellations**

Answer for yourself: What is the Zodiac doing in the Bible? I was taught it was evil by my Christian church and told the people who do such things were going to hell. Was that your experience? What is with this and have we been led astray in these regards? How can the Zodiac be in the Bible and it be evil yet God speak about it in such a positive light?

Ps 19:1 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Were you aware that the origins of Hebrew astrology are popularly attributed to Abraham or even Noah? How can these men be examples for us yet involved in something that is supposed to be so evil?

Yet when you begin to look into these issues one finds that it **the Zodiac can be traced to Egypt in which the Hebrews at once lived as well as Babylon where later we find the Jews living in exile.** Beginning earlier with Egypt and later through the influence of biblical figures like Daniel, who had access to the wisdom of the Ancients in Babylon, or Ezekiel whose vision of the four creatures around the throne has profound relations to the astrology of the elements and the four fixed signs, **we find that the Jews became well versed in both astronomy and astrology through experiences with both Egypt and Babylon. We should expect to find such principles as well behind the traditions we find in Judeo-Christianity and you will quickly come to see that we can.**

In fact, the book of Ezekiel is pure astrology. Ezekiel, in his vision, sees in sublime form the Lords of the signs of the zodiac, the revolving planets, the constellations, and the angels of the four points -- the elements; in Aquarius, the man; Taurus, the ox; Leo, the lion; and Scorpio, the eagle.



Num 9:2 2 Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed season. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: How were they supposed to know when the "season" of Passover had come? By watching the Sun, the moon, and the stars; in particular watching for the Full Moon.

Exod 3:18 18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. (KJV)

You might not be ready for this yet here is a very important "key" to understanding the "Jesus Story". **When the Sun "PASSES - OVER" the CROSS of the Zodiac (intersection of the celestial equator of the earth with the intersection of the ecliptical orbit of the earth around the Sun) at the Vernal Equinox it is time for the observance of the "passover".** This will become clear as water as we continue our study.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever wondered what festival and what sacrifice Moses asked the Pharaoh to allow his people to bring God as he asked that they be allowed to go into desert in order to worship God? Did this special time, the "Passover" and this "appointed season" already existed way back then long before Moses? Was this the "passover" as we have been taught in the Bible or the "pass-over" of the Sun at the Vernal Equinox as it crosses the intersection of the earth's celestial equator and the ecliptic? Did Egypt already know of

this "pass over" of the Sun at the Vernal or Spring Equinox? You will understand later I assure you. Just keep up.

THE ORIGIN OF ALL RELIGIONS...THE DIVINE TRUTHS FROM GOD'S HEAVEN

Now get ready for the shock of your life. Today, after more than 15 years of arduous study I can say without a doubt that **the Christian religion is nothing more than a re-telling of the ancient Egyptian and Hebrew religions that were founded upon an allegorical interpretation of the Sun and the stars and their movements in the Heavens and sky.** I

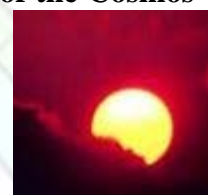


mention "Hebrew" in the same breath as "Egyptian" because modern scholarship today has shown that not only has Ezra corrupted much of the ancient history of the Jewish people to hide their Egyptian roots and their Egyptian parents when he "rewrote" the Hebrew Scriptures following their release by Persia but that **much of Christian religious dogmas and religious doctrines are but aberrations and deviation from which the earliest Egyptians both believed about the Creator and reasoned from their astute observations of the Sun, the Stars, and the Constellations and their movements in the Heavens. In the same breath understand that modern scholarship is proving today that the whole of the "Jesus Story" is little more than the personification of the Sun and its path**

through the Zodiac and the Heavens!

*There is **NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN** as they say.*

It all began with Egypt but it does not end there. The ancient Egyptians held a set of belief systems which were very primitive as far as simplicity but they were extremely knowledgeable in their understanding of the Cosmos as you will come to see when you begin to study some of our **websites that reveal this hidden knowledge to you.** **It doesn't matter what religion you are today, there is a common underlying source of ideas to all world religions and these ideas are what have come down through history. Therefore all religions have certain things in common and have all borrowed their current ideas and doctrines from older religions; by older I mean Egypt and Sumer which preceded them. This can be seen by looking a common symbolism common to all world religions in one way or the other...the Sun. More to the point this explains why the "Jesus Story" is almost identical to the previous stories and myths of the Sungods and Sun-godmen the world over but for us we should be interested not so much about this myth, although it is important, but how we are to interpret and understand this "Jesus Christ" and the "Christ Myth" of the New Testament.**



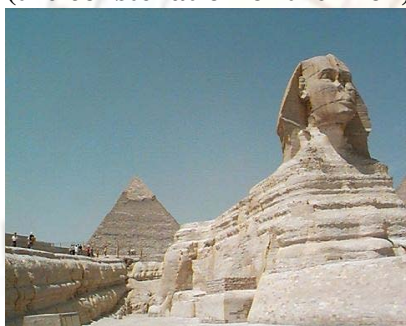
THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF THE SUN...THAT'S RIGHT...I SAID "SUN"

Space does not permit the full disclosure of what we have to share but let me address some things in summary fashion as we begin our study. First of all, in ancient times, there were certain things which obviously mystified the early people and there were certain apparent features of the landscape which were difficult to ignore. Of course I mean the Sun for **ancient mankind looked upon the Sun as their "Savior".** If the sun, which is the source of all life fails to come up the next morning the ancient people would not have lived long and they knew this. The Sun energizes you with its energy and causes the crops to grow through the process of photosynthesis. The Sun gives up its life force which is its energy to provide us with warmth, food, and protection and many

other things. So it could be said, and we find that the Ancients did say and believe, that the **Sun of God gives it's life up for mankind and it is the TRUE SAVIOR for it has risen (daily). The Sun was mankind's "Risen Savior".**

Now before you go and say "they were sun-worshippers" you need to understand their religion and that cannot be done when reading Christians who write of it as I found but when you do your independent study from the hands of scholars and historians then you see that these peoples did not worship the actual Sun but the **Sun was but a SYMBOL of the Divine God and Creator to them.** When the ancient people would track the Sun on the "Sun dial", as some still do today, they saw that the Sun travels South until the **Winter Solstice** when it cold and harsh, **representing darkness and death** and the **Sun would stop "ON THE SUN DIAL FOR THREE DAYS and on December 25th, the Sun would be said "To be BORN AGAIN" or be "BORN FROM THE DEAD" as it was on the CROSS OF THE ZODIAC" after having died for three days in which it had remained motionless on the southwestern horizon when it set in the same place for 3 days in a row.** The Ancients reasoned in this dead of winter when the days were the coldest and possessed the shortest amount of light and when food was the scarcest that **"the Sun had died".** But glory to God; on the 3rd day, on **December 25th, on the Winter Solstices, the "Sun was risen" and had been raised from the dead and began to set northward of this fixed 3 day position once again on it ascension back toward the soon coming Vernal Equinox of Spring when nature brought forth the fruits of its new "birth".** December 25th is when the Sun begins it's annual journey back to the Northern Hemisphere with its promise of salvation through the medium of heat and light and the promise of a bountiful harvest to come and this was recognized and celebrated in the Spring at the Vernal Equinox (Easter) when the manifestation of this "prior birth" was fully realized with the new greenery and food and Harvests of Spring.

Now this gets a little more technical. The Ancient calendar also started at a different time. Some began their calendar when the Sun entered into the constellation Virgo (the constellation of the virgin) and ended it in Leo (the constellation of the Lion), that is why some believe the Sphinx has the head of a Virgin and the Body of a Lion. When the Sun of God was re-born, the Sun was in the Constellation of Virgo, so it was said to be **"Born of a Virgin".**



Answer for yourself: You mean we get the concept of the Virgin Birth from the star and the path of the Sun through a constellation in the sky? Yes we do.

The Sun was thought by the Ancient Egyptians to be the "Eye of God" or as called "Eye of Horus". **Ra was the Sun God in Egypt. His full name was Amen Ra.**

Answer for yourself: Who was **Amen?** Do we as

Christians end our prayers with the name of an Egyptian god?

Well stop right here and understand how I used the word "god" for it refers to an Egyptian concept of God called the "neteru". **Stop right now and read the article on the "neteru" please.**



Amen or Amon was originally a local god from Thebes in Upper Egypt and he became popular in the New Kingdom when kings from that town came to power. His name meant - "the hidden one", suggesting that he once had been an invisible natural spirit of some sort. He was thought to be self-created and was incorporated with the old myths of how the whole world once was created. Texts from the Old Kingdom mention him as connected with the force of life .

Answer for yourself: Do you end your prayers with "Amen"? Do you know that that this name for God in the Egyptian religion is why we say "A-men" after our prayers never realizing as Christians that **this is but one of hundreds of parallels to the Egyptian religion and myths of old that are hidden in the Christian faith as well as Judaism?** All of the Egyptian beliefs and customs that are built into our Christian faith go unnoticed by the vast majority of Christians today but they are there at the foundation of our Christian

dogmas. The only problem is not that they are there but that Rome changed the meaning of many of them and few know that we have deviated from the earliest understanding of God given to this planet!

Take the origin of the Trinity, the father, the son (Sun), and the holy spirit for example. Horus, the personified Son of the Sun God (did you catch that?), comes up at the "Hor-izon". He is "Born" and this is understood as the beginning of the day at dawn, at 12:00 noon he is the "Most High", and then the Sun "Sets" as sun-Set (sunset); hence "Set" or "Satan", the prince of darkness does battle with the light of the world (the Sun) and wins (death of the Sun/Son), until the Sun slips beneath the "Hor-izon" and is dead. Of course this "SAME" Sun is "re-born" the next day at dawn. **This cycle of "death and rebirth" of the very "same Sun" is a Divine Concept that undergirds the doctrine of "Eternal Life"** not only as understood by Egypt but by Christianity and Judaism as well.

Every dualism claims that there are two essentially different principles of reality. Sometimes these two principles of are **"symbolically" represented** by pairs of opposites; for example as light/darkness, knowledge/ignorance, spirit/matter (also mind/body), good/evil, etc. The Trinity, in its oldest expression, is then but a further representation of the evolution of this life principle found in the Cosmos and this dualism within it. The only difference is the added "personification" of one of these parts of this dualism whereby the "two principles" become "three". For example the light of God becomes the "Son of God". The positive force or principle of life is further divided into a subset of sorts where we end up in this case with the Son of the Sun (light). So this dualism and the interplay of these basic "forces" or "powers" which are basic "neteru" is later defined and symbolized in Egypt in the process of "birth, or the beginning, mid-life starting in your teen years, and old age, leading to death, the end of life". This "tension" between these two principles of reality (light/dark, life/death) is also symbolized in other religions going very far back. In India, there is Brahma, the Father, Vishnu, the Son, and Shiva. Egypt did the same with Horus, the Son of the Sun of God. Horus is then easily understood as the "Son of the Sun" or the Egyptian "Jesus"! One only has to contrast the hundreds and hundreds of similarities of Horus and the New Testament Jesus to see this beyond any doubt!

Answer for yourself: What should we have learned from this?

We must be on our toes to not interpret something as "Literal and Historical" when the intended meaning by the writer and the Ancients was purely allegorical and in so being expressed deeper "Spiritual Concepts" no less real as if discussing a "historical entity".

In Malachi 4:2 of the Old Testament, it states ***"But unto you, fear my name, shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings."***



Answer for yourself: What is this? Why does the verse say "the Sun" instead of "the Son"?

One only need look at the above symbol from Egypt of the Sun (gold disk) and his wings. Does this echo Malachi 4:2 to you? It just so happens that Ancient man knew that it was the will of God that man entrapped on this earth make his way to God above whose home was believed to be in the Sky and Heaven above. So wings were only "symbolic" for man's desire and intent to make his way to God eventually.

Answer for yourself: Jesus was supposed to have 12 apostles but some early Church Fathers say he had only five? Could this reference to 12 be a reference to the 12 Houses of the Zodiac and not historically accurate to the historical record whom few even know exists or does not exist depending on how you look at it?

Let us move on. God challenges Job, ***"Have you fitted a curb to***

the Pleiades (a star cluster in the Constellation Taurus), or loosened the bonds of Orion (another Constellation which lies just off the ecliptic)? Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth (Zodiac) in their season, or guide the Bear with its train? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens; can you put into effect their plan on the earth?" (Job 38: 31-32).

This text is referring to Astronomy rather than Astrology. **The word Mazzaroth is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek word "Zodiac".** Believe it or not this verse is all about the Zodiac and the Constellations that lie around it. So this is a reference to the Zodiac and astrology. The definition of Mazzaroth in the King James Version of the bible is "The twelve houses of the zodiac".



Answer for yourself: What is hidden in the word for "Zodiac"?

The **Hebrew word Zodi** means; **The Way**.

Answer for yourself: What does "this Way" represent? Could it be understood as the "way to God" and His message to mankind hidden in the Sky and the Heavens?

Acts 9:1-2. " Then Saul (Paul) still breathing threats and murder against the disciples went to a high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogue of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of "The Way" whether men or women he might bring them bound up, to Jerusalem.

Acts 22:4 Paul said "I persecuted this "Way" to the death binding and delivering into prisons both men and women"

Answer for yourself: Is the connection between the Zodiac and meaning "the way" and the early Christian movement being called "thy way" just coincidence? You better think long and hard on that one.

In other words earliest man understood that God was speaking to them from His Heaven and it was this message originally understood by the earliest Spiritual Masters of mankind (the Egyptian Priests and Sages) which was understood by them as God's way and desire for mankind and mankind's path or road to inheriting God's salvation.

Let us look at another example. Jesus is said to have fed his people with two fishes and five loaves.

Answer for yourself: Could this reference to these two fishes represent "Pisces" (a constellation containing two fish) and the age of Pisces or that particular House of the Zodiac which ruled the Vernal Equinox during the time for the supposed "Historical Jesus"? Is this why Jesus of the New Testament is referred to as the "great fisherman"? Is this also why the Pope's headdress is shaped like a fish and that the symbol of the Christian age is the fish? If you turn it sideways you will see this. Rome ruled the world for 2000 years under the age of Pisces. This explains why in this same period of time, some 2,160 years that Pisces ruled the Vernal Equinox that "Dagon" is the Philistine fish God. **As you are beginning to see much of the Bible's symbolism is wrapped up in Astronomical terminology which we mistakenly understand today as if "literal" when in fact it was originally understood "allegorically".**



What I have presented up to now is just the beginning of the evidence which

proves that the New Testament is Astrology to the core and that the "Jesus Story" is the story of the Sun and its passage through the Zodiac later personified through a historical depiction of "Jesus Christ" which was originally understood by the Ancients as a Divine Allegory and was never understood as if a "historical person". The Ancients understood that Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Attis, and Mithra and others were not "historical persons" but personifications and symbolism of Divine Concepts that were working in God's Cosmos!!! Said another way these were but another symbolic representation for what Egypt called "the neteru".

In Matthew 28:20 it states "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

Answer for yourself: With everybody talking about the return of Jesus all the time then have you ever noticed when consulting a **Strong's Concordance** or a **Thayer's Greek Lexicon** that the New Testament changed the Greek word for "age" (aion) into the word "world" when the word never said or meant that in the Greek? What is being covered up here in manipulation of the texts?

What is being talked about here in this famous verse is the "End of the Age"! "But which one" we should ask as there are many and each new age replaces the earlier one every 2,160 years according to the Precession of the Equinoxes.

Answer for yourself: When was this "end of the Age" to occur or has it happened yet? How many times has it happened down through recorded history? Did the end of the Age occur for example when the Age of Taurus was replaced by the Age of Aries? When the Age of Aries was replaced by the Age of Pisces? The answer is "yes" to such questions.

As you are beginning to see this verse refers to the age of "Pisces" which was just beginning just prior to the first century according to Roman reckoning of time. I must stress again that this passage does not mean "end of the world" or some other cataclysm. This makes such apocalyptic literature like the Book of Revelation for example appear rather silly today when you understand the concepts as they were originally understood. I cannot begin to tell you how far off we are as Christians when trying to understand the New Testament since we possess little knowledge of the "keys" necessary to interpret such a book written almost 2000 years ago. Thus the end of the "Age" is often mistaken for the "end of the world", creating the "Apocalypse fears" and a rash of new prophecies to quiet such fears. Let me apologize to the reader but this information is again a little premature but with each "end of an age" there is a change of the ruling constellation at the Vernal Equinox. Each constellation rules for 2,160 years according to the Precession of the Equinox and the moving of the Heavens by the "finger" of God. That explains why Mithra was symbolic for God whom was understood as the "Great Kosmokrator"; the "Mover of Heaven". More important for us is the fact that the more you study you will come to see that there is a new interpretation of "the Karast/Christ" of God with each one of these periods of 2,160 years and each period of 2,160 years is connected with the ruling Constellation during that time at each Vernal Equinox and its rule and reign lasts for this 2,160 years. This understanding and more "keys" will come in time to the reader. As you know the Constellation Aquarius follows Pisces and we await its arrival and with it another "end of the world/age".

Answer for yourself: What are we to do when the "Historical Jesus" does not appear when the Age of Aquarius officially begins? He was to be with us till the "end of the Age" but what about a "different Age"?

Answer for yourself: Were you aware that Joshua, whose name is often identified with "Jesus" was called the **Son** of Nun, which in Hebrew means "fish"? Who is this "Nun"? Could this be the Heavens and Sky in Egyptian Religion which is called "Nun"? Nun is an Egyptian concept that represents chaos; the original ocean which before the creation contained all the germs of all plants and animals. The Egyptians called him "Father of the Gods". Sometimes he was found represented as a figure plunged up to his waist in water, with his arms upreached to the gods.

The new "Age of Aquarius" is coming. The symbol for the age of Aquarius is the "Water-bearer", or the man with a water pitcher.

In Luke 22:10, when Jesus is asked by his 12 apostles where he will go to settle his new kingdom, he responds, *"Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you bearing a pitcher of water, follow him into the house where he entereth in."*

Answer for yourself: Is this a reference to the "House of Aquarius"?

In Matthew 12:32, "The holy spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come."

In Matthew 13:39, "The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels". 13:40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age". In

Matthew 24:3 "and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Luke 18:30 "the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

First Corinthians 3:6, "We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age who are coming to nothing".

Hebrews 6:5 "Who have tasted the goodness of the word of god and the powers of the coming age". and in

Revelation 15:3 "Great and marvelous are you Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the Ages."

The Sun, our Lord, is the King of the Ages and we are in the "End Times" and entering a "New Age". There is nothing to fear in this regard, of a "New Age" or the "End Times" for one only replaces the former.

As stated earlier the "Passover" is the Sun passing over the Cross of the Zodiac which happens twice a year; at the Spring Equinox as the Sun moves into the Northern Hemisphere and the Autumn Equinox when the Sun traces its path and descends into the Southern Hemisphere. It is at this Autumn Equinox we see the Sun moving toward the Winter Solstice from the Fall Equinox on its way to its death and rebirth. This too was borrowed from the Hebrews who borrowed it from the Egyptians.

THE WORLD'S 3 BASIC RELIGIONS

Notice with me the very interesting word Israel.

Israel (Is-Ra-El):

- **Isis (Moon)**
- **Ra (Sun)**
- **El (Saturn)**

Answer for yourself: Did you before today know that Israel has strong Egyptian roots?

Originally, there were 3 basic religions of astrology:

- **The Lunar Cult (Moon),**
- **The Solar Cult (Sun) and**

The Stellar Cult (Saturn).

Answer for yourself: Does that mean we should expect to find in Judaism and later Christianity Lunar, Solar, and Stellar background for our "theologies"? It sure does!

The original Hebrew religion was based on the Lunar Cult and the moon, but went back to the Stellar cult and the worship of El (Saturn). The Christians, as they emerged and separated from Judaism, were bringing back elements of the Solar Cult of the Sun. That is why there is the ongoing dispute about the correct day of worship as well as the similarities between the "Jesus Story" and the path of the Sun through the Heavens. The Hebrews worship on Saturday (Saturn) and the Christians worship on Sunday (Sun). **It is very simple if you understand what the priesthood is hiding but it goes much more deeply than I have shown you at present.**

In times of social change, new religious movements would respond to the demands of the times. These movements were derived from the Ancient original traditions but were also reactions against it. The new sects would eventually rewrite the old doctrine to accommodate the new social views and reinterpret them through their evolution as a specific sect or nation. In this way Buddhism was derived from Hinduism and **Christianity from Judaism (the emergence of Christianity was at the time of the beginning of the age of Pisces...remember?). This helps explain why the Age of Aries (Judaism) was "Lamb centered" since the ram/lamb was the symbol of the Constellation Aries which parallels the emergence of Judaism and likewise the fish the symbol of the Age of Pisces in which times or "age" Christianity emerged. As you are beginning to see the validity of today's religions are entirely dependent upon the earlier religions from which they were derived and evolved.**

The first astronomers were in fact astrologers. As an interesting piece of information we find that lacking all scientific knowledge these Ancients interpreted the sky as a lid or cover on the earth, with the stars as distant holes through which heaven and God were observed. It was if God and His eyes was watching them from behind a barrier or a dark screen full of "holes". This Sky for them was the home of God; it was His Heaven. From this perspective the sun appeared to be a small piece of the deity seen through the distant holes. This was the birth of the Egyptian tradition of Osiris, Isis and Horus (Ra). They associated the stars (holes) of Orion with Osiris, the god who cared and provided for them. And to the left of him is the star Sirius which they saw as his consort Isis. They ruled the kingdom of the dead, the kingdom at night. And by the day Ra the Sun of God (early idealistic form of the Son of God) ruled the land of the living.

On another of our Websites we show the reader that an important religious change came in the year 1379 BC. The Egyptian Pharaoh Akhenaten (whom many believe was the Biblical Moses and himself a Pharaoh of Egypt) tried to change the evolved religion of Egypt from the worship of many Gods and Osiris as the godman to the worship of the one invisible Incorporeal Creator God. Since the rule of Pharaoh Akhenaten most religions have encouraged parishioners to worship one chief deity. **And all chief deities were nothing more than personifications of the Sun since the Sun was again "the Savior" of mankind.** That list goes on and on back through ancient history. Jesus is no different. **Jesus, as the personification of the "Son of the Sun" is referred to as Gods sun, the light of the world, who is our salvation because he has risen.** This hidden theology is evident in every Sun burst around the head of Jesus as the personified Sun. In fact all Sun deities including Jesus have been pictured wearing a sun disk as a crown. If you think this is far fetched, take a look at how the Holy Bible describes Jesus. **Revelation 1:7; "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him."** There is only one light of the world every eye can see that comes with clouds. That, of course, is the Sun. Even more in the New Testament we also read how Jesus walked on water. **Matthew 14:25;**



"And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea." All of us have seen the sunset at the beach or shinning off a lake or river. The Sun appears to be walking on the water as it casts its reflection off the water or off the moon. It is as simple as that.



We are also told that the son of God died with a crown of thorns. **Mark 15:17; "And they clothed him with purple, and platted a**

crown of thorns, and put it about his head," That is precisely how the Sun was pictured in ancient days, with a crown of thorns, or sun rays. In antiquity, the sun-god was represented as the driver of a fiery chariot who wore a crown of thorns or fiery rays. The chariot was the sun which was pulled through the sky above the clouds by four horses that represented the four seasons (Vernal equinox, Summer solstice, Autumn equinox, Winter solstice).



T17.1 Helios the Sun

Over time as you can take note of the many evidences from your studies that the Holy Bible is nothing more than a rewritten account of the most ancient story the world has ever known, the story of the Zodiac and the path of the Sun and the constellations through Heaven (the sky above). **Jesus of Nazareth, Chrishna, Horus and sixteen other saviors represent the Sun down through recorded history.** The largest and most important thing that appears to travel through the houses or constellations of the Zodiac was the Sun. **Over time the Ancients molded stories and personified them and the "Sun became the Son of the Sun" and Divine Truths connected with the Creator and His message to mankind as observed in the Laws of His Cosmos and its working was handed down throughout history. Allegories were later "literalized" and the myths lost their original meaning and the truths once held sacred by the Ancient Priest of Egypt and other nations were lost when these allegories and myths were later "literalized by Rome" when they turned the "allegorical Christ into a historical Christ". We have a website describing how the earliest Gnostic Jews and Gentiles were believers in the "allegorical Jesus Christ" and not the "historical Jesus" of Rome's making over the first 5 centuries of the Gentile Church.**

The Bible is pure Astro-theology based on the zodiac.

Job 38:31; "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?"

Job 38:32, "Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?"

Job 38:33; "Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven?"

Orion, Arcturus and the Pleiades are all constellations. If you refer to the interpreting dictionary in the back of the King James Bible, the word Mazzaroth means the twelve signs of the zodiac. So God is asking Job; Can thou control Orion, Arcturus or the Pleiades? Can thou bring forth a zodiac in the proper season? Knowest thou the commands of heaven? **This again is pure astronomy.**

As you study you will find that many, many stories throughout the bible depict its astrological origins. Let us learn right now that each astrological age is 2,160 years long. And around the year 2200 we will enter into the next "New Age"; the Age of Aquarius. In the scriptures Peter and John are told by Jesus to prepare for the **"Pass-over"** which is exactly what is to occur; namely, the passover to the next astrological age.

We mentioned above the account in which Jesus feeds his followers with two fishes symbolizing the two fishes in

the Constellation Pisces which had just replaced the Age of Aries. The text also mentions five loaves.

Matthew 14:15-21 15: When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16: Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17: They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18: And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19: Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20: And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21: And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The two fishes are in fact the two fishes of the constellation Pisces. Consequently there are twelve baskets of leftovers, one for each house of the zodiac. Other stories include Jesus Christ the Son of God born of a virgin, in reference to the constellation of Virgo the Virgin; the golden calf story in relation to the astrological sign of Taurus which was being replaced by Aries (ram/lamb) at the Vernal equinox in that age and I could go on and on and show this information as we proceed throughout this website.



While today as Christians in the Western Hemisphere we might not know of the connection between astrology and Christianity, middle ages Europe was very well aware of the connections. Many European cathedrals exhibit symbols of the zodiac in stained glass windows and other architectural features. In 1932, Archeologists unearthed a **fourth century synagogue in Israel. And in the very center of the temple they found a beautiful mosaic of the Zodiac. It was a representation of God surrounded by the twelve signs of the zodiac.**

Rome ruled the religious world for two thousand years under the age of Pisces; thus the fish is an appropriate symbol not only for Christianity but the Pope's miter (hat). That's why Christians have the fish on the back of their car and not a ram/lamb since we are no longer in the Age of Aries. Thus Jesus is referred to as the great fisherman. The pope's miter is actually a fish head representative of Pisces. The similarities and symbolism never seems to stop once you get the "keys" to their interpretation of this Bible since it is a book based upon Astronomy and few realize it; mistakenly interpreting it as if "literal" when it fact it is "allegorical" more than we ever dreamed.

SO WHAT IS THE TRUTH CONCERNING THE DEPICTION OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

The reality is that modern religions are based on archaic astrological fables as we will show you in detail in the following articles on this website. Don't take our word for it; you need to see these things for yourself.

Of concern for us of course is the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament and its reliability as understood "literally" since it is being taught as a literal truth today about a historical man who lived 2000 years ago. You will come to see in time as you study that the ancients understood this "Jesus Christ" entirely different for how we have been taught today under the direction of Roman and Protestant Christianity. Here

are some big questions to ponder in light that most Christians trust in this Jesus Christ for their Eternal Salvation.

- **Answer for yourself:** Who or what is truly behind the name "Jesus Christ"? Can it be proven that the "Jesus Story" is nothing but the personification of the Sun and its passage through the various houses of the Zodiac as it passes through the 4 seasons and the equinoxes and solstices?
- **Answer for yourself:** Are the infancy narratives and later depictions of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament nothing more than solar stories told as allegories which were later "literalized" and subsequently written into Rome's New Testament and depicted as a literalized historical Jesus Christ when in fact they were understood by the Ancients as astrological myths taken from astronomy?
- **Answer for yourself:** Have we as Christians and followers of the "the Christ" been deceived by Rome and spent a good part of our lives worshipping a man as God as Rome has declared in their New Testament and the Nicean Council when in fact we should have been worshipping the one true Creator as Moses instructed? Are we guilty of idolatry and blasphemy as Christians because we have believed a fable no more real than Snow White and the seven dwarfs?

Well the following study is not for the weak of heart as I will present infallible proofs that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is but a hoax perpetrated upon us by Rome in their hatred of Jewish Gnosticism back in the first century. You will see as we move chronologically from one sign of the Zodiac to the other, from month to month, from season to season, from Spring equinox to Summer solstice, from Autumn equinox to Winter solstice, and repeat again this cycle, that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is nothing more than the literalization by Rome of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac along with other solar myths later incorporated into their "Jesus Story" when literalized by Rome over the earliest centuries A.D. In so doing you will see as I and many others have that we have not been taught the truth about "the Christ within" and how this religious concept is so integral to the proper worship of the Invisible God as Egypt taught. It would seem that Egypt got it right in the beginning but thanks to Hellenism and Romanism we lost these earliest and most correct Divine Concepts regarding God. We are truly blessed today to live in an age where archeology and the information age can bring these truths back to life for you and me.

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ANCIENT MAN AND HIS FEAR OF DARKNESS: THE ORIGIN FOR ALL WORLD RELIGIONS?

Archeology is our friend because according to the best understanding we have gleaned from the available ancient records, life for our ancient forefathers was a mixture of wonder and fear. Each day, just finding food to sustain one's family without falling prey to what you hunted and becoming a meal yourself for the roaming predatory animals, was a life and death struggle. As if that was not enough primitive mankind had to battle the elements, in particular winter, for his survival and this was a test of his endurance and skill to survive.

It was from these sparse, distressful conditions of the human race that the Ancient's long history of the search for God, his Creator, and meaning of life has come. From the beginning, man's' profound questions concerning his origins and how he was created and by Whom demanded answers. When no clear answer were forthcoming from the universe, man turned inward, and developed his own based upon what he saw above and around him. Keep in mind that all the theological teachings of the Western World were developed in the Northern Hemisphere. The study of this Subject, man's search for his origin and his Creator, is properly called - "Astro-Theology" or, "The Worship of the Heavens".

The Ancient's understanding of his origins and his Creator is the first, original, and therefore the oldest, and most esteemed tale on Earth! It did not take ancient man very long to decide that in his world of wonder and fear that his single greatest enemy to be feared was the darkness of night, and all the unknown dangers that came with it. Simply stated, man's first enemy was darkness.

Understanding this one fact alone, people can readily see why the greatest and most trustworthy friend the human race could ever have was by far, heaven's greatest gift to the world.

Answer for yourself: And what was ancient man's greatest friend and gift from God? It was the Sun that eliminated the threat of darkness that was man's greatest enemy.

Armed with this important truth we can now begin to unriddle the hidden mysteries that lay behind Christianity as well as the vast majority of earth's religions. It is the oldest and greatest story ever told; namely, the salvation of mankind by God through His Sun.

Modern-day Christianity has often belittled our ancient ancestors and falsely accused them of being no more than ignorant worshippers of the Sun. The hard facts of the matter is that this accusation is a blatant lie. Understand that no people of the ancient world believed the "Sun" to be "God". In reality every Ancient culture and nation on Earth have all used the Sun as the most logically appropriate symbol to represent the Glory of the unseen Creator of the heavens. I used to accept this premise until I began to study for myself and you can't imagine my surprise and amazement as I studied the Ancients and found that they not only did not literally worship this "orb" of Heaven as many Christian writers had depicted but they had a much greater possession of knowledge of the world and the Cosmos than mankind today. That's right; almost impossible to believe until you see this for yourself. I found that the ancient Egyptians had developed a very complex religious system, called the Mysteries, which was also the first system

of salvation given to mankind. As such it regarded the human body as a prison house of the soul, which could be liberated from its bodily impediments, through the discipline of the Arts and Sciences, and advanced from the level of a mortal to that of a God. This was the notion of the *sumum bonum* or greatest good, to which all men must aspire, and it became the basis of all ethical concepts. The Egyptian Mystery System was also a Secret Order, and membership was gained by initiation and a pledge of secrecy. The teaching was graded and delivered orally to the Neophyte and hierophant; and under these circumstances of secrecy, the Egyptians developed secret systems of writing and teaching, and forbade their Initiates from writing what they had learnt. In the article that follows I will begin to explain this "secret wisdom" of the Inner Mysteries that was withheld from the layman and is yet kept from them today primarily because over time this secret legacy has been lost only to be recovered through the efforts of Champollion, a French Egyptologist, who is acknowledged as the father of modern Egyptology. He achieved many things during his short career, but he is best known for his work on the Rosetta Stone. It was his deciphering of the hieroglyphics contained on the Stone that laid the foundations for Egyptian archaeology and this paved the way to restoring not only this earliest salvation message of God to mankind as taught by the Egyptian Priesthoods but explains and reveals the background of the various "Jesus Stories" as collected down through history in the depictions of the many solar gods. So it is time to not only set the record straight regarding the Ancients' understanding of the Sun and its role in their "religions" but expose Christianity for what it is; namely, the literalization of the personified Sun in its path through the Heavens and Zodiac in the person of "Jesus Christ". It is to these issues we now turn.

THE ETERNAL CONFLICT OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Paul records for us in one of his epistles:

1 Cor 15:14-15 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. (KJV)

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

It goes without saying that the above two verses often confuse the reader because it appears that one verse speaks of a historical Christ Jesus and the other a mystical concept and not a historical person?

Answer for yourself: Who was literally this "Jesus Christ" we read about from the pen of Paul? What does it mean that he is "risen"?

Let's closely examine the original, conceptual foundations of the Christian faith and then decide *"...if Christ be not risen."* But for that to happen we have to understand an Ancient concept that generated the world's religions and that being primitive man's fear of the dark. You will understand after you read this article.

Let's travel back for a moment to about 20,000 B.C.E. or so and try to put ourselves into the place of Ancient mankind. It's early evening, and the Sun had just set. In this time before sidewalks, streetlights, headlights, and the glow of cities, the moonless night was truly dark, so dark that it was often dangerous to be outside at night. The blackness made it difficult to see the ground, and the dark gave cover to beasts and plunderers that prowled the night. At nighttime, it was very, very dark and until fire was discovered, it was man's most dangerous enemy and threatened his very survival. In the dark cold of night man realized his utter vulnerability to the elements. Each night, mankind was forced to wait for the "Rising of the Sun" to chase away the physical and mental insecurity brought on by the darkness. Therefore, the morning Sun focused man's attention on his heavenly dependence for his frail, short existence on Earth, and in doing so, you can see how the Sun became the appropriate symbol of the Creator's divine benevolence from Heaven. And as winter progressed Ancient man noticed that it became darker for longer and longer periods of time and much colder. It was inarguably, unremittingly, and unexplainably dark. Watching the Heavens primitive man saw the Sun was fading fast and receding at sunset on the horizon as it set. He feared that his source of "salvation" might stop shining altogether, and might never reappear. Ancient mankind saw the dark as his mortal enemy

for it gave cover for all the bad things that could happen to him: attacks from other tribes, the capture of his family, attacks from predator animals, prey to poisonous snakes, injuries sustained by accidents that occur in the dark, etc. All the bad things seemed to happen in the dark. So until the discovery of fire which brought limited light into man's own little world of darkness, primitive man only had the "Great Fire of Day" which served the whole Earth with its heavenly presence.

Answer for yourself: Is this the reason that several thousand years ago mankind said and believed at it says in Deut 4:24, and Heb 12:29 that the God of the Bible was a "Consuming Fire" in heaven? It sure was.

All mankind quickly came to realize that he was attached and bound to a life on Earth, but it was the sky that brought to him his "salvation" and man reasoned that this was the home of his God and Creator. The Heavens above was to the Ancients God's dwelling place. Over time as man created and reasoned his various "theologies" and personified the Sun, the symbol of his God, and its movements in the Heavens it would be a short step to personify the Sun as the "Son" of the Sun and they further reasoned that God's Son/Sun would also reside with his Father "up there in Heaven". It was assumed that God's 'Sun was but a visible representative of the unseen Creator in heaven. So it was said, "When you have seen the Sun, you have seen the Father " or "The Father is glorified in his Sun".

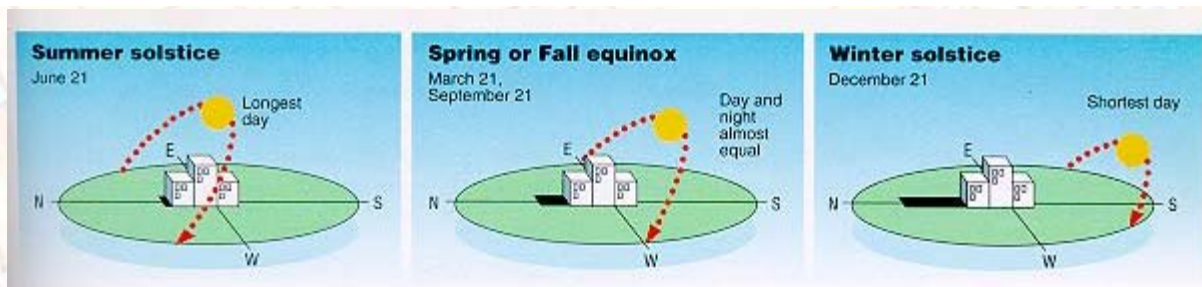
As you can imagine Ancient man had no problem understanding that all life on Earth depended directly on life-giving energy from the Sun because the Sun not only caused the crops to grow and produce a harvest that guaranteed his life and longevity but the light and warmth that it gave mankind was the main factor in his safety and security as explained above. Consequently, all life was lost without the Sun. It followed that God's 'Sun' was nothing less than "mankind's Saviour".

One of the things that amazed me in my study of Egypt was their unbelievable knowledge of Science, Physics, and Astronomy. You have to read it for yourself to see how they understood these disciplines in the way that they did and how the ancients understood the intricacies of the atom and molecules. The Ancients understood energy and since life is energy, and energy from the Sun gave life, they then understood that their own existence was sustained by themselves taking energy into their bodies from the foods that they ate that was again sustained by the Sun. They again reasoned that Sun was giving up its life supporting energy in order that they could live.

Answer for yourself: Is this where we get the concept that God's Sun, or God personified in the Sun, gives His life for us in order that we might live? We sure do.

As you now clearly see the Ancients reasoned that their lives came from and were sustained each day by "Their Saviour... in the form of God's Sun". But this truism only worked as long as the Sun would return each morning to pour out his life for them. Primitive mankind's hope of salvation, both present and future, would be secure only if his "Savior, in the form of the Sun was 'Risen'". This might sound complicated but it is not. The Ancients tracked the Sun, their Savior, across the sky daily and yearly for thousands of years and little escaped their scrutiny. You only have to read the extent and depth of their Astronomy and their records to be amazed and flabbergasted at what they knew and the knowledge they possessed. They knew that if their Sun, their Savior did not rise from his grave of darkness in the dead of Winter then all would be lost for mankind. To understand this you need to understand the schematic that follows.

At the dead of Winter the Sun was noticed to set progressively southward in the horizon and the days progressively possessed less light and warmth. It appeared to the Ancients that the Sun was dying. Ancient mankind reasoned that light was dying; the Sun was dying just as he had seen others of his species die. It was the most scary time for the Ancients. As what we now call mid-December came closer, the days got shorter still. Then came December 21, what we call the Winter solstice, the longest night of the year -- which also meant the shortest day of the year, with Sunlight practically imperceptible after that



harrowing dark night. Our prehistoric ancestors wondered how vegetation and

animals would survive, how they would they survive without the Sun. Little wonder that in almost every nation and their recorded histories we find that traditions and ceremonies and customs evolved, some of them not so nice, to propitiate the dark and entice the Sun to come back strong. One element of this frenzy for light, once it was feasible, was bonfires. They kept the dark at bay and illuminated festivities aimed at winning back the Sun. All the world waited patiently for the Son's 'imminent return'. They further reasoned that surely the Divine Father and Creator would never leave them at the mercy of this world of darkness. Over the centuries man, through his observations of the Sun and the pattern of its movement, was reassured that the Creator's Heavenly promise concerning his Sun was surely that... *"He would come again"* ...to light their path, and save those lost in the darkness. He was reassured every morning and every year as the cycle of the Sun through the Heavens and the Zodiac seemed to repeat.

Logically, the Ancients reasoned that even if man himself died, as long as the Sun continued to dawn and set each day, life on Earth will continue forever. Therefore, it was said in the Ancient texts that "everlasting life was 'the gift' that the Father gives through his Sun."

Answer for yourself: We have mentioned that the Sun was personified as the "Son". Understanding that these Ancient and eternal and Divine concepts were captured for all time in legend and myth by the Ancients then when we read for example:

John 3:16 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (KJV)

then is it too far of a stretch to see that *"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten SUN that we may have life everlasting"* ..on the Earth?

Early mankind not only feared the dark but the manifestations of evil and harm that lurked at every turn in the fearful dark of night. He further reasoned that all evil or harmful deeds were naturally, the..."works of darkness." Let us not forget that anthropomorphism or personification is the attribution of human characteristics to inanimate objects, animals, forces of nature, and others. Anthropomorphism in the form of personification consists of creating imaginary persons who are the embodiment of an abstraction such as Darkness, Death, Lust, or War. In our study we are concerned with the personification of Light and Darkness as man's greatest Savior and greatest Adversary. Early man simply personified these forces because it was extremely difficult for them to picture or discuss God or these forces that came from the Creator of all without an anthropomorphic framework. Thus we see the darkness personified as the "Devil":

- With the return of the Sun each morning, man felt more secure in his world and therefore, was at peace. Therefore, God's 'Sun' was with his warm rays of life and hope...The Great "Prince of Peace".
- Conversely the dark evil of night was ruled by none other than..."Prince of Darkness"

I want to show you something having understood now the personification of forces:

- **The Dark was Evil**
- **Primitive mankind reasoned it as "Dark"-"Evil"**
- **"D"-"Evil"**
- **the "Devil"..get it?**

You have just seen the origin of one of the biggest theologies known to man...the Devil which is nothing but darkness personified and we don't know it and we raise millions of dollars to fight an imaginary war in our Churches to fight this Devil and pray against him and fast and bind him over and over again as if he and God are in some mortal combat...which they are not. It seems we have learned nothing and find ourselves at the very same stages of development of primitive man thousands and thousands of years ago. At least the Egyptians understood this as allegory and Christians think it is real today.

Answer for yourself: Did you know that we get our English words 'Good' and 'God' from the German word 'Goth' as in 'Gothic'? Now we see God is Good, and Devil is Evil.

Hopefully you can now see that it is only a short step to see "The Light of God's Sun" equated with the light of truth - and evil equated with darkness. From then on, it was simple to understand... "Light was good and dark was bad".

Answer for yourself: Could this be behind all racism where people hate the darker skinned of mankind? You bet it is!

That being true, then that Great Orb of Day, God's Sun, can rightly say of itself,

John 9:5 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. (KJV)

We now have before us two cosmic brothers - one very good, and one very evil.

Answer for yourself: Is the first story of this cosmic brotherhood and struggle found in the story of Osiris and Set and their conflict and struggle that ends with Osiris' death and resurrection (similar to the Sun being raised from the dead once a year)? You bet it is. This conflict between light and darkness is replayed in almost every religion of the world between its saviors and its adversaries. Christianity is not immune to this pattern as well.

One of these forces brings the "truth to light" with the "light of truth". The other is the opposite, or in opposition to the light - "The Opposer"... "The Adversary"... "The Devil"... "The God of this world"... "The Prince of this World of Darkness".

KNOWING THIS...THEN LETS EXAMINE THE "JESUS STORY"

It has been said that: *"The Christian religion is a parody on the worship of the Sun, in which they put a man whom they call Christ, in the place of the Sun, and pay him the same adoration which was originally paid to the Sun."*- Thomas Paine

Answer for yourself: Could this be true? How could this be true? How could the Ancients come to worship the Sun? Well you saw that they didn't but rather the Sun represented to them the Creator. But has the "Sun" or the personification of the Sun as the "Son" become part of the Christian sage and gospel and we not know it?

The above quote is a most serious charge against Christianity and if such a charge can be shown to have validity then one should be honest enough before God to begin a serious investigation in his religious beliefs in order to separate truth from fiction.

Well it is for certain most who read our articles don't wish to be in "sin". A small article of this size cannot possibly do justice to such a complex and verbose subject as we have at hand but I hope to "break the egg" so to speak to help our readers begin to scrutinize the subject matter at hand in more detail by their personal study. Let's closely examine the original, conceptual foundations of the Christian faith, and then decide what to do with the serious "charge" made in the above quote by Thomas Payne; that the Christian faith today is nothing but an evolution of "Sun" worship transfigured into "Son" worship. Again I wish to reiterate the seriousness of such a charge if it can be proven.

IN THE BEGINNING...

But in order to do that, we must go back not 2000 years to the birth of Christ, but 15 to 20,000 years to the birth of modern man. For when one seeks to establish foundations, one must begin at the beginning. We must begin with the [Aryan peoples of the world](#).

Many thousands of years ago, in what we refer to as the "primordial world" of the ancients, human life was a far different experience from that which we enjoy today. While it is true that we have less documentation on that prehistoric world than we have on our own age, enough is known from the ancient writings, many in stone, to paint a rather clear picture of our remote ancestry. If we have learned anything at all, it is this: "That the more we change, the more we stay the same." And nowhere is this more clearly demonstrated than in the history of man's quest for "God", and the ancient religion we still keep holy.

According to the best understanding we have gleaned from the available records, life for our ancient forefathers was a mixture of wonder and fear. Each day, just finding food for one's family without becoming a meal oneself was a life-and-death struggle. It was from these meager, distressful conditions of the human race that our long history of the search for God and meaning of life has come.

Any evolution, at its most accelerated rate, is always agonizingly slow. But from the beginning, man's profound questions demanded answers. When no clear answers were forthcoming from the universe, man turned inward and developed his own. The study of this subject is termed "[Astro-Theology](#)" or the "[worship of the heavens](#)".

It did not take ancient man very long to decide that in this world the single greatest enemy to be feared was the darkness of night. Simply stated, [man's first enemy was darkness](#).

With this one fact alone, one can readily understand why the greatest and most trustworthy friend the human race would ever have was heaven's greatest gift to the world . . . the Glorious Rising Orb of Day...[the Sun](#). With this simple truth understood, we can now begin to unravel ascent of man and the origin of the "[crucifixion of the Sun](#)"; or should I say the "[crucifixion of the Son](#)". Notice the word-play and stay tuned!

Even before people understood the details of how the Sun worked, they were aware of its supreme importance in their lives. [It is no accident that so many ancient religions had as their major god a personification of the Sun](#). To ancient peoples, it was extremely important to be able to track the motions of the Sun in the sky and predict the coming of the seasons. After all, planting seeds at the wrong time could lead to complete disaster.

WHAT LED TO THE PERSONIFICATION OF THE SUN AND THE ORIGINS OF RELIGIONS...THEOLOGY OUT OF ASTRONOMY

To understand the Sun's motions and their effects, it is easier to start by imagining the Earth entirely alone. Without the Sun, it would be night everywhere on the Earth at the same time. The stars would silently wheel by, east to west, as the Earth turned. Looking to the north, we would see the stars moving in slow circles around the circumpolar Pole Star, Polaris. Any particular star would always rise in the same location and set directly opposite. That is, if a star rose in the east at a point 30 degrees from due south, it would set in the west at a point 30 degrees from due south. And that would be it. Nothing else would happen. The stars would follow the same paths as seen from the Earth, over and over without change. [If this were the case then today we would have no "theology" because as you will see the Ancients would interpret the movement of the Sun and stars in the Heavens and give the world not only Divine Truths written by the Creator in the blackboard of sky but over time theologies would develop that would translate these Divine Truths to mankind but also aberrations of them which nullified them as well](#). To say I have been disillusioned by

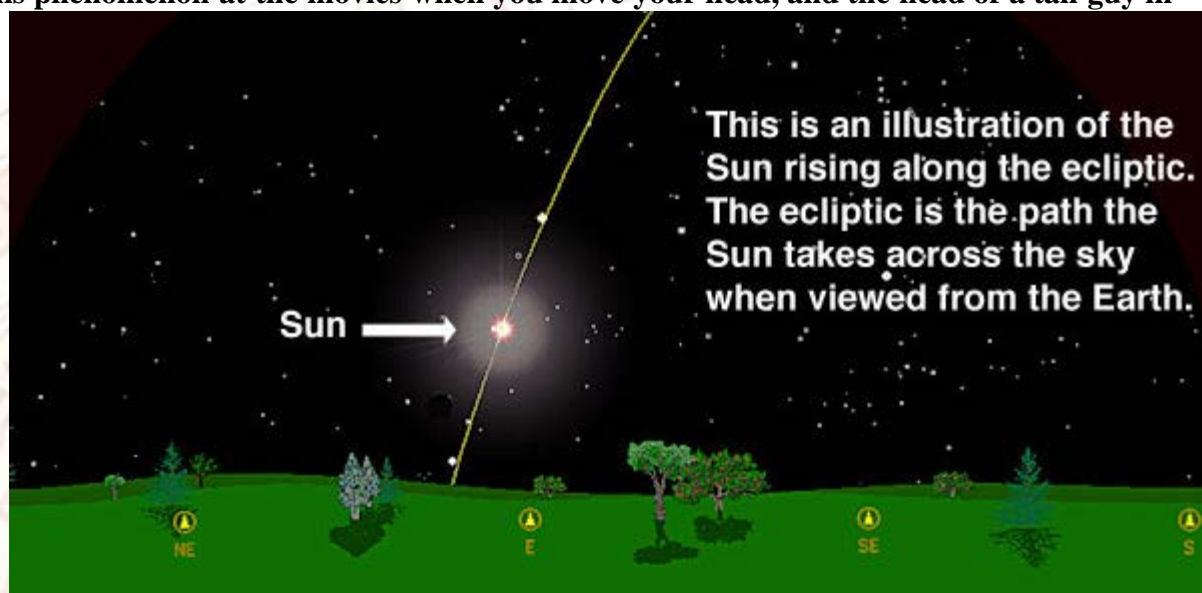
what I have seen in about 20 years of scholarly study into the origins of my birth faith, Christianity, is an understatement but it is only finally coming to study Egypt thoroughly where I uncovered these Divine Truths in their simplest forms as these Ancient masters saw in the Heavens that I was able to rest and sort this whole "theological mess" out to my satisfaction. The final puzzle pieces were long in coming but they came finally and when one undertakes a study of our websites then he sees the progression from Ancient Divine Truths once understood "allegorically" in their purest form to the later "literalization" of them by Rome in which these earlier Divine Truths were so altered to not only lose their truest meanings but alternate erroneous meanings substituted for them. Then sadly the truth was lost for mankind and in its place a false revelation taught as the truths of God. Such comparative study will reveal this to the discerning and dedicated student of comparative religion, mythology, astronomy, astrology, Biblical texts and their alterations, Biblical languages, both Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek coupled with a through study of the origin, manipulation, and corruption of the New Testament throughout its evolution over the earliest centuries of the antisemitic Gentile Church.

But back to the issue at hand, the way in which the stars appear to move in the sky, or "apparent motion," is a consequence of the rotation of the Earth. The stars seem to move, but of course it is the Earth that is moving.

But we are not immersed in total and perpetual darkness for the Sun does exist. Now imagine the Earth spinning on its axis, but with the Sun very far off to one side. Half of the Earth will be illuminated at any given time. This, of course, is day. Some of the stars will be hidden by the Sun and we will be unable to see them. As the Earth rotates, the Sun will appear to rise and set along with the unseen stars that it is in front of it.

Again if the Earth were stationary, this would be the whole story and we would have more than likely a "limited" theology but that is not the case. If the earth was stationary the same stars would be blocked all the time, and the Sun would simply rise and set in exactly the same way each day. But we know if we have ever watched the horizon that the Sun does not rise and set in exactly the same place on the horizon every day. We can see that very clearly when looking at the tri-part depiction of the Sun as it sets accordingly with the Summer solstice, Spring and Autumn equinoxes, and the Winter solstice pictured above.

The Earth moves around the Sun. As the Earth moves through the year, the Sun blocks different stars. You may have experienced this phenomenon at the movies when you move your head, and the head of a tall guy in front of you blocks a different part of the movie screen. This is why we see different constellations at different times of the year. Each day the Sun appears to move just a little bit relative to the stars. In a year, it goes completely around and comes back to the starting point. The path it takes is called the Ecliptic. If the Sun's



path is observed from the Earth's reference frame, it appears to move around the Earth in a path which is tilted with respect to the spin axis at 23.5° . This path is called the ecliptic. It tells us that the Earth's spin axis is tilted with respect to the plane of the Earth's solar orbit by 23.5° . The significance of the ecliptic is evident if we examine the Earth's orbit around the Sun. That orbit lies in a plane, flat like a tabletop, called the plane of the ecliptic (or sometimes just "the ecliptic"). In one year, as the Earth completes a full circuit around the Sun (drawing above), the Earth-Sun line and its continuation past Earth sweep the entire plane. Planets seen in

the sky are always near the ecliptic, which means that their orbits are never too far from the plane of the ecliptic. They all circle the Sun in sort of a group limited to a certain path and angle around the Sun as drawn out in the Heavens. This is astonishing when you think about this. **In other words, the solar system is rather flat, with all its major parts moving in nearly the same plane.** Even though the planets move on the celestial sphere, they do not wander all over it but are confined to a narrow strip, dividing it in half. Now we come to the stars.

Stars along that same strip are traditionally divided into the 12 constellations of the zodiac. The name, related to "zoo," comes because most of these constellations are named for animals--Leo the lion, Aries the ram, Scorpio the scorpion, Cancer the crab, Pisces the fish, Capricorn the goat and Taurus the bull. At any time, the Sun is also somewhere on the celestial sphere, and as the Earth turns, it rises and sets the same way as stars do. **Like the planets, the Sun, too, moves around the zodiac, making one complete circuit each year.** **Every month it covers a different constellation of the zodiac, which is the real reason why those constellations are 12 in number.** Of course, during that month, this particular constellation is not seen, because the sky near the Sun is too bright for its stars to be seen (except, very briefly, during a total eclipse of the Sun). One can however figure out where the Sun is on the zodiac (as ancient astronomers have done) by noting which is the last constellation of the zodiac to rise ahead of the Sun, or the first to set after it. Obviously, the Sun is somewhere in between. In this manner each month-long period of the year was given its "sign of the zodiac."

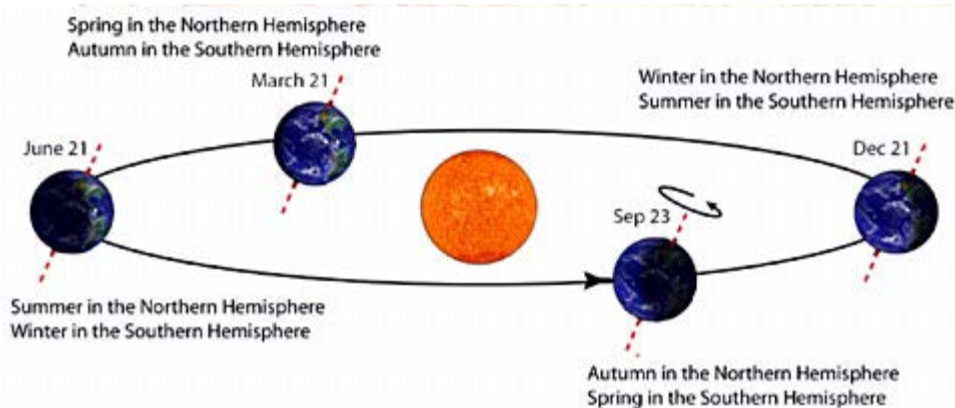
Imagine standing in the center of a racetrack. As the cars go around they will appear to trace out a circle. The cars appear to go horizontally. They do not appear to be moving up in the direction of your head or down in the direction of your feet. If you tilt yourself a bit, the cars will appear to be sometimes up and sometimes down. This is exactly what happens with the Earth. The earth is tilted by 23.5 degrees compared to how it travels around the Sun. So, sometimes the Sun appears to be a bit north and sometimes a bit south. **Thus, as the year progresses, the Sun appears to set in slightly different locations relative to the horizon. The winter and summer solstices mark the most southern and northern Sunrises respectively, while at the equinoxes the Sun rises and sets exactly in the east and west** (see the picture at the top of the article once again).

As the Sun moves along the Ecliptic it appears higher and lower in the skies.

Answer for yourself: Why is this of major importance for us and all later "theologies", myths, and legends created by Ancient mankind?

This has had and still does have a tremendous and huge effect on life on the earth. **In the winter**, when the Sun is low in the sky, less solar energy falls on a given unit of area on the surface of the earth, and the weather is much colder and the days much darker. Some plants and animals become dormant. Food is not at plentiful and the encroaching darkness was the greatest threat to Ancient mankind as explained above. **In the summer**, when the Sun is high in the sky, a lot more solar energy falls on a unit of area on the earth, and the weather is much warmer and harvests are plentiful and **Ancient mankind experienced his salvation because of the Sun pouring out is life for him in the form of light and heat and photosynthesis that fed him and his family (as well as the animals which was his food).** Plants and animals do not have to compete as strongly for resources, and it is the best time to reproduce. In pre-historic times, summer was a joyous time of the year for those primitive people who lived in the northern latitudes. The snow had disappeared; the ground had thawed out; warm temperatures had returned; flowers were blooming; leaves had returned to the deciduous trees. Some herbs could be harvested, for medicinal and other uses. Food was easier to find. The crops had already been planted and would be harvested in the months to come. Although many months of warm/hot weather remained before the fall, they noticed that the days were beginning to shorten, so that the return of the cold season was inevitable.

The image to the left shows that the seasons are due to the tilt of the Earth,



not due to a variation in distance to the Sun. In each of these seasons the Sun played a major role and this was understood by the Ancients during his evolution as a species on this planet. This balance between "light and darkness" was an eternal struggle that spelled either "life" or "death" for primitive mankind. The Sun was the driving force and energy behind all life on the earth and it was

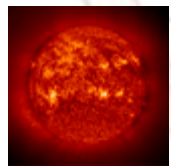
understood as such by primitive mankind. As the Sun waned man feared the oncoming darkness and the many threats it brought him and his family as their lives were actually threatened by the loss of the Sun and the daylight and warmth it provided. This onslaught of darkness following the Summer solstice as the Sun slid southwestward in the sky with its diminishing light and warmth was feared by primitive mankind. Over time this "darkness," mankind's greatest enemy, was captured in legend and myth that paralleled the path of the Sun in the sky. This whole event of the demise of the Sun in the winter with the Sun moving to its eventual shortest daylight and warmth of the year at the Winter solstice was immortalized by primitive mankind and the Ancients in myth and allegory which depicted this tension and battle between the forces of light and darkness. By now you understand that Ancient man saw the darkness as his mortal enemy. In so doing he understood that the darkness was evil. Our theology beings with his understanding of the connection between "evil" and "darkness".

The infatuation with this struggle with "Darkness" will go so far as to motivate men to change the Hebrew Scriptures as we find in the [forgery of the Hebrew Scriptures where the word "Lucifer" \(the light bringer\) is later added when the original Hebrew texts never mention this word.](#)

Of course as you now see the background for all of this was Astronomy and not "theology". It won't be long before "theology" will be birthed from Astronomy. And it does not end here! The battle of the Sun versus the darkness has been immortalized in every dualism known to man presently. **Behind every religion in some form or another is this basic paradigm of the struggle of "light" versus "darkness".** I want you to know that as long as these allegories and metaphors remained just that, allegories and metaphors of Divine truths witnessed in a "literal" sense by primitive mankind and the Ancients then we don't have a problem as I see it since all knew at one time that this was but allegory of forces of Nature.

THE SEPARATION OF MANKIND.....2 GROUPS EMERGE

But over time and with the development of various Priesthoods, there developed a diversification of this knowledge into two camps. Realizing that all mankind is not on the same evolutionary level and with different capabilities of understanding there developed two different levels of understanding of this eternal struggle of "Darkness" against the "Light". The most highly evolved are far above the least evolved, both in intelligence and character; the capacity to understand and to act varies at every stage. The Priesthoods reasoned that it was useless to give to all the same religious teachings. Thus developed an "Inner Mystery" and "Outer Mystery" where the Sun was personified in all nations who were seeking after God who was pictured by them as the Sun (the savior of mankind). Those initiated into the "Inner Mysteries" came to know the truth of the personification of the Sun in the legends and myths that they had heard since childhood while those in the "Outer Mysteries" were content with the "literalized" stories of their culture and religion's heroes. It from these "Outer Mysteries" we find today the host of stories of men like Osiris, Attis, Dionysus, Mithra, etc., all solar personifications believed by those in the "Outer Mysteries" to have been real people in antiquity. But those in the "Inner Mysteries" knew better; they knew the truth behind the stories inherited about assumed people like Osiris and Jesus.



The existence of the Sun at the center of almost all world religions is verified by research into comparative religion and the findings indisputably proves that the religions of the world are markedly similar in their main teachings and the symbolism by which they express their leading beliefs. This similarity, amounting in many cases to indistinguishable identity, proves accordingly a common origin for all world religions. This of course is the Sun and its battle against darkness.

Actually, the connection between astronomy and mythology has not gone unnoticed by apologists. I have a few Christian sources that go to great lengths to "disprove" the connection between astrology and Christianity by steering their readers away from the traditional Sun cycle. To admit such a link would be fatal to the vainness of their faith. **Now, we are not longer dependent upon the Ancients and their legacy which has come to light with the aid of archeology in these last 200 years for seeing the "Jesus Story" as an allegory of the Sun and its path through the sky but today, thanks to computer technology, we can simulate these biblical events for ourselves and see with positive proof that the Gospel narratives were derived from the stars and movements of the constellations in the sky. We can confirm that the Bible contains nothing more than a series of pagan myths with a different spin.**

One quick example if we might. We all most likely know that Jesus' birthday is celebrated on December 25th but few know the actual reason behind it. If you were to study the Winter solstice you will find that it is at this time of the year that "Darkness" has triumphed over the light of the Sun in its annual path across the sky and the Heavens. Primitive man understood he had entered into the darkest and coldest days of the year which also provided the least light and he and his life and the lives of his family were threatened at every corner. His fear of his death was paramount in his mind and life. Coupled with that was his observation that the Sun had been receding in the sky and he feared the Sun was dying or had died on those three days annually where it remained motionless in the Southwestern horizon as it set in the very same place 3 days in a row. Relieved on the next day, our December 25th, the Sun began to move again but this time backwards as it begins its climb in the sky and Heavens once again and in so doing bringing with it the promise of longer light, warmer temperatures, photosynthesis, and a bountiful harvest to come that ensure man's life and security and existence.

Understanding this scenario then understand the favorite rationale for why Jesus' birthday is celebrated on December 25th. It has been said that this date of December 25th the early Christian fathers chose as a way of attracting pagan followers. That's not the whole of it however although partly true. It was chosen because of the path of the Sun in relation to the seasons and the circuit of the Sun through the Zodiac. **Upon study you can see for yourself that the entire nativity legend can be seen played out in the sky. Christian mythology is written as if the events that took place in the sky and the Heavens actually took place on earth (but they didn't).** Unless one knows to even look for this astronomical and astrological evidence behind what we read in the New Testament then he will read the New Testament his whole life never aware that behind the stories he reads are Ancients stories told which originated in the stars and which were depicted in the lives of make-believe heroes. Sadly we don't know to look for the double meaning in the Bible's language and without it the astronomical connection can't be seen. **But once you become aware of this hidden revelation behind the depiction of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" then you see that the Gospels are laid out according to the zodiacal motifs with Jesus, the personified Sun hero, passing through the four seasons as well as the whole of the 12 houses of the Zodiac:**

Answer for yourself: Is this why the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is called by both Ancient and modern scholars a "solar myth"? Yes it is.

The seasons of the year are caused by the 23.5° tilt of the earth's axis. Because the earth is rotating like a top or gyroscope, it points in a fixed direction continuously -- towards a point in space near the North Star. But the earth is also revolving around the Sun. During half of the year, the southern hemisphere is more exposed to the Sun than is the northern hemisphere. During the rest of the year, the reverse is true. At noontime in the Northern Hemisphere the Sun appears high in the sky during summertime and low in the sky during winter. The time of the year when the **Sun reaches its maximum elevation occurs on the day with the greatest number of daylight hours. This is called the summer solstice**, and is typically Jun. 21 -- the first day of

summer. **The lowest elevation occurs about Dec. 21 and is the winter solstice -- the first day of winter, when the night time hours are maximum.** Almost exactly half-way between the winter and summer solstice is the time of the vernal or spring equinox. It is one of two times during the year when the daytime and nighttime are almost exactly 12 hours long, and very close to being equal to each other.

This personified Sungod, or Sungodman, is born every year on December 25, **the Winter solstice**, the first day when daylight hours start to increase. In the winter months, the darkness of evil is still in force. As the daylight hours start to increase, he is said to be increasing in strength.

- His mission starts on the first day of spring on the **Spring equinox** when daylight hours equal nighttime hours. Spring is the time of righteousness. Christianity and other religions associate three themes with the vernal equinox:
 - Conception and pregnancy leading to birth on the winter solstice.
 - Victory of a god of light (or life, rebirth, resurrection) over the powers of darkness (death). Some religious historians believe that the god-man's death and resurrection legends were first associated with Pagan deities many centuries before the birth of Jesus. They were simply grafted onto stories of Jesus' life in order to make Christian theology more acceptable to Pagans in the Roman Empire.
 - Ancient Christians and Church Fathers, when confronted with their plagiarism of solar gods, had an alternate explanation; they claimed that Satan had created counterfeit Pagan deities with many of the same life experiences as Jesus had. Satan and his demons had done this, in advance of the coming of Christ, in order to confuse humanity.
 - The descent of the goddess or god into the underworld for a period of three days. This is such a popular theme among religions that mythologists refer to it as "the harrowing of Hell."
- He, the personified Sun, is at full strength at the **Summer solstice** when the Sun is at its highest position in the sky. As the Sun passes over the solstice it descends through the summer months, the dark forces of evil are said to be sapping his strength. The opposition and conflict between the Darkness and the Light only intensify.
- When the Sun passes through the **Autumnal equinox**, the evil forces of darkness are said to be ruling and the Sun continues its decline in the sky onward to its soon coming death at the Winter solstice.
- On the three darkest days of the year, the **Winter solstice**, the Sun is dead from December 21 to 24. His resurrection restarts on December 25, when the Sun starts to ascend again. This Jesus hath God raised [ascended] up, whereof we all are witnesses. (Acts 2:32)

Well that sounds simple but I assure you it is not as simple as it looks. As we gain steam in our study you will be convinced that the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is the personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac as well as the relationship of other constellations and the Sun as they both move in the sky. Understand that Christianity is not immune to this syncretism. After all is said and done we have these troublesome questions:

- **What are we to do with Jesus?**
- **Was he a real person? Can we interpret him "literally" or should he be understood only "allegorically"?**
- **Was he an expression of an allegory of the path of the Sun and constellations which were later "literalized as a historical person" and given a historical timeline and placed on the pages of the New Testament as a real person?**
- **If it can be proven that the depiction of Jesus as found in the New Testament is little more than the personification of the Sun in its path in the Heavens and the Zodiac as understood originally as only allegory by the Ancients and primitive mankind but later "literalized" as a historical person by Rome in their creation of the New Testament then how are we to then understand "the Christ"?**
- **Has the depiction of Jesus as a historical person in the New Testament and his later identification as God by Constantine and the Council of Nicea (accepted by Christianity) rendered us as idolators? What can we do about this if we come to a place in our studies that**

we are convinced that the "Jesus Story" is Astronomical allegory later "literalized"?

All of these questions can be answered in the light of modern scholarship but not without a price. This means you must learn and possess the necessary knowledge of this dualism of light versus darkness as understood by the Ancients and which is bequeathed to us today in their oral traditions and writings in order to see how these Ancient understandings of the workings of the Cosmos were understood by primitive mankind and how they created stories and personified the Sun and forces in the Cosmos in order to explain this working of God within His Universe. The majority of mankind got this knowledge conveyed to them in simple stories but others were privy to the actual Divine revelation behind the story. These of course were initiates into the Inner Mysteries. Coupled with this is need to understand how these primitive understandings of the Cosmos by Egypt and other nations were understood originally only as allegory and how they were over time "literalized" and how these earlier Divine Truths were lost when they were later "literalized". In so doing then we can clearly see how people, having lost the allegorical understanding of these star-stories, strayed from proper worship and began to worship the "creation instead of the Creator". This has always been man's problem; failing to distinguish the object of his worship. And then we find much, much later how these prior personifications of the Cosmos and forces in Nature were continually "literalized" and incorporated onto the pages of our New Testaments as the "Jesus Story". Only in so doing can we then come to the final answers concerning the complicated truths behind the "Jesus Story" as contained in the New Testament.

"All Indo-Germanic nations have worshipped crucified Saviors and overwhelming proof was obtained that the sun-myths of the ancient Aryans were the origin of the religion in all the countries which were peopled by the Aryans"... Charles Morris. Let us study to show ourselves approved by God. Anyone wanting to look into this subject more thoroughly might read Aryan Sun Myths ...The Origin of Religion by Charles Morris, Bible Myths by T.W. Doane, The Jesus Mysteries by Timothy Freke and Peter Gandy, The Christ Conspiracy by Acharya S., or The Story of Christian Origins by Martin A. Larson.

It is to these issues we now turn as contained in other articles on this website.

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ANCIENT ASTRONOMERS & SOLAR MYTHOLOGY: DID THEY GIVE US THE FIRST "JESUS STORIES"?

We live in a different time today than did our forefathers. Most of us today live in big metropolis cities where at night the pollution and city lights blot out the spectacular view of the sky overhead and we have lost the awesomeness of the spectacle of the stars above our heads. There is an eerie orange glow that hangs above almost every large city or industrial centre and few know exactly what it is; simply said it is light pollution. If you live in a town and visit the country on a clear night you will see things that you never knew existed; you will see above you what the ancients saw: stars, planets, galaxies, comets, interstellar gas clouds, etc. If you live in the country and you spend a night in a town you will wonder where the Milky Way and the stars have gone to. The best way to understand how important it is for humans to be able to see the stars is to consider what it would have been like if clouds constantly covered the skies over the last 10,000 years. Most people are not aware of this fact but without the stars such innovations and leaps in learning as the following would not have occurred or would have been delayed by millennia: space travel, communication satellites, marine navigation (e.g. the discovery of the Americas), complex mathematics, advanced physics, precise timekeeping (therefore computing, fast telecommunications, etc) and so on. The sky and the orbs within them are very important for mankind to see and to both understand. This "truism" is especially true when we come to the topic of "religion" as we shall soon see.

THE ANCIENTS LOOKED AT THE STARS

In ancient times people were very familiar with the Sun and the stars. Early stargazers--especially the priests of Egypt and Babylon, semi-desert countries where skies are rarely clouded--were fascinated by the star-studded canopy which seemed to arch overhead, and by the daily cycle of the Sun, which seemed supernatural, beyond understanding. Since the dawn of time, Homo sapiens have pondered about their existence. They have asked repeatedly: "Where did we come from? How did we get here and where are we going?". These early thoughts gave rise to humans trying to make sense of their environment. Our early ancestors felt the urge to give order to their surroundings and explain how the world worked. This gave rise to **cosmology, which is the study of the evolution, structure and origin of the universe.** The ancients lived in a time when there was no television, no computer games and no electric light, so when the darkness of night crept in, humans lived in the realm of the stars.

Modern Egyptologists approximate that around 4,500 - 5,000 years ago the Egyptian civilization was rising in northeast Africa by the river Nile. But in the last one hundred years geologists have taken note that vertical water erosion on the Sphinx that can be dated to before 10,000 BCE. This fact tells us the the civilization of Egypt has been around for a very long time and with it their observation of the Heavens and the movement of the orbs within them. The Egyptians like many other cultures had wondered about their own existence and marvelled at the stellar spectacle displayed before them in the heavens. Egypt, like other nations, looked above their heads and saw the works and words of the Creator. To the Priests of these nations that took scrutiny of

these orbs above their heads they in time noticed patterns and cycles and interpreted them, as they also noticed that they overlapped in nature around them, as the voice of God to them. God was speaking to them in His Heavens and the Priests and sages of these nations come to understand God's message to mankind written in the Heavens above. Like many cultures the Egyptians had developed their own story of creation by observing the unchanging Laws of the Cosmos.

Unlike the Biblicists version of creation the Egyptians envisioned the earth covered in an endless primeval ocean that they called Nun. Eventually the waters of the Nun (sometimes written as just Nu) began to subside and a primeval hill emerged from the floodwaters. It was on this hill that the supreme creator god Atum (god of the sun) would appear. After Atum's emergence from the floodwaters he would create two new gods Shu (god of the air) and Tefnut, thought to possibly be the goddess of moisture. Atum had created the two gods through the act of masturbation, spitting out Shu and vomiting out Tefnut (Brandon, S.G.F., Creation Legends of the Ancient Near East, Hodder and Stoughton Ltd, London. Brandon, 1963, p. 22). Shu and Tefnut would go on to consummate their own union by creating the deities Geb (god of the earth) and Nut (goddess of the sky).

Therefore it is with Nut that we have unique insight into the minds of the early Egyptian astronomers trying to understand the heavens and their own creation. The Egyptians believed that Nut's naked body was arched across the heavens from horizon to horizon. Attached to Nut's body were the stars and seen supporting Nut was Shu and depicted below Shu was Geb (the God of the earth). Shu, along with his sister Tefnut (the goddess of moisture and water), were the first deities to be created by Atum. Shu is the lord of cool air and the upper sky. He was believed to be the one responsible, like Atlas, for holding up the firmament and separating it from the earth. Now before you get the wrong impression Egypt understood that within the all encompassing God we find the many aspects and workings of God and each of these "attributes of the One" were separated in order to better understood. This is not polytheism but correctly understood as "monotheism" where the Ultimate God, the First Cause, is the "All in the One". When the sun (Atum) would set the Egyptians would explain this as the goddess Nut swallowing the sun and then the sun would be reborn via the birth canal of Nut. Here we see some of the very earliest astronomical ponderings concerning the stars by the Egyptians.



The Egyptians had closely monitored the sun and this was analogous with the cycles of death and rebirth. The ancient Egyptians called their land kmt, which meant "the black land." What the Egyptians were referring to were the fertile black soils that were spread across the Nile valley during the season of Akhet, the season of the inundation of the Nile river which flooded yearly at the "new year" and fertilized the desert and it was through this flooding and depositing of the volcanic silt from the mountains of Africa that the "desert bloomed" and provided rich soil for their crops and foods. About this time of year the star Sirius the brightest star in our sky not counting the sun would be heliacally rising on the eastern horizon. Sirius lies approximately 8.7 light years away and is located in the modern day constellation of Canis Major. The Egyptians called this star Sopdet, "vocalized by the Greeks as Sothis". When Sopdet (Sothis) made its first dawn appearance the Egyptians would mark the start of their year.

Consequently this allowed the Egyptians to closely monitor the seasons and the changing weather patterns. For ancient cultures this was a very important consideration for their own survivability. They would need to know what the best time of the year would be to plant crops for example, **so the monitoring the heavens apart from religious beliefs also had strong practical values and helped Egypt form the first calendar. In addition, the heavens would have acted like a giant storyboard to the Egyptians in which it would allow them a form of education, moral guidance and a sense of cultural identity as they studied the Laws of God and His universe operating in the Heavens above.**

This leads us to our contemporary view of the cosmos. Cosmos is taken from the ancient Greek word for the order of the universe. Many of the Egyptian and other cultural stories and knowledge has been passed on to contemporary astronomers. Like the ancient Egyptians, astronomers in particular still seek to bring

understanding to the universe and its origins. Early Egyptian astronomers viewed this as a higher power like Atum, but today astronomers use a vast array of more reliable methods to study and contemplate the heavens.

Religious motive rather than scientific understanding drove the Egyptians in many of their early quests to understand the cosmos. Although the Egyptians developed great scientific understanding in many areas, the Egyptians ascribed many heavenly events to a higher order whom they called "God". However, from these very early ponderings, a fascination has developed to want to understand more about the celestial realm above and this innate curiosity that was fostered with many of the early civilizations like the Egyptians still drives the passions of many cosmologists today. We see this same fascination of God and His universe in the Psalmist of the Hebrew Scriptures.

The ancient author of Psalm 19 wrote:

The heavens declare the glory of God, And the firmament showeth His handiwork; Day unto day uttereth speech, And night unto night revealeth knowledge; There is no speech, there are no words, Neither is their voice heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun, Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, And his circuit unto the ends of it; And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

At night the ancients had nothing better to do than gaze up at the stars. The ancients looked to the sky to determine what time of year it was. It was important to know what time of year it was. You needed to know when it was time to plant crops and when it was time to harvest the crops. These answers came to them as they observed the patterns and cycles of the Cosmos that followed universal laws and established patterns that were discerned year after year for centuries.

These ancients didn't conquer darkness as we do nowadays by flipping a switch on our walls and the rooms of our homes "light up". It was more difficult for them. When sunset came it signaled the end of the day and the day as they knew it was over. The ancients then observed how the stars move across the sky during the night, and how different constellations are visible at different times of the year. They noticed and tracked the movement of planets and the Sun and correlated these movements to the different times of the year and their seasons. These wonders they observed and the Laws that undergirded them and the Laws that surrounded them in Nature that was connected to the Sun and its path through the Heavens brought keen understanding to them of God and His actions in the Cosmos. God was speaking to them and they heard Him and recorded these words of God and passed them down throughout history for those wanting this wisdom of God for themselves. Not only that but they wrote these "words" in stone and left it for all posterity in their temples and pyramids.

THE MESSAGE OF GOD...TOLD THROUGH MYTH

Answer for yourself: How do we hear God speak? How do we relate such a message?

We need to understand that one of the earliest advanced civilizations, Ancient Egypt, had a rich religious tradition which permeated every aspect of society. As in most early cultures, the patterns and behaviors of the sky led to the creation of a number of myths to explain the astronomical phenomena and the origin of mankind. Mankind has always possessed a want for exploring and explaining our origin. Before our secularized and scientifically dominated times religion - or myth if you so wish - has fulfilled the task of explaining the birth of the world and of mankind. Thereby also giving account for the birth of time. Mythology is defined as a collection of interrelated stories of a given culture. Myths tend to describe the creation of the world and give a culture an understanding of the events of nature and the world around them. Myths are also generated to tell the story of the first people to inhabit the earth. These people are elevated to gods and goddesses, which usually associate them as having supernatural and special powers. Myths also express the

values or beliefs of a culture, and every culture studied has their own myths distinctive to their group. Ancient Egyptians tried to understand their place in the universe and their mythology centers itself on nature, the earth, sky, moon, sun, stars, and the Nile River.

Myth can likewise be understood as a given society's codification of its own traditional values in narrative and dramatized form. A familiar aspect of many religions is the use of narratives such as parables and fables to teach and reinforce moral attitudes and religious principles in forms easy to assimilate and remember. Myths are expressions concerning the underlying reality of a society that veil the truth about nature, humanity, and the society itself. In other words, a myth can be used to explain the current situation of reality as members of a given culture know it.

Religion in ancient Egypt was not unlike modern times. Today, not everyone believes in the same way, or of the same god. Egypt was no different. Individual kings worshipped their own gods or stressed certain aspects of this One God over others, as did other workers, priests, merchants and peasants. Pre-dynastic Egypt had formulated the ideas and beliefs of a "greater being", which was expressed in pictures and drawings. Some scholars suggest that "writing" was invented in order to communicate spiritual thoughts to the masses. **Now the pictures had ideas, and took on human traits. Ultimately the concept of God and His various attributes were personified and in so doing took a life of their own:** God in His personified forms (various attributes) now lived, died, hunted, went into battle, gave birth, ate, drank, and had human emotions. **God, once His attributes were personified, had now in a way become "various gods within the One God".** These various attributes or "gods" often overlapped, and, in some instances, merged. There was no organized hierarchy structure of their reign. The dominance of one god over another god within God often depended on the beliefs of the reigning king. Their area of dominance depended on where the king wanted his capital. Likewise, the myths changed with the location of the gods, as did their names. Certain gods were worshipped in different areas. Local cities or villages, known as nomes, often had unique gods that were known only to that region. On occasion, these gods attained country-wide recognition and became the myths and legends that were passed on from century to century.

But let us not forget that these understandings of God by these ancients were told as "myths" which were derived from the movement of the Heavens above their heads. For the Egyptians, the practice of astronomy went beyond legend as huge temples and pyramids were built to have a certain astronomical orientations and within these alignments and their measurements we find a further expression of the identity of God and His knowledge imparted to mankind. Although many of the religious aspects of Egyptian life were known for centuries, it was not until recently that a number of **archaeoastronomers** attempted to find out how important astronomy really was in ancient Egypt. From the beginning, man has observed the heavens. Early man observed the heavens because the Sun, Moon and stars gave indication of coming seasons to farmers and hunters. The sky aided in navigation especially for nomads and sailors. And many ancient civilizations thought the sky gave signs of life, war, earthquakes, the fate of kingdoms...and more. The new field of archaeoastronomy started in the 1960s with discoveries at Stonehenge. **Archeoastronomy has been called the 'anthropology of astronomy' to distinguish it from the history of astronomy. This means that archeoastronomy pays attention to the astronomical practices, mythologies, and religions of ancient cultures. It sets to find out just how astronomy fit into a certain culture's life.** Archeoastronomers will look at imagery and writing left by a civilization. They will look at architecture, especially to see if the buildings have any orientations towards the Sun or Moon or even Venus. The most common orientation is to look for alignment with sun rise on the date of a solstice. **Ancient Egyptian astronomy like the astronomy of so many other pre-historic peoples was subjugated to religious mythology and the connections that existed between the heavens (the sky) and the earth.** A great number of monuments throughout the Nile valley have been identified as possible constructions intended to capture the sun on days imparting meaning to the religious calendar or certain associated rituals (the equinoxes and solstices). **A sophisticated knowledge of celestial bodies (in this case the sun) were indispensable to the ancients in constructing the sacred world which so closely interacted with the civil world and seasonal changes. While it seems that the astronomy of the Egyptians was confined to the realm of observation, it becomes much easier in such an instance to understand the mythology and religion which may have surrounded their**

fascination with the celestial bodies, and the regularity the observation of such provided them with in planning ceremonial tributes, etc. related to the religious aspects of culture, as well as the practical functions astronomy may have served for them in predicting the annual flooding of the Nile.

Answer for yourself: So how is this connected to the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament? Simply in this way: the Jesus story when scrutinized in such ways as described above can be shown to be the personification of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac as well as other astronomical phenomena as related down through time which finds its genesis in the path and movements of the orbs of Heaven above. This is not any different from other myths told for thousands of years as found in books on comparative religions which detail similar myths of other nation who tracked the movement of the Sun above and whom plumbed its meaning and message to them.

Foremost of the archaeoastronomers, and one of the pioneers in the field, was Sir Norman Lockyer, a British astronomer who lived from 1836-1920 and extensively studied Egyptian astronomy. In his wonderful book 'The Dawn of Astronomy', Lockyer breaks ancient astronomy into three distinct phases. First, a civilization goes through the worship stage, where astronomical phenomena are viewed only as the actions, moods, and warnings of the gods. Next, a civilization progresses to using astronomy for terrestrial purposes, such as for agriculture or navigation. The final step is to study astronomy solely for the sake of gaining knowledge. The Ancient Egyptians started in the worship stage and eventually began to see how astronomy could help them in their everyday lives.

ASTRONOMICAL WORSHIP....THE ORIGIN OF THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Egyptian gods and goddesses were numerous and are pictured in many paintings and murals. It needs to be said in the beginning that when you study Egypt and their Cosmology you quickly see that they were "monotheistic" in that Egypt understood God to be the "Many in the One". God to them had many attributes and these were depicted separately in the myths of the "gods". All of these "gods" made up the One Ultimate Creator. Certain gods were seen in the constellations, and others were represented by actual astronomical bodies. **The constellation Orion, for instance, represented Osiris, who was the god of the Divine principle of death, rebirth, and the afterlife.** The Milky Way represented the sky goddess Nut giving birth to the sun god Ra. In the picture below, Nut is shown bending over the Egyptians. The stars in Egyptian mythology were represented by the goddess of writing, Seshat, while the Moon was either Thoth, the god of wisdom and writing, or Khons, a child moon god.

The horizon was extremely important to the Egyptians, since it was here that the Sun appeared and disappeared daily. The Sun itself was represented by several gods, depending on its position. A rising morning Sun was Horus, the divine child of Osiris and Isis. The noon Sun was Ra because of its incredible strength. The evening Sun became Atum, the creator god who lifted pharaohs from their tombs to the stars. **The red color of the Sun at sunset was considered to be the blood from the Sun god as he died. After the Sun had set, it became Osiris, god of death and rebirth. In this way, night was associated with death and day with life or rebirth. This reflects the typical Egyptian idea of immortality.**

In ancient times people were very familiar with the Sun and the stars. At night they had nothing better to do than gaze up at the stars. They saw how the stars move across the sky during the night, and how different constellations are visible at different times of the year. In such observations **the ancients noticed that as the year passed the Sun appears to make a journey through the constellations of the Zodiac.** The Zodiac is the ring of constellations that the Sun seems to pass through each year as the Earth orbits around it. The path the Sun follows is called the ecliptic. The ecliptic plane is the plane defined by the Earth's orbit around the Sun. All of the planets except Pluto orbit very near the ecliptic plane, so you will usually find all of them in zodiacal constellations. The ancient astronomer priests made up stories which were allegories based on what they saw in the Heavens above and around them in Nature as well. **Later on, these stories took on a life of their own, as the stories were passed down from generation to generation but the knowledge of what the stories**

represented was lost. People started believing the stories were real and actual history of events that actually really happened in the past, when originally the stories were nothing more than allegories for what people saw happening in the stars.

We have our main problem right here: allegories expressing Divine Truths of the Creator were over time reinterpreted as "literal" stories and the original understanding of these stories lost their true meaning and a "false" meaning was taught in its place.

Now that was a little necessary background. For our purposes we will looking in this website and in these articles into the "possibility" that the story of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is little more than an example of an allegory of the movement and path of the Sun through the Zodiac. "Not so" I have many think when just thinking of such a concept. Well all I have to tell you is that you need to see the evidence before you discount this idea outright. When we finish the study then the conclusions you derive based on the evidence presented will be up to you. I would be amazed that after seeing the evidence that any could say at that time "Not so". I strongly believe that it is very important that every Christian and follower of "Jesus Christ" as depicted in the Roman New Testament become intensely familiar with this information in order to come to repentance regarding the idolatry connected with the Christian presentation of "Jesus Christ".

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THE BIBLE AND ASTROLOGY: WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT ASTROLOGY?

Answer for yourself: What does the bible teach about astrology and the heavens?

More than likely you know that from the very very ancient mankind observed the Heavens and the stars in them. What you more than likely did not know that likewise from the beginning Gods people were instructed to and encouraged to study the stars and the signs in the heavens. We find this admonition right in the beginning of our Bibles and the Hebrew Scriptures.

Gen 1:14 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: (KJV)

God instructs us from the beginning that the stars and the heavens are for signs!

Answer for yourself: What is the meaning of these "signs"? Signs for what?

Well it cannot be for seasons (spring, summer, etc) because that is mentioned in addition to "signs" in the same verse so "signs" must mean something else.

Strong's Concordance

226 'owth (oth); probably from 225 (in the sense of appearing); a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, etc.: KJV-- mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token.

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon:

226 'owth- 1) a sign, a signal

- a) a distinguishing mark
- b) a banner
- c) remembrance
- d) a miraculous sign
- e) an omen
- f) a warning

2) a token, an ensign, a standard, a miracle, a proof

Answer for yourself: Could these "lights" in the firmament mean more than the Sun and the Moon? Could these "lights" in the firmament possibly mean astrological signs or the signs of the Zodiac? Does the bible ever mention the Zodiac? You might be surprised but the Bible surely does mention the Zodiac and often synagogues had a zodiac in their floor.



In 1928, Israeli farmers in Beth Alpha, located at the base of Mount Gilboa in the Valley of Jezreel, were digging an irrigation ditch when they unearthed a brightly colored mosaic chip. A Hebrew inscription on the piece was cause for consultation with Professor Eliezer Sukenik of the Hebrew University, who immediately ordered an archaeological dig. This led to the discovery of the remains of a fifth century synagogue's pillars and walls. The greatest surprise came when they unearthed an almost completely intact zodiac mosaic floor.



The elegant floor of warmly colored stones contains an instantly recognizable image of the twelve signs. The Greek Sun god Helios is the largest image, appearing in the center of the horoscope wheel. He's crowned and is shown inside his chariot surrounded by stars and a crescent Moon. Four horses appear with him, and his chariot has multi-colored wheels.

Beautiful renditions of the zodiac signs appear in the house sectors, starting with Libra at the rising sign point, rather than traditional Aries. Angels of the four seasons decorate the corners. Twenty-two different stones were used to create this masterpiece; the Hebrew alphabet is comprised of the same number of letters. The pavement was made in the time of Emperor Justin the First, who reigned from 518 to 527. It covers the entire nave area and has inscriptions referring to the zodiac in Hebrew and Greek. Examples of the twelve zodiac signs with Helios in his sun chariot surrounded by angels have been discovered in seven ancient synagogues in Israel. In addition to Beth Alpha, the zodiacs appear at Hammath Tiberias, Khirbet Susiya, Yafia, Sepphoris, Beth Shean, Husifa, and Na'aran.

ASTROLOGY AND ANCIENT JUDAISM

Hebrew tradition believes the first Jewish patriarchs used astrology, including Abraham. Abraham came from Babylon or Mesopotamia, a city with a name that translates as "light of the astrologers," where planetary deities were worshipped. One astrological treatise possibly written by Abraham is known to have existed in the third century B.C. Abraham's father Terah was also an astrologer.

Moses (c.1200-1100 B.C.), as Pharaoh's adopted son, was also an astrologer. He correlated the attributes of the twelve signs to the twelve tribes of Israel, then took the people from the tabernacle in the wilderness on their pilgrimage, lined up by zodiacal order. Rabbinical tradition asserts that the signs of the zodiac have represented the twelve tribes since antiquity.

Beth Alpha's floor is renown as one the most important mosaics in Israel. The synagogue is now part of a National Park on Kibbutz Hefzibah. Visitors can tour the Beth Alpha Synagogue National Park and see the most complete zodiac floor from the time when astrology held a place in the synagogue.

We should expect and do find multiple references to the Zodiac in the Bible.

Job 38:31-33 "Canst thou bring bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?"

Answer for yourself: Did you notice the word "Pleiades"? Pleiades is a "cluster of seven stars in the neck of the constellation Taurus." Then there is Orion. Orion is "constellation in the southern hemisphere containing seventy-eight stars."

Answer for yourself: Did you notice the word Mazzaroth? What does this word mean?

Strong's Concordance:

4216 Mazzarah (maz-zaw-raw'); apparently from 5144 in the sense of distinction; some noted constellation (only in the plural), perhaps collectively, the 12 signs of the Zodiac: KJV-- Mazzaroth. Compare 4208.

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon:

4216 mazzarah- Mazzaroth; the 12 signs of the Zodiac and their 36 associated constellations

Here we have a verifiable account of the Zodiac being looked upon with a "holy reverence".

Job is actually asking if Yahweh (the so called sacred name for the tribal god of the Jews) God can bring the Zodiac about each day and according to the dates thereof. So it is very clear that we are talking about Astronomy here.

Amos 5:8 "He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and changes deep darkness into morning."

These people knew the Zodiac and Astrology.

Answer for yourself: Why would God mention the Zodiac in the Hebrew Scriptures if we are not to understand it? It would appear without a doubt that these people knew the Zodiac and Astrology!

Answer for yourself: Why should this surprise anyone; it is all right there in the Bible?

Even Yahweh himself was fascinated with His stars that He even named them.

Ps 147:4 4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. (KJV)

The Book of Jasher is given scriptural authority in Joshua 10:13 and II Samuel 1:18.

Answer for yourself: Why have we as Christians and followers of "the Christ" not ever been taught or know much concerning the Book of Jasher? The reason this book has not been very popular and probably hidden, is because what it says about astrology. One of the many problematic passages in the book is the one concerning Abraham's father Terah who *"had twelve gods of large size, made of wood and stone, after the twelve months of the year, and he served each one monthly"* (Jasher 9:8). Abraham himself is depicted as worshipping the sun and the moon:

"And Abram served the sun in that day and he prayed to it...and Abram served the moon and prayed to it all that night." (Jasher 9:14-17)

Then we have recorded that the Jews did the same thing later, *"And he (Josiah) did away with the idolatrous priests...who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven."* (II Kings 23:5)

These Jewish kings were sun-worshippers as it is stated in II Kings 23:11, *"removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun..."*

This is where it really gets interesting. We see the phrase *"all the host of heaven"* in the passage above.

Answer for yourself: What is meant by "all the host of heaven"?

It is clearly referring to the stars and the constellations and such. That is what is meant by the "host of heaven", it is basically astrological.

Now we have a problem in the next passage which seems contradictory to what we have seen up to this point and especially so when comparing what we saw written in Genesis earlier in this article. Notice with we the diametrically opposite position now taken concerning the Sun and the stars:

Yahweh warned his people, *“And beware, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them...”* So we see here that *“all the host of heaven”* is the stars and such and that Yahweh warned to not even look up at them.

Answer for yourself: What is going on? Isn't this contradicting from Genesis 1:14 where it says that these “host of heaven” were given for a sign to his people? Something is wrong and unless one studies hard he will forever be confused when contrasting these several passages; some for and some against astronomy and astrology.

Deut. 17:3 is another place where Yahweh condemns his people who *“has gone and served other gods and worshipped them, or the sun or the moon or any heavenly host, which I have not commanded”*. The interesting thing is here is that Yahweh, God the creator of all these things, the stars, the sun and moon NEVER once says that these things are not real, living creatures. Think about it. These verses go on to call them “gods”. It is as if Yahweh and His people all believed that these “host of heaven” had personalities and were living.

Answer for yourself: Can we prove this? To prove my point: *Nehemiah 9:6 “Thou, even thou, art Lord... and all the host of heaven worshippeth thee.”* So here we see the stars as worshipping Yahweh. This must mean that the writer believed that the stars were actually living creatures.

Judges 5:20 “The stars fought from heaven, from their courses they fought against Sisera.”

Answer for yourself: What did we see in the above verse from Judges 5:20? Here we see that the stars are actually fighting in battle. The writer of the book of Judges seemed to think that stars were living beings.

Job 38:7 “When the morning stars sang together, all the sons of God shouted for joy.”

This is basically saying that the “sons of God” were in reality the stars or host of heaven.

Ps 147:4 4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. (KJV)

Here the bible says that even Yahweh himself gave the host of heaven, the stars, names.

Ps 148:1-3 1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. 2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. (KJV)

So here we see that the stars and sun and the moon are told to praise God as if they were living souls. We can clearly see that this is exactly what the Hebrews believed. They believed that the stars were living beings.

Dan 12:3 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (KJV)

So here Daniel said that those who have a “special” insight will be like the stars and that the stars are actually righteous.

Answer for yourself: How can a mass of organic and gaseous substance be righteous?

The only way is that Daniel thought that the stars had souls and were living. This is what was generally believed in ancient times as well as the Hebrews as we will see as our studies advance.

Answer for yourself: So who exactly was Yahweh? We have all been taught that Yahweh is believed to be a

name for God but when we look deeper we see what we have missed our whole lives.

1 King 22:19 19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. (KJV)

We have already seen in this article as discussed above that the "host of heaven" is the stars of the heavens. Then this verse is referring to the stars in the Heavens which surround the Yahweh's throne. More specific it refers to all the Heavenly orbs in the Heavens above which include the planets, the sun or the moon.

Answer for yourself: Is there anywhere that tells us exactly who Yahweh might be?

Ps 89:36-37 36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. 37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah. (KJV)

The verse says that Yahweh's throne is **as the sun**, and that **it stands as a witness in heaven!** This means that we should be able to "see" this witness and see Yahweh's throne as we look into the sky above. This is all the more amazing when it dawns upon us that we have seen the Throne of Yahweh our whole lives and never recognized it as we looked at the Sun over and over again.

Answer for yourself: Could it be that this verse is saying that the ancient Hebrews viewed the Sun as if it was Yahweh or at least a symbol of Yahweh? Is this any different from Egypt who likewise looked at the Sun as the representation of God as their Savior?

Ps 50:1-2 1 The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. (KJV)

So here we see that the rising of the Sun and its going down has something to do with Yahweh speaking.

Answer for yourself: Is God communicating a message to us from the Sun and other stars in the Heavens and we not know it?

- What is this message?
- Is there any connection between God's message to mankind in movement of the Sun and its path through the Heavens?
- Did the Ancient Egyptians understand this message of God and can we know it today?
- Has this message from God as understood by the Ancients been changed over time and have we lost the original understanding of what God was speaking as the Ancients understood it and has this message been replaced by a counterfeit message by Rome?

These are very, very important questions. I realize that this is new material for most but that does not change the fact that unlike "literal Christians today" and "literal followers of the Christ" the Ancients and their Priests understood the movement of the Heavens as the message of God and the voice of God to them. God's salvation message was proclaimed on the chalkboard of the Heavens above and the wisdom of the Ancients reveal to us such wisdom if only we knew to look. This concept of God speaking to us from the Sun and the Stars is totally foreign to Christianity in the Western Hemisphere today since we are taught since childhood that Astrology and Astronomy is evil.

The above passage goes on to say that God (the sun) hath shined. This is clearly speaking of the sun.

We all have at one time or another in our lives heard of Malachi 4:2

"But for you who fear my name the SUN of Righteousness will rise with healing in its wings..."

Here the SUN is referred to as being righteous and able to heal. This next verse should wrap this up and

really expose just who Yahweh was.

*Ps 84:11-12 11 **For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. (KJV)***

It is as plain as can be that this verse refers to Yahweh as being a star or the sun! How much more evidence do we need to see that the Ancients, and even the Hebrews, understood God as associated with the Sun and saw a message being proclaimed by the Creator by the movement of the orbs of the Cosmos?

Yahweh was worshipped in the symbol of the SUN!

Job 37:14-21 14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. 15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine? 16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge? 17 How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind? 18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass? 19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness. 20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up. 21 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Now what does this mean? This is talking about God's light shining through a cloud. Now what is the bright light in the clouds? It is the SUN!

Let us consider these other verses.

Isaiah 2:5 "...walk in the light of the Lord."

Isaiah 60:1 "Arise shine for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen."

Numbers 24:17 "...a STAR shall come forth from Jacob..."

There are many more examples as these. As stated before the bible is nothing more than Astrotheology and is not to be taken literally in many places where we have erroneously done so because of inadequate teachings. One might say that the whole book can be shown to be nothing but myths, astral worship, and personification of the movement of the Heavens rolled into one book which is dispersed among the history of a people; the Hebrews.

Answer for yourself: Is there proof that the early Christians and even recent day Christianity still worship the sun? And what about Jesus?

- Is he really just another SUN God? Did he really exist?
- Can it be shown that the depiction of "Jesus Christ" in the New Testament is nothing more than the personification of the SUN and its path through the Zodiac?
- Can it be shown that Jesus Christ's father is the whole heavens and the 12 Houses of Israel is the 12 Houses of the Zodiac and the 12 disciples are the 12 signs of the zodiac?
- What about the New Testament? Has Astrology in the New Testament been interpreted "literally" as a historical "Jesus Christ" when in fact the Ancients who originally taught these concepts which were later written down never intended them to be understood other than an allegorical expression of Divine Truth and the Message of God as heard from the movement of the orbs in the Heavens above?

THE NEW TESTAMENT AND ASTROLOGY...HIDDEN IN PLAIN

SIGHT

If you have read the New Testament much then you have read astrology over and over again and never possibly noticed it. Let us look quickly at only a few examples before we move to a deeper study.

Matthew 2:2 "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him."

Here we see that Jesus "the Christ" had his own star for they saw his star.

Matthew 2:10 "And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy."

Answer for yourself: Is this not worship of the stars?

I Corinthians 15:40-41 "There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars, for star differs from star in glory."

It is interesting that Paul states that some stars are different from others and compares the resurrection with the glory of a star.

Answer for yourself: Are stars born? Do they die? Does this have anything to do with them rising in the horizon and setting below the horizon and was this understood by the Ancients that God was speaking to them of "birth, life, death, and rebirth"? Was the rising and setting of the Sun and Stars a symbol of a theological Divine Truth; one of "birth" and "death" and "rebirth"? Did the Ancients see the same message spoken to them by God in Nature with the seasons which itself was controlled by the "signs" of Heaven? You bet they did and in fact in time they came to see these same Divine Principles working in their own bodies. In such a way Ancient mankind and the Egyptians and their Priests, who just happen to be the biological parents of the later Jewish race, came to see that mankind was "created in the image of God" which they saw above their heads, around them on earth, and within their own bodies. Keep that in mind. God was speaking to them of "life after death" and "Eternal Life" through the message of the Sun and Stars. Understand these movements of the Cosmos were understood allegorically by the Ancients of deeper Divine Principles and these Divine Principles later became religious Dogmas that were always understood "allegorically" and not literally. Literal truths were expressed through the medium of allegory by Ancient sages and Priests of Egypt for example but the myths created to express them were never meant to be believed literally. For example Osiris was a type and shadow of a Divine Concept and never meant to be understood as a historical person. Keep that in mind when we look at the life of "Jesus Christ" in the New Testament. Personification is fine to teach Divine Truths if we understand it as such but when personification and allegory become "literalized" without the reader's knowledge then deception enters into the mix and in the case of Christianity the personification of the allegorical "Christ" into a historical literal "Jesus Story" has rendered us as idolators since the vast majority of Christians today worship Jesus as a godman instead of worshipping the Invisible Divine Creator as instructed by Moses and the Ten Commandments.

Answer for yourself: Did we miss something of major importance in I Corinthians 15:44-41? Yes we did.

We must take time to notice something very important in this verse which was the very substrate of Egyptian and Jewish religion. Egypt understood and the substructure of their whole worship of God was the Divine Principles that "So Above, So Beneath". Let me explain. There is a heavenly and an earthly figure or pattern for everything. Two different concepts. Remember this it is very important.

Malachi 1:11 "For from the rising of the sun to it's setting my name (Yahweh) is great among the

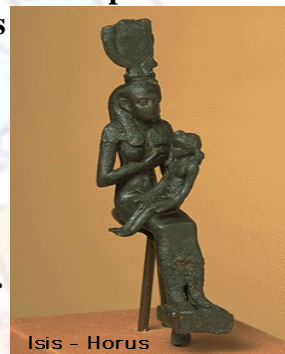
nations.”

Answer for yourself: But Yahweh's name is not said to be great after the setting of the sun. Why? Because his name was that of the Sun.

Before we go on we need to learn a little more of what the Ancients understood of the Sun. This brings us to Horus, the Son of God in Egypt. The name Horus comes from the Egyptian word "Hor", which translates as 'face'. We find that he had many names because of the different aspects connected to him. We find him worshipped as Mekhenti-irry which translates as 'He who has on his brow Two Eyes', the sun and moon representing his eyes. The followers of Horus invaded Egypt in pre dynastic history, at this time he was venerated as a victorious warlord. He became a part of the state religion and was associated with the sun god, Ra. Horus was so important to the state religion that **Pharaohs were considered his human manifestation (representatives) and even took on the name Horus.** In the more popular religious beliefs of the Osiris cults he was the son of Osiris and Isis. The avenger of his father's murder and the model of a dutiful son. It is in these stories that we find him doing battle with his uncle, Seth (personified darkness). This sure should make us think of the Sun battling darkness on a daily basis; especially when the Sun sets in the western horizon and "dies" only to be "resurrected later".

Other Names For Horus:

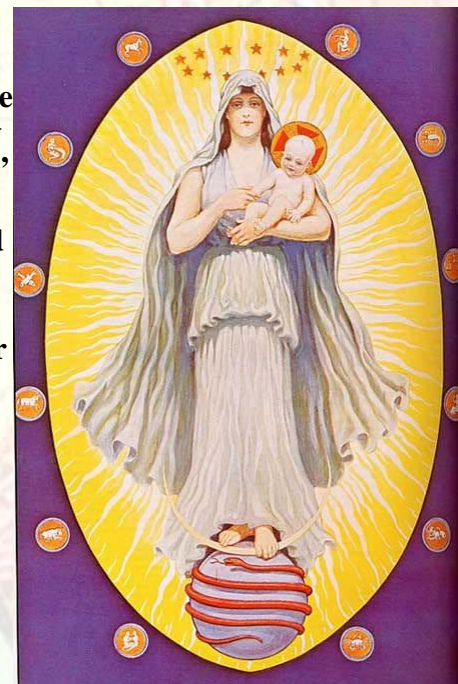
- Haroeris (Horus the Elder): An early form of Horus. He was a god of light. His eyes represented the sun and the moon.
- Ra-Harakhte: (Horus of the two horizons): This horus was identified with Ra and the daily voyage of the sun from horizon to horizon.
- Harpokrates (The infant Horus): As a child he represented the **new born sun** and was often pictured being suckled by Isis. In this form he is often depicted as a naked child seated on Isis's lap. This motif later become the icon for baby Jesus and Mary.
- Harmakhet (Horus in the Horizon): In this form he represented the **rising sun**.
- Horus Behudety: In the form of Horus of Edfu, he represented the **midday sun**.
- Harmachis: (Heru-Em-Akhet, Harmakis): "Horus in the horizon". Horus as symbol of resurrection, linked with the **setting sun**.



The picture of Isis and Horus is another “image” that has supposedly been “Christianized”. The worship of the mother and her child, the re-incarnated sun god, has been one of the main components of sun worship since ancient times. The child



represented the reborn sun god, proclaimed to be husband of the mother. That enabled her to claim the title “mother of god” – “queen of heaven”. Please notice the “nimbus” surrounding the heads in many depictions of the “mother and child”. This “nimbus” or radiant light, in the form of a circle or halo, originated in the sun worship. The nimbus was used to indicate the radiance of the sun gods or goddesses. As if that was not enough often Catholic theology is betrayed by their artwork and no greater example could be found that this next picture of Mary and baby Jesus, not only with the nimbus of the sun above their heads but they are surrounded by the constellations of the Zodiac. Notice also the rays of the Sun behind her and let us never forget that we get the word for "ray", as in rays of the Sun, from Ra, the personification of God the Creator as the Sun in Egypt.



Answer for yourself: In the myth of Horus did the Ancients understand by watching the path of the Sun that God was speaking to them of higher Divine

Truths such as "birth, life, death, and resurrection"? It sure appears so and they immortalized this Divine Truth in the allegory of Horus, the Son of God. We should expect to find the same Divine Truth in the "Jesus Story" and we do but like Horus it was never meant to be taken "literally" as a historical person. Modern scholarship reveals this to today if we only look.

DID EGYPT KNOW YAHWEH FIRST?

Answer for yourself: Since we saw earlier that Yahweh was often depicted as the Sun then is there a possibility the Yahweh was first known by the Egyptians long before the Jewish people which again modern scholarship today shows us were their biological children? Did you know that the name "Yahweh" is from an Egyptian word Ioa?

Exod 3:13-14 13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. (KJV)

The Egyptian name for God was "Nuk-Pa-Nuk," or "I Am That I Am". James Bonwick, in Egyptian Belief and Modern Thought, goes on to teach us that this Egyptian phrase, "I Am That I Am" should recall to our memory the Mosaic narrative. Also he informs us that the secret Name of God was earnestly sought for in prayer. On an ancient image of a priest, the Deity is styled "Divine Father." It was a solemn declaration on the tomb of an Egyptian worthy the cry of a pious Israelite-"The Lord is God, there is but one God for me". This is all the more understandable when we come to realize that all the various names for their "gods" and "goddesses" but nothing more than expressions of the Many in the One or the various attributes of the Creator individualize and expressed individually (James Bonwick, Egyptian Belief and Modern Thought, p. 395). In none of these forms or attributes, however, not even in the naked shining sun, was it the literal object that was worshiped, but certain functions or powers, of which these were but the representations. It was observed that the sun in cooperation with the earth and the atmosphere which gave rain, caused all manner of verdure to spring forth and bear its proper fruit. It was held, therefore, that the sun was the supreme formative power, the mighty author of fruitfulness, and that the greatest and most glorious manifestation and exertion of his powers were employed in reproduction. Sun worship was therefore nothing more nor less than the worship of the principle of reproduction in man and nature and symbolized the very gift of life which came ultimately from the invisible Creator Himself. And as the influence of the real sun was extended over and through all nature, so this principle was extended through all worship.

Godfrey Higgins, in his Anacalypsis, vol. ii, p. 17, informs us that this Egyptian name "**I Am That I Am**" was found on the temple of Isis at Sais in Egypt. "'I Am' was a Divine name understood by all the initiated among the Egyptians" says Higgins. He goes on to say that "The 'I Am' of the Hebrews and the 'I Am' of the Egyptians are identical." Furthermore he makes note of the fact that the name esteemed the most sacred by the Egyptians was that which the Hebrews later adopted; namely Y-Ha-Ho (Yahweh or Jehovah to us today). He says it is variously pronounced: but Clement, of Alexandria, Egypt, assures us, in his Stromatis, that all those who entered into the temple of Serapis, were obliged to wear on their persons, in a conspicuous place on their breast or forehead, the name of "I-ha-h", (Jao) or "I-ha-hou" (J-ha-ho), which signifies "the God eternal." Now for a remarkable statement: From this, I think, we may fairly infer, that the Egyptians were of the same religion, in its fundamentals, as the Jews (Godfrey Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. ii, p. 17).

Answer for yourself: Then does it not appear that the name "Jehovah" or "Yahweh", which was adopted by the Hebrews, was a name esteemed sacred among the Egyptians? The Hebrews called "Nuk-Pa-Nuk" which they learned of only in Egypt by the name recognized today which is "Y-ha-Ho" or "Yahweh" (Godfrey Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i, p. 329; vol. ii, p. 17). Bonwick goes on to say that this name was well-known to the Egyptian Gentiles long before the Jewish nation there can be no doubt. Bonwick also makes mention of the fact

that the Egyptian expression "Nutar Nutra" exactly corresponds in sense to the Hebrew "El Shaddai," the very title by which God tells Moses he was known to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob (Prof. Renouf: Religion of Ancient Egypt, p. 99). For those who want to check this out and learn more in detail a fantastic book I highly recommend is Bible Myths and Parallels in Other Religions by T. W. Doane (1910) and you can see these things in greater detail.

Answer for yourself: What other "Divine Truths" did Egypt know which we have today inherited from the hands of antisemitic Rome (remember the Jewish nation would be not only the children of the Egyptians but inherit their religion of the Sun as well) altered and changed? Has the allegories and symbolisms expressing Divine Truth as taught by Egypt and Judaism been "literalized" by Rome in the New Testament and in so doing we have lost the true message of God which He spoke from the Sun and the Stars which the Ancients priesthoods knew?

One more thing before we move on. Amen-Ra was another name for this Divine Father in heaven, who has the title of "Huhi" the eternal, from which the Hebrews derived the name "Thuh." The closest the Jews come to a name for their god is Yahweh or as some call him Jehovah. But Jehovah had never been pronounced until the 17th century when the letter J was added to the English alphabet. Yahweh is translated in the Bible as LORD. But Lord is just another title, making the name of the Jewish god two titles, lord and god. It was their Shem Hammephorash for which neither Yahweh nor Jehovah are the correct pronunciations. The Jews considered the name of their god to be so sacred that it was only pronounced once a year and only by the High Priest in the temple in Jerusalem. Additionally, only the Hebrew consonants which correspond to IHUH or later JHUH, which comprise the Tetragrammaton - the Ineffable name, were written. Instead of pronouncing the name, the Jews substituted the name "Adonai" for the name of their god. Or so they now claim. But Adonis is the Phoenician God of love and beauty. It is quite probable that the Jews simply did not have a name for their god, so they borrowed the Greek name early in Jewish history. Whatever the name of the Jewish god may have been, there hasn't been a high priest who could pronounce the name in the temple for 1900 years. The fact is, there is not a modern Jew, or anyone else who knows how to pronounce his own god's name. And the Christian god does not even have a name. [For the derivation of the names of "Jesus" from all this see the link.](#)

Psalms 68:32-34 "Sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides upon the highest heavens, which are from ancient times...and his strength is in the skies."

This makes it clear that Yahweh rides in the heavens and in the sky is his strength.

Jesus, as "the Christ," was also worshipped as the sun.

Answer for yourself: When did Paul see Jesus?

Acts 26:13 "At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me..."

Here Paul says he seen this bright light at midday, the time of day when the sun is the brightest (Horus Behudety: Paul saw in this Jesus another form of Horus of Edfu as he represented the midday sun).

II Peter 1:19 "And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the DAY DAWNS and the MORNING STAR arises in your hearts."

Answer for yourself: What exactly does Peter mean by morning star and the reference to the "dawning of the day"? Could he possibly mean Jesus Christ?

Revelation 2:27 "And I will give him the MORNING STAR."

Well we finally get our answer as to whom Jesus Christ is and he himself admits it.

Revelation 22:16 "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the BRIGHT and MORNING STAR."

Well we have our answer but it is not comforting for some who have been taught a historical "Jesus" their whole lives. Jesus Christ tells us who he is just as God did in Psalms 84:11.

Ps 84:11 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (KJV)

God and Jesus are the SUN in many of the texts within our Scriptures and we fail to recognize it today! And these bible verses and the earliest Christian history which escapes the literary purge and destruction of Rome clearly prove that "Jesus Christ" was but an allegory for deeper Divine Concepts and was not worshipped as a historical person but as the Sun and the heavens was his father's house. The Bishop of Carthage Tertullian says that Christians were considered as sun worshippers because they prayed towards the east just like their pagan counterparts who also worshipped the sun. Tertullian goes on to say, "You say we worship the sun; so do you." (CE xiv, 525; Ad. Nationes, xiii; Ante-Nicene Father. iii, 123) Tertullian went on to renounce Christianity and admitted that he was in error.

DID THE EARLIEST CHURCH FATHERS KNOW JESUS WAS THE SUN BUT "LITERALIZED" THE SUN IN THEIR INTERPRETATIONS?

Other orthodox Christian fathers had interesting things to say also.

- St. Cyprian (258 CE) spoke of Christ as "the true sun (sol verus)."
- St. Ambrose (339-397 CE) the Bishop of Milan said of Christ, "He is our new sun."
- St. Gregory of Nazianzus (330-389) called Christ, "Sol noster, sol verus."
- St. Zeno of Verona (375) called Christ, "Sol noster, sol verus."
- Leo the Great (440-461) said that it was custom of many Christians to stand on the steps of the Church of St. Peter and pay homage to the Sun by obeisance and prayers.
- Emperor Hadrian could see not difference between the Christians and the followers of the Egyptian god Serapis who was the Sun. He states, ***"There are there [in Egypt] Christians who worship Serapis and devoted to Serapis are those who call themselves 'Bishops of Christ.'*** (Giles, Hebrew and Christian records, vol. ii p, 86)

This is really where the beginning of Christianity lays, in Egypt. There was a group there called the Therapeutae. For many centuries before the time of Jesus there lived a sect of religious monks in Egypt known as Essenes, or Therapeutae. Numerous bodies of ascetics (Therapeutae), especially near Lake Mareotis, devoted themselves to discipline and study, abjuring society and labor, and forgetting it is said, the simplest wants of nature, in contemplating the hidden wisdom of the Scriptures. Eusebius even claimed them as Christians and some of the forms of monasticism (by Christians) were evidently modeled after the Therapeutae" (Smith's Bible Dictionary, art, "Alexandria"). As Eusebius states in his Ecclesiastical History, Book II chapter 17, "Those ancient Therapeutae were Christians, and that their writings are our Gospels and Epistles." This sect of mystical Jews who lived near Alexandria in Egypt at the beginning of the first century CE. They are described by Philo in his book On the Contemplative Life as a **Jewish Pythagorean school which also included the Essenes.** Some say that Philo himself may have been a member. Although the **Church historian Eusebius argued that the Therapeutae were the first Literalist Christians**, as Philo wrote about them in 10 CE, 20 years before the supposed date of the crucifixion, this theory has now been thoroughly discredited. **Philo writes about the Therapeutae in terms suggesting that they were practising a Jewish version of the Pagan**

Mysteries. Ironically, Eusebius may well have been right. The Therapeutae are most likely the proto-Christians who created the Jesus story.

The Gnostics Jews had a very big influence on Christianity. Time and space will not allow me to go into the connection here but as we have seen before on our other websites the Gnostics did not believe that the bible should be taken literally. The early Jewish and Gentile Gnostics believed that the bible should be interpreted allegorically. It is no coincidence that there are 12 patriarchs, 12 tribes of Israel and 12 disciples. **12 is the number of astrology and the 12 "houses" that the sun passes through every day and the 12 hours of night and day.** The seven branched candlesticks seen in all Catholic churches are taken from, Revelation 1:12-16. These seven candlesticks are nothing more than the Sun as the central light and represented as Jesus again, and the Moon, Mercury, and Venus on one side and Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn of the other. Because in the *"middle of the lamp stand one like a son of man,...girded across his breast with a golden girdle, and his head and hair were white like wool, ...and his eyes were like a flame of fire. (Vs. 16) And in his right hand he held seven stars;... and his face was like the SUN shining in its strength."*

Answer for yourself: What did we just read? **We just read another account where Jesus Christ is being described as the Sun again!**

Revelation 4:7 "And the first creature was like a lion (Leo), and the second creature like a calf (Taurus the bull calf), and the third beast had a face as a man (Aquarius, the waterman) and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle (Aquila)."

Answer for yourself: Does this sound familiar? This is basically a copy of what Ezekiel chapter one states.

Answer for yourself: How did Ezekiel view this relationship?

Ezekiel states in 1:1 *"...the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God."*

We should notice right off that Ezekiel got his vision from the heavens.

Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the word "world" is purposefully mistranslated in your Christian New Testaments? Why?

Strong's Concordance:

165 aion (ahee-ohn'); from the same as 104; properly, **an age**; by extension, perpetuity (also past); by implication, the world; specially (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future): KJV-- age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), [n-] ever, (beginning of the while the) world (began, without end). Compare 5550.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

165 aion-

- 1) forever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity
- 2) the worlds, the universe
- 3) **a period of time, an age**

You hear often the talk about the "new age" coming. Well in this verse we find that the word "aion" is a reference to the divisions of the Zodiac that reveal to us the precession of the equinoxes. Gerald Massey says this about the "end of an age". *"When Horus had fulfilled the period of 2155 years with the Easter*

Equinox in the Sign of Aries, the birthplace passed into the Sign of Pisces, when the Ever Coming One, the Renewer as the Eternal Child who had been brought forth as a Lion in Leo, a Beetle in Cancer, as one of the Twins in Gemini, as a calf in the Sign of the Bull, and a Lamb in the Sign of the Ram, was destined to manifest as the Fish, in the Sign of the Fishes...Pisces." The Zodiac moves in the Heavens and every 2160 years one sign of the Zodiac moves out from the Vernal Equinox and is replaced by the next revolving sign of the Zodiac and a complete cycle of the Zodiac and all 12 constellations takes 26,000 years. In other words the time of the era of Jesus everywhere they were looking for a Messiah because of the Zodiac cyclic calendar. Massey goes on to state, *"The Messiah who manifested in this sign was foreordained to come as Ichthys the fisherman, or, doctrinally, the fisher of men"* (G. Massey, *The Light of Egypt*, p.20). ICHTHYS is an anagram for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" and also ichthys is the Greek word for fish. Early Christians were called "Pisciculi" or "little fishes" (Higgins, *Anacalypsis*, vol. i, p. 568). Augustine said of Jesus, "he is the fish of the living water," (Higgins, *Anacalypsis*, vol. i, p. 636). Tertullian calls Jesus, "our fish". Thus every where you look you see a fish symbol on the back of cars that is suppose to represent a historical person but now you know it is all just Astrotheology. I think that there is more than enough proof here to say that the Egyptians and their children the Jews had a love affair with the heavens and even worshipped them for they were for them the picture of the Invisible God. We must never forget that the worship of the Invisible God was aided by what they saw from the hands of this God and by that I mean the Heavens from which He spoke to them. To think that they physically and literally worshipped an orb and not the God which made them is foolish. We have seen Yahweh and Jesus the Christ both referred to as the Sun.

Answer for yourself: What do with do with the many stories of Jesus in the New Testament? Are all of them Astrotheology literalized? Where does the Astrotheology stop and literal truth begin? Was Jesus Christ really a historical person or a personified Divine Concept later "literalized"? Can we be sure? Will checking out the evidence for ourselves help us come to the truth about the "Jesus Story"?

Answer for yourself: After what we have seen thus far don't you owe it to yourself to check out the evidence for what this article contends for yourself?

- If then the New Testament can be shown to be but myths and Astrotheology then should we not be wise like the Egyptian sages and Priest and men like Moses, himself an Egyptian Pharaoh, and come to the original message and proper understanding of what the Ancients understood this God speaking to all mankind from these Heavens?
- Is this message of God from Heaven capable of being restored today and will it help expose the lies given to us by an antisemitic Rome?
- Will our worship of God, once repenting and unlearning the errors taught to us by a false "literalization" of "Jesus Christ" and learning of these hidden Divine truths spoken from Heaven by God which have been long kept from us, benefit and help us worship the Creator in Spirit and in Truth as He desires of us?

You bet it will and we move on to this task at present. Blessings.....

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SOLAR MYTHOLOGY AND THE "JESUS STORY"

Few today would doubt that a Supreme Creator is responsible for the creation of the stars and the sun and the whole universe. That being so it never seemed to bother me that one who was especially fond of this present universe and looks to the stars for insight is charged with being a sinner according to Christian dogmas and doctrines. Growing up in the Christian Church I was consistently taught that astrology is wrong and against what the bible teaches.

Answer for yourself: Is this the truth? Well that is totally false and a lie. In fact the bible teaches the opposite, **Astro-theology plays a very big role in Christianity.**

Webster's Dictionary of 1828 defines the word **"Astro-theology" as a "theology founded on the observation of the celestial bodies."**

The crux of our study in this website is the determination if the depiction of "Jesus Christ" as recorded in the New Testament is a real historical person or if this depiction of him is just a myth. Until the evidence is collected, seen, and scrutinized personally by you then the final answer to this question remains elusive to the inquirer. Modern scholarship today is responsible for bringing this question to the forefront. Many biblical and historical scholars are saying today that the "Jesus Story" is a myth. When I first ran across such an idea in my studies after Seminary I totally dismissed this idea but this notion surfaced over and over in my continued studies during my Pastorate. Finally I had to tackle this problem and the evidences that I discovered are presented in this website for the benefit of the student of Christianity today.

Answer for yourself: What did the early Christians believe about "Jesus Christ"? Is it what we have come to believe today as taught by Western and Roman and Protestant Christianity? Let me say outright that most of you will not know about the things which will be discussed in this letter as this information will be new and challenging to most.

Answer for yourself: Why is that? Because as I have stated before in our other websites, you have been brainwashed into thinking that Astrology is bad and evil. Few know what the Bible says about Astrology; instead they are more familiar with hearsay and what they have heard preached in sermons.

Answer for yourself: What does the bible say about astrology let alone astronomy? We need to look into this as we begin our study.

Most Christians have been taught to take the bible literally, and word for word. Simply said we are "Greek" and taught since childhood to take everything "literally". Few ever realize that the Biblical writer and even the Ancients before them taught in "allegory" and "simile" often and we approach these "allegories" conditioned to interpret them "literally" when reading and studying the New Testament. Thankfully today there are some Christians who realize that the bible is not to be taken this way, at least not all of it.

Answer for yourself: But what does the bible say about it's own stories. Paul gives us a clue about one bible story.

Gal 4:22-25 22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. (KJV)

Now it is clear that Paul is saying that this story is NOT about historical people. He just admits that they are really representative of two covenants. This is definitely the case with Paul as we shall see later on if we study the early Gnostic influence among the earliest Jewish and Gentile Christians. Modern scholarship today has brought to the attention of serious students of Scripture that instead of the traditional "received tradition" regarding the Apostle Paul that Paul was a Gnostic. For those who say he was not simply don't know what they are speaking about and devoid of proper understanding of Gnosticism as well as the Gnostic influences in Paul's writings concerning "the Christ within". We need say right up front that these Gnostics did not believe in taking the bible in a literal sense.

Answer for yourself: Could this be the reason why in reading the New Testament that we find so many contradictions with Paul's letters since we know Rome was responsible in writing many later "theological epistles" in the name of a long-dead Paul and these "roman forgeries" were intended to be understood and interpreted "literally" when the earliest 7 authentic epistles of Paul were written to be understood "allegorically"? Is Rome responsible for changing the meaning of "the Christ" as held by the earliest Jewish and Gentile Gnostic believers in "the Christ"? When one begins to look into these questions the answers that come help sort out the "Jesus Puzzle" that has concerned and perplexed scholars and students of Scripture for hundreds of years. It is only in this century with the discovery of the Nag Hammadi Gnostic Library in Egypt have the answers been easier to obtain and the information concerning these problems are readily available to any today; they only need know the need to look into such issues.

Answer for yourself: Is it possible that many other things we read in the Bible and the New Testament are meant to be understood as "allegories" and we have been mistakenly taught to interpret them "literally"? Could it be possible that the depiction of the "Jesus Story" was at one time understood "allegorically" by the earliest Christian "believers" of the First Century and only later reinterpreted "literally" through the design of Rome and the early Greek Church Fathers like Ignatius, Justin, and Irenaeus?

An allegory is a symbolic representation of one thing by another. Many of the Scriptures are allegorical in nature - certain physical people, places, things or events of an earlier time have an ultimate spiritual application in the present or future. While allegorical interpretation does have correct and legitimate usage, its self-centered approach is actually more ancient than Christianity, having originated with the pagan mystics, and then adopted by some Jewish and Christian "thinkers." According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, 15th Edition:

"Allegorical interpretation is a hermeneutical (interpretive) method used to uncover hidden or symbolic meanings of a Biblical text. Rooted in the techniques developed by Greek thinkers who attempted to overcome the problems posed by literal interpretations of ancient Greek myths, the allegorical method was further developed by Jewish scholars, such as Philo of Alexandria in the 1st century AD, and Christian thinkers, such as Clement and Origen of Alexandria in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD. Though other methods were often used, the allegorical method was dominant until late medieval times. The Protestant Reformation of the 16th century rejected, for the most part, the allegorical method and returned to the more literal interpretation of the Bible."

Let it be understood that "allegorical interpretation" refers to an explanation of a Scripture passage which is based upon the supposition that its author, whether God or man, intended something "other" than what is literally expressed. Two modes of Allegorical Interpretation are found dealing with the

Bible:

- **the one, symbolic or typological interpretation, derived mainly from Palestinian Jews;**
- **the other the philosophical or mystical modes, originating with the Alexandrian Jews of Egypt.**

Answer for yourself: Why is this reference to Egypt so important? One of the earliest advanced civilizations, Ancient Egypt, had a rich religious tradition which permeated every aspect of society. As in most early cultures, the patterns and behaviors of the sky led to the creation of a number of myths to explain the astronomical phenomena and explain the Divine Truths that the Egyptian Priests understood from such observations. For the Egyptians, the practice of astronomy went beyond legend: huge temples and pyramids were built to have a certain astronomical orientation and which likewise express "theological concepts" which we find "blurred" in Judeo-Christianity today. Although many of the religious aspects of Egyptian life were known for centuries, it was not until recently that a number of archaeoastronomers attempted to find out how important astronomy really was in ancient Egypt.

This reference to Egypt will be very important as our study continues for we shall see how the personification of the Sun, Constellations, and Stars and their paths in the Heavens will be the foundation for the later "allegories" that expressed Divine Truths that were later "literalized" by Rome in their depiction of the "Jesus Story" we find in the New Testament.

Answer for yourself: Did you notice in the above definition that until the 16th century Biblical interpretation was basically "allegorical"? Could this mean that the writers of Bible let alone the New Testament meant that their writings be understood "allegorically" and not "literally"? What are the implications of this when we consider "Jesus Christ"? Could the "literal depiction" of "Jesus Christ" be an allegory expressing Divine Concepts and Divine Truths that only later came to be understood "literally" as if a real historical person? If the earliest Gnostic Jewish and Gentile believers, let alone Paul, never taught a "historical Jesus Christ" as we have come to understand today then how correct is our understanding of Jesus today? What are the implications regarding idolatry since this "Jesus" of the New Testament was made "God" at the Council of Nicea?

Answer for yourself: What have famous Church Fathers said on this issue?

- **Church father Origen, one of the most accomplished biblical scholars of early Christianity said, "The Scriptures were of little use to those who understood them literally, as they are written." (Higgins, *Anacalypsis II*, p. 270)**
- **St. Augustine also thought of the bible in allegorical terms by saying, "There is no way of preserving the literal sense of the first chapter of Genesis, without impiety, and attributing things to God unworthy of him."**
- **St. Athanasius bishop of Alexandria admonishes us that "Should we understand sacred writ according to the letter, we should fall into the most enormous blasphemies" (Pike, 266)**

Basically this is exactly what the modern day Christians have done. We simply don't know today what the Ancients and earliest Christians, both Jewish and Gentile, knew and believed about "Jesus Christ" way back then. It would shock most Christians today to know that what they have been taught about "Jesus Christ" is 180 degrees diametrically opposite to what the earliest "believers" understood and believed about "the Christ Jesus". We take so much of the bible literally today when it was not to be taken that way nor intended to be taken "literally" by the writers of these spiritual documents. I will prove this in this website as we trace the movement of the Sun through the Zodiac as well as look at other "Solar" and "Lunar" events and see how the Ancients understood and interpreted them and how this understanding, once understood only allegorically as expressing Divine truth, was much later "literalized" and found expression in the life and events that are the very being of the "Jesus Story" we find in the New Testament".

"Impossible" I hear the typical Christian say; well you better get strapped in for a bumpy flight for the evidence is irrefutable once you see it.

It has been said that: *"The Christian religion is a parody on the worship of the Sun, in which they put a man whom they call Christ, in the place of the Sun, and pay him the same adoration which was originally paid to the Sun."* - Thomas Paine

Answer for yourself: Could this charge somehow be true and we not know it?

This is a most serious charge against Christianity as most know it and if such a charge can be shown to have validity then one should be honest enough before God to begin a serious investigation in his religious beliefs in order to separate truth from fiction.

Basically there is very little historical evidence for the existence for a historical "Jesus Christ" outside of the one book given to us by Rome which is the New Testament. Mentions of him by contemporary authors are both ambiguous and modern scholarship at best and has shown them to be forgeries by modern scholarship today. Likewise modern scholarship has shown that the Gospels themselves are written about a hundred years after his death and are again forgeries and not written early or by the presumed authors cited by Church tradition. **This brings the "Jesus Story" into question and many want the truth of the matter concerning just who is this "Jesus Christ" we read about in the Roman New Testament.**

WHO IS THE "JESUS CHRIST" WE FIND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

The writings of early Christians also verify that Christ was perceived by the Pagans as a typical sun god, an idea that came to fruition in the works of French scholar Charles Dupuis at the end of the 18th century, when he wrote his multivolume Origine de tous les cultes. Dupuis was followed by Count Volney, another brilliant French mythicist, and the floodgates opened, with the German School of biblical criticism kicking into full gear, the Dutch throwing their hats into the arena, and the British making a tremendous impact that is likely responsible for the extremely low rate of church attendance in Britain today. Particularly notable among the British were Godfrey Higgins, Rev. Robert Taylor, Gerald Massey and J.M. Robertson, although Higgins was apparently a "sincere Christian" and not a mythicist in the strictest sense of the word. The German school culminated in the excellent works of Arthur Drews, while the French also produced Couchoud and Dujardin. The mythicists made such inroads that by the end of the 19th century the Right Reverend J.P. Lundy acknowledged the bulk of their arguments as truthful - up to the point where they claimed Christ to be a myth. Lundy was not at all alone in his acknowledgment of the Pagan origins of Christianity; indeed, some decades later Christian apologist Sir Arthur Weigall composed his work The Paganism in Our Christianity, in which he repeatedly admitted the unoriginality of the Christian fable.

Coupled with the above scholarship by such respected men of great study is the fact that the four canonical gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, appear nowhere in the historical/literary record until the end of the second century, despite the claims and wishful thinking of Christian proponents, many of whom, unbelievably, still maintain that these gospels were written by the apostles/disciples themselves and are "eyewitness accounts." These apologist assertions are simply wrong, as has been demonstrated repeatedly over the centuries by the ablest of scholars and scientists, many of whom were Christians.

It has always mystified believers and assorted other historicizers that the story of Jesus Christ appears in no contemporary historical record. Of at least 40 writers of the first several decades of the Christian era, including philosophers and historians, not one mentions Christ, Christians or Christianity. With such a suspicious development concerning a man who "supposedly shook up the world," apologists have been forced to resort to a few pitiful and inadequate "references" in non-Christian sources dating to decades later. Herbert Cutner, in his Jesus-God, Man or Myth: An Examination of the Evidence, provides an astute analysis of the purported references to Jesus in secular literature, including supposed Jewish "testimony" such as the writings of the Jewish historian Josephus and the Talmud. In the first place, the authors of these texts are not witnesses at all, having lived many decades to centuries after the supposed advent of Christ. **Secondly, it is evident that**

(non-Christian) Jews of the second century had no clue as to any "historical" Jesus.

Answer for yourself: So who was this "Jesus" back then? If there is great doubt that he was not a historical person as we have been led to believe and interpret the passages in the New Testament then is it possible that the "Jesus Story" is but an allegory of the path of the Sun through the Heavens and the Zodiac? Was "Jesus Christ" understood by the Ancients by other names as they viewed the Heavens and the movements of God's Cosmos? Is it remotely possible, and can we prove today, that the earliest Christians, themselves Gnostics, understood the "Jesus Story" as an allegory for the path of the Sun through the Zodiac?

If one has the courage to study and examine the absence of evidence for a historical Jesus Christ as well as the forgery of the New Testament by Rome then one quickly sees the truth concerning the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament. Having established for yourself that there is no evidence of a "historical Jesus," Cutner and many writers representing modern scholarship proceeds to Christian mythology which lies at the center of the debate, reiterating the solar-mythos, with its virgin birth and so many other motifs found within Christianity. Regarding astrology or astrotheology and biblical stories and rituals, Cutner remarks:

"...Nearly all the solar deities had a Virgin for a mother... The birthday of Jesus, like that of Mithra and other solar gods, was about December 25, and his twelve Apostles certainly correspond to the twelve signs of the Zodiac. When Jesus (who was the Sun of Righteousness) was crucified, the Sun naturally died; it was eclipsed. And of course, Jesus rose with the Sun on the day of the Sun. It would have been out of the question for him to rise on any other day - say on Moon-day. Every detail of the Sun Myth, says R.A. Proctor, the famous writer on astronomy, is worked into the record of the Galilean teacher. It could hardly have been otherwise" (Herbert Cutner, in his Jesus-God, Man or Myth: An Examination of the Evidence, p. 144).

As an ordained Pastor and Seminary graduate who is guilty of studying too much it saddens me to admit that after 16 years of intense scholarly study that my Christian faith and the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament is nothing more than a symbolic representation of the Sun, a solar deity, the Sun personified and its movements through the Cosmos chronicled as the events of a supposed historical person.

Let us look at one example before we tackle the articles on this website. Christianity celebrates December the 25th as the birth date of their savior god, Jesus Christ. However, what remains widely unknown to adherents of the faith is that this time of year, and specifically, the 25th has been a time of year honored and revered since the beginning of recorded history. December twenty fifth marks the time of the winter solstice, and there have been numerous savior gods throughout history, who were said to have been born on or near the 25th of December. **These savior gods, Mithra, Dionysus, Bacchus, Horus, Krishna, etc. were not actual people who came to the Earth, they are mythological personifications of the sun, presented or personified as actual people.** The name of the Phoenician solar god "Bacchus" literally means, **"the sun personified."** It is no different with Jesus of Nazareth, Christ is nothing more than a symbolic representation of the sun, a solar deity, the sun personified. As with countless cultures that came before Christianity, "the Christ" has been represented as an actual man who came to Earth to atone for the sins of mankind. I realize the reaction this stirs in Christians, and I can almost hear the threats of eternal damnation for saying this, but Christ is nothing more than a mythological, non-existent god-man. **The depiction of Jesus in the Roman New Testament is a fantasy, and just as the dozens of savior gods that came before him, he has been represented as an actual person, and the solar symbolism surrounding the contrived events attributed to his life have been taken literally, the esoteric meanings lost and distorted along the way.**

During the time of the winter solstice, the ancients that paid adoration to the sun claimed that from the 22nd of December to the 25th, the sun had died for three days. This is because on the 22nd, the sun reaches its lowest point in the sky, stays there for about three days, and then on the 25th, it begins its journey northward again. For this reason, the ancient cultures that celebrated the solstice said that on the 25th, the sun was "born again." This is also the reason that so many savior gods were said to have been born on the 25th of December. The days

begin to get longer again at the time of the winter solstice, and at the spring equinox, the sun is resurrected. (Easter.) What a coincidence, that many of the savior gods that came centuries before Jesus, were also said to have been resurrected at the time of the spring equinox. **Actually, It's not a coincidence at all, when you understand that the vast majority of the world's religions are based upon the most ancient living science, astrology. The "holy bible" is a giant book of astrotheology, mythology, legend and parable, and the words "holy bible" are derived from the words helio bibilia, which means "sun book!"** One common misconception is that the ancients worshipped the sun as God, when in truth; the people of antiquity saw the sun as a symbolic representation of God. God's SUN. The light of the world. **The son of God is the SUN of God personified!**

There have been literally dozens of crucified savior gods that supposedly came to Earth, far before Christ, that have the same, if not stunningly similar attributes and stories of their lives and death, such as; being born of a virgin, having 12 disciples, being crucified as an atonement for mankind's sins, dying and rising in 3 days, changing water to wine, healing the sick, teaching in parables, being born in a cave or manger, **and on and on it goes.** Among those savior gods are:

- The Egyptian sun god Horus, born of the virgin Isis.
- The Greek savior god Dionysus.
- Krishna, the Indian savior god spoken of in the Vedas.
- The Hindu god Buddha, born of the virgin Maya, (Mary.)
- Mithra of Persia, born of a virgin on December 25th.
- Quexalcote, the Mayan savior god, born of a virgin and crucified on a cross for the sins of man.
- The Tibetan Indra, born of a virgin.
- Prometheus, crucified for the sins of man and resurrected.
- Zoroaster, crucified for the sins of man.
- Bali, crucified for the sins of man and recognized as the second in the trinity.
- Thammuz, crucified for the salvation of mankind.
- Wittoba, crucified as an atonement for the sins of mankind. Bedru of Japan.
- Balder of Scandinavia.

This list could literally go on and on. The idea of a crucified savior god, born of a virgin, incarnating on Earth to redeem mankind is an ancient motif, it is an old story, stretching back into the farthest recesses of ancient history. It all began with the Ancients and their observation of the Sun and the Cosmos.

Answer for yourself: Why are all the savior gods born of a virgin? This is symbolic representation of the astrological sign of Virgo. Most ancient calendars began the first month in Virgo; hence the sun is born of a virgin, Virgo the virgin. The ancients devised measuring tools to keep track of the sun's heavenly journey. They divided the year into 4 groups of 3 and each was given a heavenly symbol. This became known as the Mazzaroth, or Zodiac. This is why so many of the savior gods were said to have 12 disciples, the 12 helpers are symbolic representations of the zodiac signs! The symbol used to represent the division of the year was the cross, and the sign of the cross can be found far back in the ancient world, well before Christianity was ever heard of.

We could write off one or two of the savior gods that came before Christ as coincidence, but when you study the origins of religions and comparative religions, and discover that it occurs over and over, again and again, the truth becomes obvious. There is so much solar symbolism in the bible that literally volumes could be written about the subject, and have been. The sad fact that growing up in this Western Hemisphere where Christianity is dominant few ever hear the truth about the "Jesus Story".

Well if you are ever to be convinced that what I have said is the truth and "nothing but the truth so help me God" then you must study and examine the evidence for yourself; only in doing so will you ever come to know the truth about the "Jesus Story" for yourself. As Christians and followers of "the Christ" we have been led into gross idolatry by the worship of Jesus as God in Christianity today. Such worship of Jesus let alone praying in his name or singing worship songs to him instead of the Creator is gross sin as defined by the Jewish

and Hebrew Scriptures and as taught by Moses. If the Divine Truth concerning "the Christ within" which Gnostics like Paul taught had remained as "allegory" then we would not have a problem but Rome would not have it; they had a literal god-man Emperor on the throne of Rome and needed a Divine Book giving them authority for such worship of a god-man in the form of their Emperor so they made one to rival the Jewish Tanakh and we call it the New Testament today. Rome took the allegory and made it "literal" by forging the life of "the Christ within" as a historical person and passed it off as the Jewish Messiah to an unsuspecting Gentile world. Unknown to you the concept of the "Messiah" originated with Egypt and was know to the world long before the Jewish nation. It is for certain most who read our articles don't wish to be in "sin" let alone die ignorantly as idolators; therefore this information is critical and necessary if one is ever to repent of such false beliefs we inherited from Rome. You can thank an antisemitic Rome for baptizing you in idolatry before God.

A small article of this size cannot possibly do justice to such a complex and verbose subject as we have at hand but I hope to "break the egg" so to speak to help our readers begin to scrutinize the subject matter at hand in more detail by their personal study. Let's closely examine the original, conceptual foundations of the Christian faith, and then decide what to do with the serious "charge" made at the beginning of the article; that the Christian faith today is nothing but an evolution of "sun" worship transfigured into "Son" worship. Again I wish to reiterate the seriousness of such a charge if it can be proven.

It is to such evidences we turn presently. But first we need to look at what the Bible actually says about astrology and astronomy. We turn to this next and see again that Christianity has taught us wrong. Rome surely did not want you to ever study astrology and astronomy for if you did you would see the lie behind the "Jesus Story" Rome sold the world in their New Testament.

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FIXED AND WANDERING STARS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

If you could go out in your backyard and look into the sky at night around 10:00 PM and notice for example the position of the constellation Orion in the sky above and then return outside lets say about 4:00 PM to view Orion again then you will notice that the constellation Orion has moved across the night sky from east to west. If you were to view the night sky recorded with time-lapse photography and then speed it up you could easily see that all the stars appear to move across the sky at the same rate as the Earth turns. Almost all of those "stars" remain in a fixed position (or pattern) in relation to each other; but some of those "stars" actually do move a little each day in relation to the others, and thus were called "wandering stars". For the ancients the sky was populated by stars and planets as well as the Sun and the Moon. **The word planet derives from the concept of 'wandering star' the other stars were the 'fixed stars'.** The expression "fixed stars" was originally devised to distinguish them from the the so-called "wandering stars" or planets as we know them.

They are actually the five Planets we can see without a telescope, and the word "planet" originally meant to the Ancients a "wandering star". To the ancients who were not aware of the outer planets Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, which were not visible to the naked eye, there were "seven stars" which moved across the band of fixed stars in the band called the Zodiac, consisting of the Sun and Moon and those five visible Planets. Remember that when the Bible was written no one knew that the brightest "stars" in the night sky were really the visible planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. Likewise the Ancients did not know that the heavenly bodies we know as the Moon and planets of our solar system were appearing brighter than the far-distant "fixed" stars simply because they were much closer to the Sun and to the Earth than the "real" light-emitting stars, and they were just reflecting the Sun's strong light back to us on Earth. Unlike the stars, which are giving out their own light, planets are dark bodies not giving out any light of their own. What you see when you look at a planet is reflected light from the sun. This is the essential difference between a planet and a star. To the ancients of biblical times, these planets were considered as "stars" which were brighter and which "wandered" across the sky on a course of their own, independent of the other stationary stars which formed a fixed background upon which the motion of these "wandering stars" could be seen.

The Ancients noticed that "true" stars in the sky do not change their apparent position in relation to each other, but move in unison across the night sky as the Earth turns on its axis. This being the case then there would be no observable change in the pattern to observe if we were only looking at the "real" stars. It is, and was, the planets (those "wandering stars") which moved and provided a constantly changing pattern which could be observed and then often later interpreted as a "sign" of some coming event by mystics or religious priesthoods or by "magi"; a term used in the New Testament for astronomers and astrologers from Iran.

It was only after some study into astronomy and astrology that I came to the conclusion that when the Bible mention "the stars" it was talking about Astrology. Thus when the Bible mentions the word "star" it is most often talking about a "wandering star" or planet which appeared to be making some unusual motion, or appeared to be coming into contact or close proximity with another "wandering star" or some important fixed star. Over time stories and myths were created about such motions of these "wandering stars" as well as other "fixed stars" and constellations let alone the Sun. These movements to

the Ancients symbolically would give rise to myths that would later represent something in the lore and legends of that nation reflective of the time of this observed movement or expected movement as such knowledge of the Cosmos increased. The observation of the apparent motion of the Sun and Moon and Planets, and their relative positions to each other and to the fixed stars or constellations of stars, is what Astrology is all about - the study of the stars and their relation to mankind.



The fixed stars have been used in astrology as additional indicators of various things for thousands of years. The stars were known as "fixed" as they didn't appear to move in the same way as the planets do, which are also known as the "wandering" stars. They are not rigidly fixed however, moving approximately 1 degree every 72 years so their positions have changed over time. They have a nature similar to those of the planets. At first it was believed that the stars were fixed immovable in the heavens in relation to each other, but we **now know that all the stars are in motion and are moving at many miles every second on their paths through space. It is because of their remoteness that many centuries must pass before any change of position can be detected with the naked eye.**

There were, however, four easily seen bright star-like objects which did appear to move amongst a huge circle of twelve constellations surrounding the earth. Early astronomers noticed how these four stars were clearly in motion against the background of fixed stars. To these moving stars they gave the name planet, from an old Greek word meaning 'wandering star'. Each planet was very bright, and because of their movement which made them more special than the rest of the fixed stars, they were eventually given the names of ancient deities, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Today we know these wandering stars as other worlds, neighbors of the Earth and members of the Solar System, eternally circling the sun. But what of the rest? Mercury was frequently too close to the sun to be seen against a dark sky, but it had been noticed and given a name. Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, however, are so faint that they were not discovered until after the invention of the telescope within the last 300 years.

The ring of 12 constellations apparently surrounding the earth against which the planets move, is called the **Zodiac**, a word meaning 'Circle of the Animals', because with one exception, these twelve star groups are all named after animals (including people). **When it was realized that the sun and moon also appeared to move through the zodiacal constellations, the belief in Astrology developed. Astronomy is, of course, the scientific study of the stars, whilst Astrology is the belief that the position of sun, moon and planets can affect people and events on the earth.**

The constellations of the zodiac, through which the sun, moon and planets appear to move are, Aries the Ram, Taurus the Bull, Gemini the Twins, Cancer the Crab, Leo the Lion, Virgo the Virgin, Libra the Balance, (or Weighing Scales), Scorpius the Scorpion, Sagittarius the Archer, Capricornus the Sea Goat, Aquarius the Water Carrier, and Pisces the Fishes.

Well we have covered this topic rather well and let us move on to the next information needed for our later study of the "Jesus Story" as coming from the movement of the Sun and stars through the Heavens.



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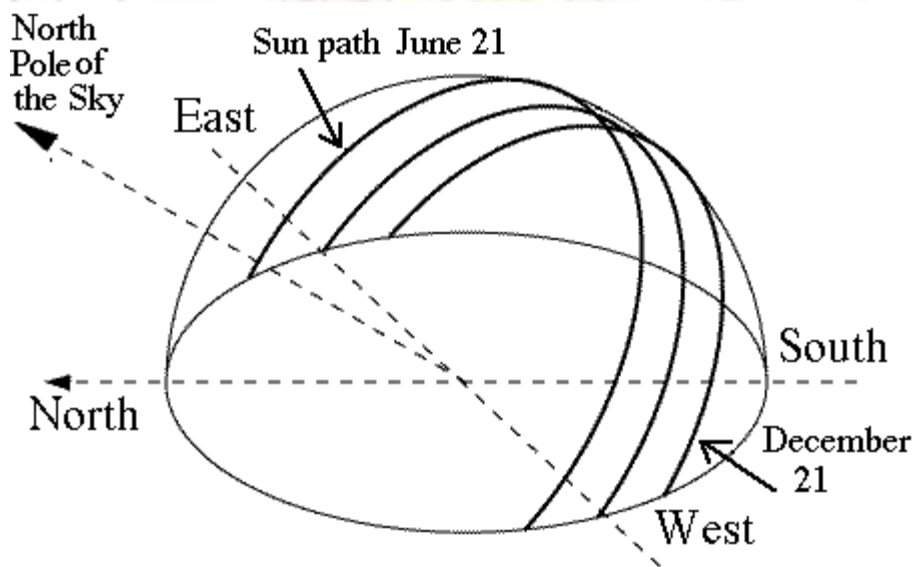


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SEASONS OF THE YEAR...WHY DO THEY CHANGE

Normally I like to use Egypt for my "types" but it does not always work owing to the fact that the climate of Egypt following the last Ice Age after 9,500 B.C.E. became desert-like and there was little change in the seasons. Egypt was unique in that regard. So we look at Babylon for our example as they, like the Egyptians, were Astronomers par-excellence. In Babylon the year has seasons--winters are cool, summers dry and very hot. Twice a year, halfway between summer and winter, the Sun rises exactly in the east (called the Equinox), and sets exactly in the west. We now know that on the days when this happens, day and night are very nearly equal in length, and that time of year is therefore called "equinox." One equinox happens in the fall ("autumnal equinox") and one in the spring ("vernal equinox," "ver" is Latin for spring).



As fall advances towards winter, the location of sunrise moves south, as does the location of sunset as seen from the picture above. The steepness of the curve traced by the Sun does not change, nor does the rate ("speed") with which the Sun appears to move along it, but the length of the curve changes, it becomes shorter. Around December 21 --the "[Winter solstice](#)" halfway between the equinox dates (typically, September 23 and March 21) sunrise and sunset are as far south as they can go (at any one location). As a result, the Sun has its shortest path for the year, the day is at its shortest and night is at its longest. The amount of light during the

day is the least of the year and the amount of darkness the greatest per day of the whole year. Other days of that season are short, too, which is one reason for the colder weather in winter.

After the Sun reaches its more southern point in the sky at the Winter solstice due to the tilt of the earth then the earth, like a wobbling top, begins to tilt backwards again and accordingly the Sun and its points of sunrise and sunset begin to migrate northward again, and days get longer. This migration continues past equinox (when it is at its fastest), and the Sun crosses the horizon furthest northwards around June 21, the "Summer solstice" (celebrated in some cultures as "midsummer day"), the longest day of the year with the greatest amount of light per day with accordingly the shortest night. This is a pattern that repeats and has repeated for thousands of years. After this Summer solstice where the Sun has reached its zenith in the sky it retraces its steps once again and the days get shorter again as sunset and sunrise migrate south again. The long days of summer, of course, match the warmer summer weather.

The Earth's seasons are not caused by the differences in the distance from the Sun throughout the year (these

differences are extremely small). The seasons are the result of the tilt of the Earth's axis.

The Earth's axis is tilted from perpendicular to the plane of the ecliptic by 23.45° . This tilting is what gives us the four seasons of the year - spring, summer, autumn (fall) and winter. Since the axis is tilted, different parts of the globe are oriented towards the Sun at different times of the year.

Summer is warmer than winter (in each hemisphere) because the Sun's rays hit the Earth at a more direct angle during summer than during winter and also because the days are much longer than the nights during the summer. During the winter, the Sun's rays hit the Earth at an extreme angle, and the days are very short. These effects are due to the tilt of the Earth's axis. [I recommend that to better understand this idea then click on this link for an Internet movie that shows this tilt in real motion.](#)

So putting this all together the Solstices are days when the Sun reaches its farthest northern and southern declinations. The winter solstice occurs on December 21 or 22 and marks the beginning of winter (this is the shortest day of the year). The summer solstice occurs on June 21 and marks the beginning of summer (this is the longest day of the year).

The Equinoxes are days in which day and night are of equal duration. The two yearly equinoxes occur when the Sun crosses the celestial equator.

ELEVATION OF THE SUN

The length of the day is not the only reason summers are hot and winters cold. Another is the elevation of the Sun above the horizon. When the Sun is near the horizon, not only are the shadows which it casts stretched to greater length, so is its illumination. Any beam of sunlight then spreads out along a greater distance on the ground, diluting the heat given to any area. The noontime Sun in winter is low in the sky, and its heating is less pronounced, while the summer Sun can be almost overhead, heating the ground much more effectively. Babylonian priests, who tracked these regular changes of sunrise and sunset, soon realized that they provided an accurate way of measuring the passage of the seasons. They counted the days between solstices and equinoxes, and from this the first calendar was born. That was a great help to farmers, telling them when to prepare for sowing, when to expect seasonal rain, and in Egypt, when to expect the annual flood of the river Nile, which replenished the land with life-saving water since Egypt did not get much rain. Other cultures also had their stargazers and developed calendars of their own, probably in much the same way.

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UNDERSTANDING THE PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES AND ITS INFLUENCE UPON THE "JESUS STORY"

At a time in the Middle Paleolithic period, 50,000-40,000 B.C., humanity was apparently well on its way to developing the methods for systematic stellar observation that would eventually lead to scientific astronomy. Gerald Massey, one of the first Egyptologists in modern times to realize that with the final eclipse of the incredibly old Land of Kam (ancient Egypt), that the world lost the "gnosis" and hidden deeper truths of the Divine, believed that such systematic stargazing was no younger than 52,000 years and may have been as old as 75,000 years. Certainly, the priests of Old Kam, Ancient Egypt, as represented by the historian Manetho (c. 250 B.C.), allowed for 36,725 years of continuous history tied to the celestial cycle known as the Great Year or Precession of the Equinoxes. In the second volume of Ancient Egypt, Massey devotes an entire chapter to this phenomenon and with good reason. Only by understanding the Great Year is it possible to fathom Nile Valley history from remote times. Let me go on record that the same thing can be said about the "Jesus Story" as you will see beyond any doubt if you have the courage to study the following articles.

The Precession of the Equinoxes, *i.e.*, the Great Year, is determined by the earth's axial tilt of 23 1/2 degrees which causes the magnetic north pole to "wobble" in a slow circle around the north pole of the ecliptic True or Vertical North as the earth spins and revolves around the sun. This means the position of the equinoxes moves slightly every year against the background of stars located in the band of sky defined on earth by the Tropic of Cancer at 23 1/2 degrees north (of the equator) and the Tropic of Capricorn at 23 1/2 degrees south (of the equator). Because of this motion, the equinoxes slip backward twenty minutes each year in a circular fashion, taking 25,920 years to come back to their original position.

This phenomenon may have been detected as far back as 40,000 years ago, (possibly more), certainly no later than 13,000 years ago. The ancient stargazers of inner Africa divided this imaginary celestial circle into twelve arcs. Within each arc, they installed a constellation designed out of certain star patterns, and imbued each constellation with a name, story and symbol. Each of these twelve constellations became the Sign that thematically defined the span of 2,160 years, marking the time it took the equinoxes to transit backward through each arc. The 2,160-year subperiod is, therefore, the time span of an "age", of which there are twelve, in each Great Year, determined by this precession of the equinoxes. Since most of these signs were given animal forms, the later Greeks called this celestial band the "Zodiac," from the word *zoion*, meaning "animal." These signs were, (tracing backward from the opening of the Kamite year), the Lion (Atum), the Scarab (Khepera), the Twins (Set and Horus), the Bull (Ptah/Osiris), the Ram (Amen), the Fishes (In-tiu), the Water-Bringer (Menat the Nurse, then Hapi the Nile), the Goat (Mendes), the Archer (Set or Shu), the Scorpion (Serqet), the Scales (Maat) and the Virgin Mother (Neith or Isis).

As the spring equinox passed through a zodiacal sign, an age was inaugurated that was seen to symbolically, mythically and psychically dominate life on earth during a period of 2,160 years. Egyptian dynastic history began in the Age of the Bull (c. 4200 B.C.), making bull symbolism and the bull deities, Ptah and Osiris, the overriding symbols of that age. With the movement of the spring equinox into the

Sign of the Ram (c. 2200 B.C.), the Ram-deity, Amen, and his city, Wast (Thebes), came to dominate the cultural life of Kemit. **This was the age when the Hebrew people emerged on the stage of history and, as the Old Testament shows us, "ram," "lamb," and "shepherd" imagery permeated their symbolic life.** With the movement of the spring equinox into the Age of the Fishes or Pisces (c. 68 B.C.), we find the people of the lower Nile Valley converting to the religion of the Piscean Age, Christianity, within the next two centuries.

There was yet another Great Year, tied to the first by the same movement of the magnetic pole, *e.g.*, the polar Great Year with its consequent precession of the pole stars. This was also a (retrograde) circle around True North of 26,000 years encompassing seven circumpolar constellations. In this instance, we find that the polar star itself changes every 3,700 years, as the circumpolar constellations make their slow, circular, retrograde movement around True North. A little before 5300 B.C., the pole star, Alpha-Draconis, was in the constellation Draco the Dragon from whence derives the myth of the dragon that surrounds the tree carrying the golden apples or the golden fleece.

Around 1600 B.C., Alpha-Draconis moved from the (magnetic) polar position to be replaced by Ursa Minor, and the current north star, Polaris, is in that constellation. But in the ancient Egyptian planisphere, Ursa Minor was called the "Jackal," or "Dog," so that the current north pole star is really in the constellation of the Jackal. This is why Anubis became so important in the Kamite funerary ritual, why the coyote became so important in Native American cosmo-mythology, why the Pale Fox is so central to the Dogon world-system, indeed, why the dog proverbially became "man's best friend."

The last half of the second volume of Ancient Egypt was devoted to the Kamite sources of Christianity. **Massey demonstrated the manner in which New Testament Christianity evolved directly out of the Osirian mysteries.** Indeed, in its formative phases, Christianity was essentially Egyptian, and the people of Egypt were the first to convert *en masse* to Christianity because they saw it as the continuation of their own 10,000-year religious tradition. Osiris, in his resurrected form, was the mummified **karast**, sometimes *keres*, (*i.e.* he who was "anointed" and swathed in linen to be preserved and restored.) The term, **kristos**, is Greek and appears in Alexandria around 280 B.C., **apparently derived from karast. As we know, kristos is the root of Christ the anointed son of God, as Osiris was the anointed divine man, both being the avatars of resurrection.**

Even the birth of Christ on December 25th identifies him with the Egyptian deity, Horus, who is Osiris reborn, and is cosmically the sun beginning its ecliptic ascent toward its zenith at the summer solstice, June 23rd. Thus, it can be said that the sun was "born" from the depths or the "cave" of the winter solstice at 1:30 a.m. on the morning of December 25th. The resurrection of the Christ at the equinox, i.e. Easter, after the crucifixion derives from the intersecting or "crossification" of the ecliptic path of the sun with the celestial equator that defines the moment of the spring equinox. After this "crossification," the duration and power of the sun increases, so it is "reborn."

Answer for yourself: Was there ever a historical Jesus Christ? It is not easy to say. There is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. The basic plot of the Jesus Story, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions long prior to the alleged time of Jesus. What we do find if we study into these areas is that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year as the Sun travels through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac.

This is a hard thing to hear let alone read; that is until you do the study to see the truth.

There are those who do find a "historical Jesus" however but not the one in the time frame depicted by the New Testament. To them this "Jesus" seems to have been a trained Essene initiate, who lived most of his life in Egypt's western desert, and was markedly influenced by the Egyptian mystery tradition. According to Talmudic

sources, his surname was *Pandera*, meaning "panther," so that he was known as Joshua, son of the Panther. This may be a clue to his association with the Egyptian priesthood. In Egypt, as throughout Africa, the badge of priesthood was the panther skin. Esoterically, the priests were all panthers, the panther representing the sun-by-night; thus, Jesus by being, "the son of the Panther," according to the Talmudists, may well have been a "son" of the Egyptian priesthood (Massey, Ancient Egypt: The Light of the World).

Only serious study into these areas will reveal the "keys" necessary to find the ultimate truth behind the "Jesus Story".

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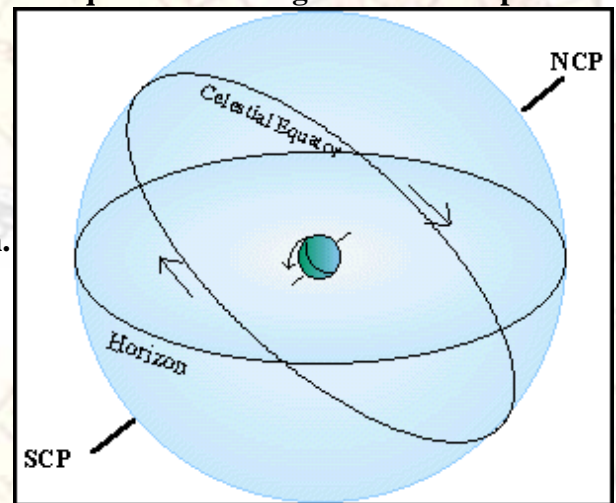
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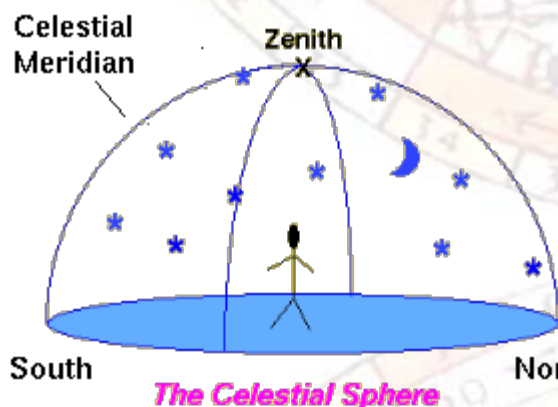


THE CELESTIAL SPHERE

The celestial sphere is an imaginary sphere of gigantic radius with the earth located at its center. The poles of the celestial sphere are aligned with the poles of the Earth. The celestial equator lies along the celestial sphere in the same plane that includes the Earth's equator. On our image take note of the North Celestial Pole (NCP) and the South Celestial Pole (SCP). These are just the north and south poles extended into space. Take note of the Celestial Equator as well which is the earth's equator, but at a much greater radius as it is projected out into space. If the earth's equator was a rubber band, then the celestial equator is the same rubber band just stretched away from the earth. Finally look at the Horizon on our image. The horizon changes depending on your position on earth. Another term we need be familiar with is the Zenith which is the point on the celestial sphere directly overhead. One last term is the Meridian which is the line that extends from the north point on the horizon upwards through the zenith and then downward to the south point on the horizon. Now let us increase some more our understanding of God's cosmos.



If you go out at night (where the sky is dark) and look up at the sky, it will appear as if you are standing at the center (the stationary Earth) of a large hemispherical dome onto which the Celestial bodies are affixed. This conceptualization serves as a very nice representation of the positions of the objects on the sky. This all encompassing sphere was first postulated by the ancients and was called the the Celestial Sphere. It is useful in discussing objects in the sky to imagine them to be attached to a sphere surrounding the earth. This fictitious construction is called the celestial sphere as noted above. At any one time we see no more than half of this celestial sphere, but we will refer loosely to the imaginary half-sphere over our heads as just the celestial



sphere. The point on the celestial sphere that is directly over our heads at a given time is termed the Zenith. The imaginary circle passing through the North and South points on our horizon and through the zenith is termed the Celestial Meridian. We will introduce additional terminology associated with the celestial sphere later. An astronomer, or yourself for that matter, can only see half the sky at a time, that is, only half the sky is above the horizon at any time. But the sky keeps moving as the earth rotates. **Just as the sun rises and sets every day, so does every star in the sky each night.** So the celestial sphere is a large sphere surrounding the earth and with it we can keep references to where celestial bodies lie in the sky

The Sun rules by daytime sky, but at night, especially if the Moon does not shine, the show belongs to the stars. Bright and dim, randomly distributed across the sky, with odd formations that catch the eye, their number seems huge. **To ancient observers it seemed as if Earth was at the center of a giant star-studded "celestial sphere," which reinforced the belief, held for thousands of years, that we are at the center**

of the universe.

If you watch stars throughout the night, you will see that most of the stars rise to the east of you and set west of you, like the Sun and Moon. Indeed, the entire celestial sphere seems to rotate slowly--one turn in 24 hours--and since half of it is always hidden below the horizon, this rotation constantly brings out new



stars on the eastern horizon, while others to disappear beneath the western one. **The ancients understood in such simple movements of the stars where they were "born" and "died" only to later return on the eastern horizon later that there was "life after death" in God's Universe.** In the drawing to the left, the horizontal "belt" around the globe can be viewed as the horizon, while the sphere itself rotates around its axis. So the celestial sphere is turning east to west above our heads. In the drawing to the left, the horizontal "belt" around the globe can be viewed as the horizon, while the sphere itself rotates around its axis from east to west and the stars move with it east to west.

We of course know that it is not the universe that rotates around us from east to west, but our Earth is the one rotating, (from west to east). But it is still convenient to talk about "the rotation of the celestial sphere." That could also make the sky rotate the way it is observed to do.

Most stars keep fixed positions relative to each other, night after night. The eye naturally groups them into patterns or constellations ("stella" is Latin for star), to which each culture has given its own names. The names we use come from the ancient Greeks and the Romans, e.g. Orion the hunter, accompanied by his two faithful dogs nearby. Other names evoke animals, whose Latin names are used--Scorpio the scorpion, Leo the lion, Cygnus the swan, Ursa Major the Big Bear (better known as the "big dipper") and so forth.

The Sun slowly moves through this pattern, circling around it once a year, always along the same path among the stars ("the ecliptic"). The ancients distinguished 12 constellations along this path, and since most are named for animals, they are known as the zodiac, the "circle of animals." The Sun spends about one month inside each "sign of the zodiac." The Moon moves close to the Sun's path, but only takes about a month, and a few conspicuous stars also move near it, the planets. We will come back later to all these: all other celestial objects are firmly placed and do not move, forming the "firmament."

Like the globe in the drawing, the sphere of the sky has two points around which it turns, points that mark its axis --the celestial poles. Stars near those poles march in daily circles around them, and the closer they are, the smaller the circles (they do not rise and set). At any time, only half the sphere is visible: it is as if the flat ground on which we stand sliced the celestial sphere in half--the upper half is seen, the lower half is not. Because of that, only one pole is seen at any time, and for most of us, living north of the equator, that is the north pole.

Just as the globe of the Earth has an equator around its middle, halfway between the poles, so the sphere of the sky is circled by the celestial equator, halfway between the celestial poles. As the sky rotates, stars on the equator trace a longer circle than any others.

Of course, we know well (as the priests in Babylon didn't) that the stars are not attached inside a huge hollow sphere. Rather, it is the Earth which rotates around its axis, while the stars are so distant that they seem to stand still. The final effect, however, is the same in both cases. Therefore, whenever that is convenient, we can still use the celestial sphere to mark the positions of stars in the sky.

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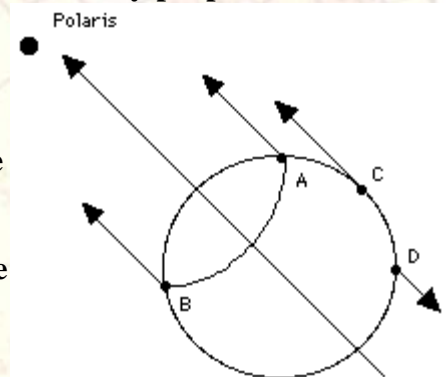
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POLARIS..THE NORTH STAR...FOR NOW

By pure chance, a moderately bright star is seen near the northern celestial pole--Polaris, the pole star (or north star). Polaris is not exactly at the pole, but its daily circle is very small and for many purposes one can assume it is at the pole, a pivot around which the entire sky rotates.

All this looks much clearer if one remembers that it is the Earth that rotates, not the sky. The axis around which the Earth spins points in a certain direction in the sky, and that is also the direction of the pole star (or more accurately, the northern celestial pole). As the Earth turns, even though the observer moves with it (for instance, from point B in the drawing to point A), that direction always makes the same angle with the horizon and is always to the north. Hence the pole star is always in the same spot--north of the observer, and the same height above the horizon.



If on a clear night you find yourself lost in the wilderness or at sea, the pole star can tell you where north is, and from that you easily deduce east, west and south. Any other star is unreliable for determining direction--it will move across the sky, and may even set--but not this one.

The closer you are to the equator, the closer is the pole star to the horizon, and at the equator (point C) it is on the horizon, and probably not easy to see. Further south, at points such as D, it is no longer visible, but now you can see the southern pole of the sky. Unfortunately, no bright star comparable to Polaris marks that position. The existence of a bright star near the north celestial pole is just a lucky accident, and as will be seen, it wasn't always so, and will not be a few thousand years from now.

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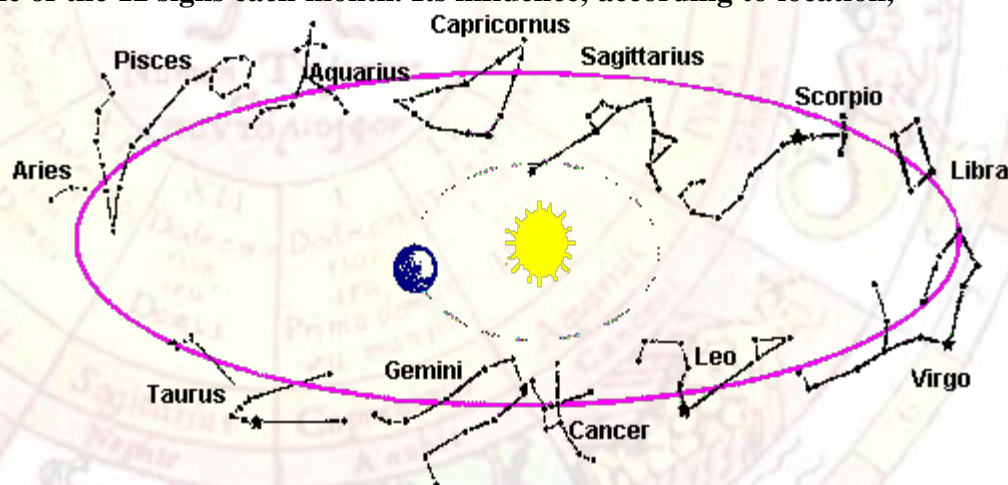


WHAT IS THE ZODIAC?

The Zodiac is a circle of space surrounding the Earth. It may be imagined as a belt in the heavens about 15 degrees wide in which the planets travel. It is the Sun's apparent path, called the ecliptic. The zodiacal circle is divided into twelve parts, each part containing 30 degrees of space called the Signs of the Zodiac. Thus a sign is a one-twelfth division of the zodiacal circle and is defined as containing 30 degrees of celestial longitude: 12 signs each measuring 30 degrees constitute the circle of the zodiac or 360 degrees. In this circle the planets travel each in its own orbit, one outlying beyond the other. The zodiac, then, is a circle divided into twelve signs through which the planets travel or transit from west to east, going through one sign after another in their order from Aries to Pisces. Although the zodiac is generally referred to as a circle it is, in fact, elliptical. Each sign possesses a certain specific influence of its own. The motion of the Earth around the Sun once a year causes the Sun to appear to pass through one of the 12 signs each month. Its influence, according to location, determines not alone the seasons but the general nature and character of persons born at that time.

The signs in order are:

- Aries the Ram, Taurus the Bull,
- Gemini the Twins,
- Cancer the Crab,
- Leo the Lion,
- Virgo the Virgin,
- Libra the Scales,
- Scorpio the Scorpion,
- Sagittarius the Archer,
- Capricorn the Goat,
- Aquarius the Water-Bearer, and
- Pisces the Fishes.



The signs of the zodiac do not correspond to the constellations of the same names, although the mythologies of the signs and the constellations are related.

The word zodiac comes from the Greek zodiakos meaning a circle. It is often assumed that the connection is with animals (living creatures, from the Greek zoe "to live" and the English zoo. **However, the root meaning of zodiakos has nothing to do with living creatures, but instead comes from the primitive root zoad, meaning a path or way or going by steps. In this connection, it is used to denote the way along which the sun appears to move through the stars in the course of the 12 months.** This course is repeated every year as the apparent position of the sun returns to almost the exact spot that it occupied on the same date a year before. **So the path through the sky along which the sun travels (or appears to travel) is called the zodiac and is divided into 12 segments.**

Each of these segments is marked by a group of stars which is easily recognized. These 12 groups of stars (constellations) have names that are familiar to most people and are known as the "signs" of the zodiac. Please keep in mind that the star groups (constellations) do not necessarily look like the objects for which they are named, but each is associated with the picture of the object.

The fact that the signs of the zodiac bear little resemblance the pictures associated with them should be of great interest to observers of the night-time sky. Every ancient culture with any knowledge or tradition concerning the stars recognizes the same 12 star groups and the same names or meanings of names. Examine the star knowledge of whatever ancients you choose (Babylonia, China, India, Persia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Central America.....) and everywhere the same constellations are identified and associated with the identical or similar meanings and names.

Answer for yourself: How can we explain this?

The only explanation for this fact is that there was one original Source who identified the constellations with their meanings before the dispersion of the peoples of the earth. God is that Source. The 12 signs as originally given by God were a prophetic outline of the purpose of God in the history of salvation.

Answer for yourself: What is the role of the Zodiac in God's salvation of mankind? What is the message we are to hear and have we heard it yet? It is to these issues we continually turn in the next articles.

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THE PLANETS, ZODIAC, & ECLIPTIC

Not all stars keep fixed positions on the sphere of the heavens. Even early sky-watchers noted that a few moved about: the ancient Greeks called them "planets", wanderers. The names we use today came from the Romans, who named them after their chief gods--Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

Mercury and Venus are always close to the Sun and can only be seen shortly after sunset or before sunrise: Mercury is so close that most of the year it cannot be seen at all, because the bright sky drowns out its light. Venus is brighter than any other star (with appropriate conditions and looking right at it, you can see it even in the daytime) and Jupiter takes second place.

THE PLANETS AND WHERE THEY TRAVEL

The path the Sun follows is called the ecliptic. The ecliptic plane is the plane defined by the Earth's orbit around the Sun. All of the planets except Pluto orbit very near the ecliptic plane, so you will usually find all of them in zodiacal constellations. Even though the planets move on the celestial sphere, they do not wander all over it but are confined to a narrow strip, dividing it in half. Stars along that strip are traditionally divided into the 12 constellations of the zodiac. The name, related to "zoo," comes because most of these constellations are named for animals--Leo the lion, Aries the ram, Scorpio the scorpion, Cancer the crab, Pisces the fish, Capricorn the goat and Taurus the bull.

At any time, the Sun is also somewhere on the celestial sphere, and as the Earth turns, it rises and sets the same way as stars do.

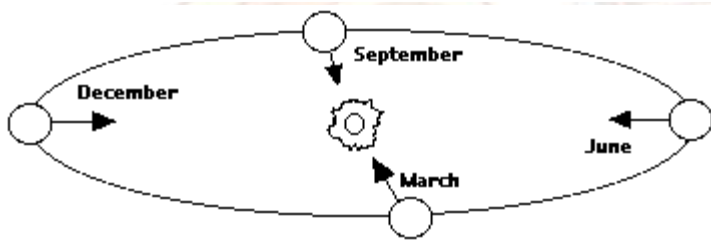
Like the planets, the Sun, too, moves around the zodiac, making one complete circuit each year. Every month it covers a different constellation of the zodiac, which is the real reason why those constellations are 12 in number. Of course, during that month, this particular constellation is not seen, because the sky near the Sun is too bright for its stars to be seen (except, very briefly, during a total eclipse of the Sun).

One can however figure out where the sun is on the zodiac (as ancient astronomers have done) by noting which is the last constellation of the zodiac to rise ahead of the Sun, or the first to set after it. Obviously, the Sun is somewhere in between. In this manner each month-long period of the year was given its "sign of the zodiac."

THE ECLIPTIC

The path of the Sun across the celestial sphere is very close to that of the planets and the moon. After clocks became available, it was a relatively straightforward job for astronomers to relate the path of the Sun in the daytime to the one of stars at night, and to draw it on their star charts. Because of its relation to eclipses, that path is known as the ecliptic.

The significance of the ecliptic is evident if we examine the Earth's orbit around the Sun. That orbit lies in a plane, flat



like a tabletop, called the plane of the ecliptic (or sometimes just "the ecliptic"). In one year, as the Earth completes a full circuit around the Sun (drawing above), the Earth-Sun line and its continuation past Earth sweep the entire plane. The far end of that line then traces the ecliptic on the

celestial sphere; if you have a star chart handy (it is often included in an atlas), you will find the ecliptic traced there, too.

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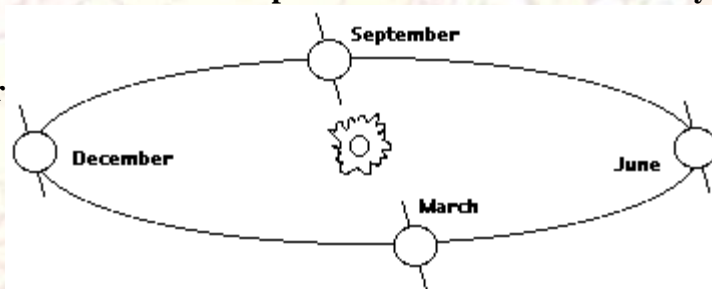
THE EQUINOXES AND SOLSTICES

The seasons of the year are caused by the 23.5° tilt of the earth's axis. Because the earth is rotating like a top or gyroscope, it points in a fixed direction continuously -- towards a point in space near the North Star. But the earth is also revolving around the sun. During half of the year, the southern hemisphere is more exposed to the sun than is the northern hemisphere. During the rest of the year, the reverse is true. At noontime in the Northern Hemisphere the sun appears high in the sky during summertime and low in the sky during winter. The time of the year when the sun reaches its maximum elevation occurs on the day with the greatest number of daylight hours. This is called the summer solstice, and is typically Jun. 21 -- the first day of summer. The lowest elevation occurs about Dec.21 and is the winter solstice -- the first day of winter, when the night time hours are maximum. Almost exactly half-way between the winter and summer solstice is the time of the vernal or spring equinox. It is one of two times during the year when the daytime and nighttime are almost exactly 12 hours long, and very close to being equal to each other.

In particular (drawing above), the angle between the Earth's axis and the Earth-Sun line changes throughout the year. Twice a year, at the spring and fall equinox (around March 21 and September 23--the exact date may vary a bit) the two directions are perpendicular.

Twice a year, the angle is as big as it can get, at the summer and winter solstices, when it reaches 23.5 degrees. In the summer solstice (around June 21) the north pole is inclined towards the Sun, in the winter solstice (around December 21) it faces away from it.

Let us look at the summer solstice first, with the Sun on the left.

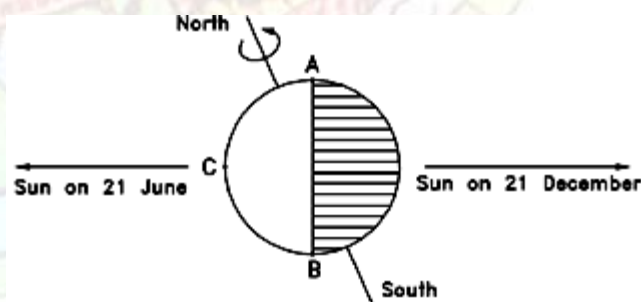


SUMMER AND WINTER

The boundary AB between sunlight and shadow--between day and night--is always perpendicular to the Earth-Sun line.

But because of the tilted axis, as each point on Earth is carried on its daily trip around the rotating Earth, the part of the trip spent in daylight (unshaded part of the drawing) and in the shadow (shaded) are usually not equal. North of the equator, day is longer than night, and when we get close enough to the north pole, there is no night at all. The Sun is then always above the horizon and it just makes a 360-degree circuit around it. That part of Earth enjoys summer.

A mirror-image situation exists south of the equator. Nights are longer than days, and the further one gets from the equator, the larger is the imbalance--until one gets so close to the pole that the sun never rises. That is the famous arctic night, with 24 hours of darkness each day. In that half of the Earth, it is winter time.



Half a year later, the Earth is on the other side of the Sun, that is, the Sun's position in the above drawing should be on the right, and the shaded part of the Earth should now be on the left (light and dark portions in the drawing switch places). The Earth's axis however has not moved, it is still pointed to the same patch of sky, near the star Polaris. Now the south pole is bathed in constant sunshine and the north one is dark. Summer and winter have switched hemispheres.

A big difference between summer and winter is thus the length of the days: note that on the equator that length does not change, and hence Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter do not exist there (depending on weather patterns, however, there may exist a "wet season" and a "dry season"). In addition (as the drawing makes clear), the Sun's rays hit the summer hemisphere more vertically than the winter one. That, too, helps heat the ground.

At equinox, night and day are equal (that is where the word "equinox" comes from).

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FINDING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS IN THE "JESUS STORY" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Around the world over the centuries, much has been written about religion, its meaning, its relevance and contribution to humanity. In the West particularly, sizable volumes and books have been composed speculating upon the nature and historical background of the main character of Western religions, Jesus Christ. Many have

tried to dig into the precious few clues as to Jesus's identity and come up with a biographical sketch that either bolsters faith or reveals a more human side of this godman to which we can all relate. Obviously, considering the time and energy spent on them, the subjects of Christianity and its legendary founder are very important to the Western mind and culture. I know it sure was for me in Seminary and the many years devoted to scholarly research both during and after my graduation since being severely troubled by the "swiss chesse" theology that I saw there. I knew that somewhere, someplace, the puzzle pieces laid collecting dust that would bring this fuzzy "Jesus Story" into the light and answer all the problematic questions. At the time I had no idea where that place was but now I do: Egypt.



Despite all of this literature continuously being cranked out and the significance of the issue, in the public at large there is a serious lack of formal and broad education regarding religion and mythology, and most individuals are highly uninformed in this area. Concerning the issue of Christianity, for example, the majority of people are taught in most schools and churches that Jesus Christ was an actual historical figure and that the only controversy regarding him is that some people accept him as the Son of God and the Messiah, while others do not. I was taught this very same thing in Seminary; basically the Christians accept Jesus Christ as the Jewish Messiah and the Jewish people do not. Somehow that always bothered me for if there were any race or group of people who should know and recognize their Messiah it is the Jewish people. I reasoned that if the Jewish people and Rabbis do not accept my "Jesus" then they had to have good reasons. At the time with the demands of Seminary, ministry, and family I had only so much time to invest in such pursuits of knowledge and I promised myself that I would find those answers later. I did but I did not like the answers that I found and they would ultimately lead to my resignation as an Ordained Pastor as one of Dallas' biggest mega-churches in the mid 90's.

However, whereas the speculation concerning the identity of Jesus and his Messiahship and the different opposing camps of Christians and Jews that take different positions in this debate is the raging debate most evident in this field today, I would soon come to find upon serious scholarly study in areas like Jewish Roots, manuscript evidences, forgeries of religious texts, comparative religions, astrology, astronomy, and astrotheology, I quickly found out for myself that it is not the most important issue concerning this Jesus.

Shocking as it may seem to the general populace who have not done these serious studies, the most enduring and profound controversy in this subject is whether or not a person named Jesus Christ ever really existed historically in the first century or if his depiction in the New Testament is nothing more than a parody on the worship of the Sun in which a man called Christ is presented as an allegory of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac as well as other stars and constellations! As I tell our readership when they write to ask to be included on our mailing list of new study articles "truth sometimes

hurts" and "your study of Jewish Roots of Christianity will take you to areas of study that you never dreamed possible". That was my experience where I discovered that without a doubt the New Testament's portrayal of Jesus and his life and ministry is little more than the personification of the Sun. The gospel figure of Jesus is a Jewish adaptation of the mythical godman found under many different names in ancient pagan mystery religions: in Egypt he was Osiris, in Greece Dionysus, in Asia Minor Attis, in Syria Adonis, in Italy Bacchus, in Persia Mithras. All the major elements of the Jesus story, and there are hundreds of them, from the virgin birth to the crucifixion and resurrection, can be found in earlier stories of pagan godmen that existed thousands of year prior to the time of the New Testament "Jesus". **The idea of a suffering God atoning by his death for the sins of men, descending into the abodes of darkness and rising again to bring life and immortality to light, is found in the oldest records of the human race in every part of the world. It is originally in all cases a personification of the Sun .**

Although this debate may not be evident from publications readily found in popular bookstores, when one examines this issue closely, one will find a tremendous volume of literature that demonstrates, logically and intelligently, time and again that Jesus Christ is a mythological character along the same lines as the Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Sumerian, Phoenician, Indian or other godmen, who are all presently accepted as myths rather than historical figures. Delving deeply into this large body of work, one uncovers evidence that the Jesus character is based upon much older myths and heroes from around the globe. One discovers that this story is not, therefore, a historical representation of a Jewish rebel carpenter who had physical incarnation in the Levant 2,000 years ago. In other words, it has been demonstrated continually for centuries that this character, Jesus Christ, was invented and did not depict a real person who was either the "son of God" or was "evemeristically" made into a superhuman by enthusiastic followers.

Christians, who are apparently determined to believe the birth of Jesus was the first and only infant savior to be born of a virgin will not want to believe the above comparisons. Some of them have said that since the Bhagavad Gita wasn't written or compiled until the last of the first century, the Hindus copied from the Bible and that is why there are so many similarities. But, once again, reality defeats them. That which is written about Krishna is identical to that said of Vishnu in two great epic poems, the Ramayana and the Maha-bharata. Vishnu is said to have lived about thirty five hundred years before the Bible was compiled so it's highly unlikely those living then could have copied from the Bible.

I have become resided to the fact that the "Son" of God is the "Sun" of God.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever wondered why all these stories of Ancient godmen from all these other nations are so similar? Have you ever wondered why the revelation about the supposed Jewish Messiah can be shown to be almost a "carbon copy" of the legends and myths of these other solar gods found in all aryan sun-worshipping nations under the Sun (excuse the pun)?

The reason why all these narratives are so similar, with a godman who is crucified and resurrected, who does miracles and has 12 disciples, is that these stories were based on the movements of the sun through the heavens, an astrotheological development that can be found throughout the planet because the sun and the 12 zodiac signs can be observed around the globe. In other words, Jesus Christ and all the others upon whom this character is predicated are personifications of the sun, and the Gospel fable is merely a rehash of a mythological formula (the "Mythos,") revolving around the movements of the sun through the heavens. For instance, many of the world's crucified godmen have their traditional birthday on December 25th. This is because the ancients recognized that (from an earthcentric perspective) the sun makes an annual descent southward until December 21st or 22nd, the winter solstice, when it stops moving southerly for three days and then starts to move northward again. During this time, the ancients declared that "God's sun" had "died" for three days and was "born again" on December 25th. The evidence is overwhelming once you begin to look at it and this website is devoted to the comparison of the "Jesus Story" with Solar mythology that the Ancients saw in the path of the Sun through the Zodiac as well as the influence of other stars and constellations upon the Sun.

Contrary to popular belief, the ancients were not an ignorant and superstitious lot who actually believed their

deities to be literal characters. Indeed, this slanderous propaganda has been part of the conspiracy to make the ancients appear as if they were truly the dark and stupid that was in need of the "light of Jesus." The reality is that the ancients were no less advanced in their morals and spiritual practices, and in many cases were far more advanced, than the Christians in their own supposed morality and ideology, which, in its very attempt at historicity, is in actuality a degradation of the ancient Mythos. Indeed, unlike the "superior" Christians, the true intelligentsia amongst the ancients were well aware that their gods were astronomical and atmospheric in nature. When once begins to study Egypt they will be amazed at the superior knowledge that these people possessed when compared with today.

The Jesus story incorporated elements from the tales of other deities recorded in this widespread area, such as many of the following world saviors and "sons of God," most or all of whom predate the Christian myth, and a number of whom were crucified or executed:

- Adad of Assyria
- Adonis, Apollo, Heracles ("Hercules") and Zeus of Greece
- Alcides of Thebes
- Attis of Phrygia
- Baal of Phoenicia
- Bali of Afghanistan
- Beddru of Japan Buddha of India
- Crite of Chaldea
- Deva Tat of Siam
- Hesus of the Druids Horus,
- Osiris, and Serapis of Egypt, whose long-haired, bearded appearance was adopted for the Christ character
- Indra of Tibet/India
- Jao of Nepal
- Krishna of India
- Mikado of the Sintoos
- Mithra of Persia
- Odin of the Scandinavians
- Prometheus of Caucasus/Greece
- Quetzalcoatl of Mexico
- Salivahana of Bermuda
- Tammuz of Syria (who was, in a typical mythmaking move, later turned into the disciple Thomas)
- Thor of the Gauls
- Universal Monarch of the Sibyls
- Wittoba of the Bilingonese
- Xamolxis of Thrace
- Zarathustra/Zoroaster of Persia
- Zoar of the Bonzes

Answer for yourself: Have you ever studied the lives of the solar gods and godmen above? Well if you do be prepared to re-read the "Jesus Story" as laid out in the New Testament. Common to all of them is the fact they, like the "Jesus Story", are little more than parodies of the movement of the Sun through the Cosmos and the Heavens.

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THE PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES

Being a circle, the Zodiac has no obvious beginning, so a specific point must be determined from which measurement can commence. This is where the problems begin to occur, in particular because astrologers sought to align the Zodiac with the four cardinal points that mark the alteration of seasons: the equinoxes

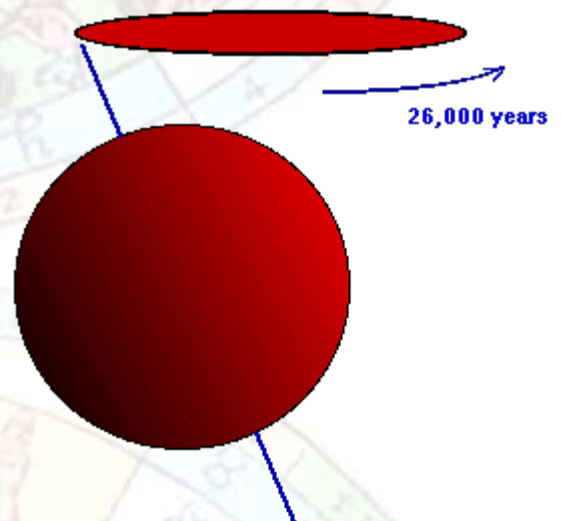


(where the Sun crosses the equator in spring and autumn) and the solstices (where it is furthest from the equator in summer and winter). In the early Classical period these were regarded as fixed in space although, in fact, they are subject to an almost imperceptible precession at the rate of 50 seconds per year. What this means in simple terms, is that the Sun does not cross the equator at exactly the same place on the ecliptic each year. It crosses at a point 50 seconds of arc to the east of the previous year. During a lifetime this shifting point of intersection between the ecliptic and equator is so small as to be negligible, but over several centuries it will be noticed that the backdrop of stars that once lay behind the crossing point is moving westwards. In layman's terms "the Heavens are moving" slowly and almost imperceptibly but this can be noticed over hundreds and thousands of years and was done by

the Ancient nations like Egypt who studied the stars. This is the phenomenon called "Precession" and this celestial phenomena is caused by the Earth's axis slowly rotating around the celestial poles. Whilst the background of the fixed stars remain more or less constant to each other, at least for a long time, the ecliptic's intersection with the equator slides backwards through the Zodiac, completing one circuit in approximately 26,000 years - the 'Great

Astrological Age'. It common knowledge that the day marks the period of the Earth's rotation upon its axis, while the year marks the period of its revolution around the Sun. However, many people to not realize that there is also a period of approximately 25,800 years known as the Great Year, during which the poles of the Earth's axis trace an imaginary circle in the sky. This gyration of the Earth's poles occurs because our planet is an ellipsoid, flattened top and bottom and bulging at the equator. The gravitational pull of the Sun and Moon on the equatorial protuberance produces an oscillating movement similar to the wobble of a spinning top which tilts first one way and then another. Astronomers call this wobbling motion "nutation," a word derived from the Latin word "nutare", meaning to nod. Consequently, the Earth's axis is not always inclined in the same direction. About five thousand years ago, the North Pole pointed toward the star Alpha Draconis. By 2100 A.D., it will be pointing almost directly at Polaris, the present North Star. In the year 7500 A.D. Alpha Centei will be the Earth's polestar, and by 14,000 A.D., it will be Vega (Alpha Lyrae). The celestial equator is a projection of the

26,000 Year Precession Period



Earth's equator upon the imaginary sphere of the heavens. Similarly, the extensions of the Earth's poles are called the north and south celestial poles. The ecliptic is the apparent path of the Sun through the heavens, and can be imagined as a line passing through the zodiacal constellations as they are seen at night. Since it is the Earth, and not the Sun, which moves, the ecliptic is really the plane of the Earth's orbit extended to meet the celestial sphere. The angle between the ecliptic and the celestial equator is called the obliquity of the ecliptic. At the present time, it measures nearly twenty-three degrees thirty minutes.

During the course of the year, the Sun appears to move slowly along the ecliptic to the left. When it reaches the **point where the equator of the sky intersects the ecliptic, days and nights are of equal length**. These points of intersection are called Equinoxes from the Latin "equi", equal, and "nox", night. The spring, or vernal equinox, which occurs on or about the twenty-first of March, marks the point at which the Sun enters the sign (not the constellation) Aries. Before that time, it was seen in a position south of the celestial equator, and the nights were longer than the days in the Northern Hemisphere. After the passing of the Sun over the celestial equator for southerly to northerly declination, the days are longer than the nights. Take note please where the lines of the "celestial equator" intersect with the "ecliptic" for it is at this point that the Sun "passes-over" each year; one moving from the southern hemisphere to the northern hemisphere at the Vernal Equinox and correspondingly 6 months later as it moves again over this same plane and the same intersection of the "celestial equator" with the "ecliptic" at the Autumn Equinox.

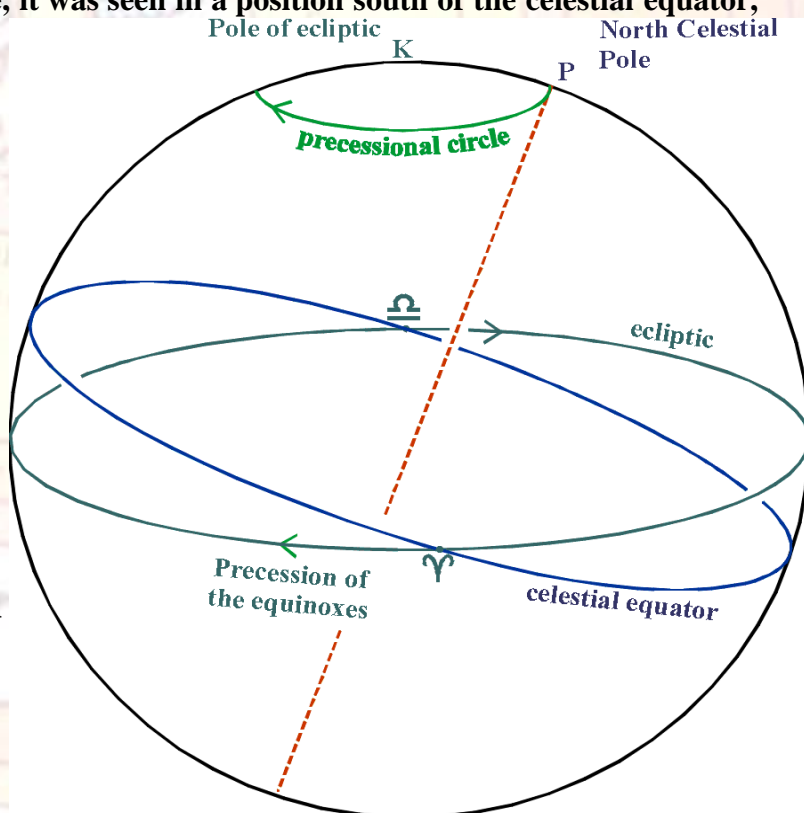
Answer for yourself: Why is this so important? It is at this moment the "Sun was on the Cross" and this concept is at the heart of the "dying/rising" god theologies we find all the way down through recorded history and which is at the core of the "Jesus Story" as well as a host of other "crucified sungods".

Due to the Earth's nutation, the point at which the Sun passes the intersection of the ecliptic and the celestial equator is seen each year in a slightly different position against the background of stars. Thus, the signs which are measured from the equinox, gradually move away from the constellations, whose names they bear and which provide the unmoving sphere against which the vernal point shifts slowly backward. This retrograde movement is called the precession of the equinoxes.

In astrology, the thirty degrees of the ecliptic, known as the sign Aries, are always counted from the vernal equinox, even though year by year the slow retrograde motion of the equinoctial point along the ecliptic amounts to about fifty seconds of a degree, or a degree every seventy-two years. (This makes the normal human lifetime equal to one degree, or one day, of the Great Solar Year.) The vernal equinox marks a natural point of beginning, shown by the balancing of days and nights (think Ma'at, harmony, peace, the Kingdom of God), whereas the constellations are arbitrary divisions of the heavenly sphere and no one is yet certain where they begin.

The movement of the Vernal Equinox from one Zodiacal sign to the next - by which we are presently moving from the Age of Pisces to Aquarius - is a subdivision of this cycle that takes approximately 2,160 years.

The need to correctly identify the position of the Vernal Equinox, which sees the crossing of the Sun from the southern hemisphere to the north around 21 March, was a matter of vast significance to ancient civilizations.



Answer for yourself: And why was this?

The Sun's return to the equinox gave the official signal for the start of spring, a time of great jubilation and spiritual worship, where whole communities engaged in New Year festivities and ceremonies that spanned several days, dedicated to celebrating the return of the Sun's domination over the darkness of winter, the return of life over death. Let us not forget that man's greatest enemy and greatest fear since the beginning of time was his "fear of darkness". This "fear of darkness" lies at the very heart of so much of our "religious beliefs and doctrines" in Biblical Judaism and Christianity and few every know this. If you have never read this article stop right now and do so before you continue.

The great civilizations of the Egyptians and Mesopotamians placed tremendous importance on precisely locating and dating the "return of the Sun." The astrologers of the ancient period were observers, driven by religious and social needs to correctly locate the Vernal Equinox in order to set their calendars and regulate society. The people of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia were not using the tropical Zodiac (it hadn't been invented yet), and so they had no need to establish a fixed reference point from which it could commence. But they were concerned with astronomical measurement of the cosmic points that indicated seasonal change, and they placed a heavy investment in their astrologers to keep their yearly cycles up to date by reference to the stars.

For our purposes in this study one of the most important things for us to understand is the previous precessional shift - the movement of the Vernal Point out of Taurus and into Aries, which took place within the golden heyday of ancient astrological worship, in the 2nd millennium BC.

Answer for yourself: Why is this time period of great importance to Judaism and Christianity today? It was during this time we have the great nations of Egypt and Israel from which much of our religious theology originated in Christianity.

Taurus has one of the longest histories of the Zodiac signs. The Sumerians refer to a star-bull ushering in the springtime, a reference to the Vernal Equinox being placed in Taurus sometime between the fourth and second millenniums BC (the 2,160 year of the Age of Taurus). This was the age in which the bull cult arose in Minoan Crete, the age of Montu the Bull in Egypt and the era of the biblical golden calf.

Bulls, ploughs and agriculture seem such an essential and mundane part of ancient life that one might expect them to be taken for granted. But domestication of the ox and bull and the invention of the plough was no mean accomplishment; in the native civilizations of North and South America neither occurred, a major factor in the failure of these civilizations to develop technology and effective defences. It was during the period of the great astrological age of Taurus that the people of the Middle East made this breakthrough, and around the same period began to employ the wheel, the lever and the most powerful invention of agriculture, the plough.

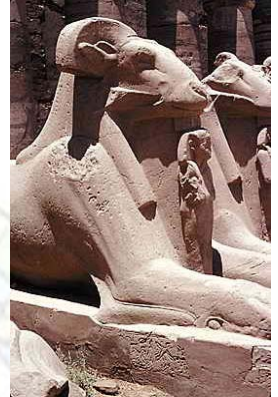
The first sign of the appearance of the wheel is traced to Mesopotamia and dates to just after 3500 BC. The earliest finds are solid wooden wheels which were attached to rafts for drawing loads upon a primitive cart. Shortly afterwards wheels and axles appear, along with levers and wedges from the earliest ploughs. Pulleys and large-scale irrigation systems had not yet been devised but the mechanical principles were in gestation, waiting for man's inventiveness to catch up with the potential of exploiting powers other than his own physical labour. The harnessing of animal power in the domestication of the ox opened the door to organized and efficient farming and that in turn allowed communities to settle, mature and develop their infrastructure. The tireless oxen, a creature capable of matching the strength and productivity of many men, provided the means whereby supplies of food stock could become far greater than the supplies required for its production. Domestication of the ox was a genuine cause for human celebration. The creature was honored for its resilience and strength and also for the fertility that it conveyed upon the land. From the Old Testament we can see how they were viewed as sacred, to be treated with great respect.

The Egyptians have a long history of bull-centered symbolism in their worship of God and it is here that we find "sacred bulls" (Apis bulls). These were said to incarnate the spirit of their gods and their death was followed by a period of national mourning. Often, these were depicted with the crescent Moon for horns.



Prior to the Age of Aries the predominant iconography in Egypt was the Bull of Heaven, which was replaced by an endless array of ram images from the 2nd millennium BC onwards. It is noteworthy that the physical manifestation of the god Montu was in the form of the bull, and the pharaohs who ruled at the end of the Taurean age bore names that spoke of the completion of his power. Mentuhotep (literally 'Montu is satisfied') reigned from 2060 - 2010 BC, followed by his successors Mentuhotep II and III. Some scholars have also dated the story of Moses overturning the Golden Calf to this same period, suggesting that there was a widespread awareness amongst rulers that they were ushering in a brand new age and needed to respond with

demolition of the old (the Age of Aries replacing the Age of Taurus....Ram symbolism for the prior Bull symbolism). Throughout the ancient world there are numerous depictions of the Sun god wrestling with and overthrowing the Bull, most of which have been translated as pictorial celebrations of the shift from the Age of Taurus to Aries. Some have carried other interpretations, mainly based on the Sun god overcoming darkness because the stars of Taurus were illuminated by the full Moon in the midst of winter.



In ancient Egypt the ram was revered as an emblem of the Sun and held sacred except during the New Year ceremonies when lambs were offered to the Sun in sacrifice. The same is largely true in ancient Greece. Hamal, the alpha star of Aries, was worshipped by the Greeks at the festival of Jupiter Ammon, where they celebrated the return of the Sun to Aries with the slaughter of rams.

Answer for yourself: Do you remember Mithra and the slaying of the Bull (symbolic for the Constellation of Taurus)? This is the same idea; namely the Constellation of Taurus being replaced after 2,160 years by the Constellation of Aries at the Vernal Equinox.



Answer for yourself: Why was this a great "Spiritual Time" for all of mankind in the northern hemisphere?

This was a time of great spiritual significance; the re-emergence of the Sun from death at the Winter Solstice where correspondingly the Earth "had died" and withheld her food and her "salvation" to mankind. It is the time of the resurrection of the light and with the understanding that God's Sun was a "symbol" for the God of the Cosmos who provided His "salvation" to mankind through the medium of light, heat, warmth, the renewed chain, the vanquishing of darkness and its threat of "death" to all life then you can easily see how the Ancients came to understand at this great time of the year that it is the time of the "resurrection of God".

Now you see the importance of the article on the "fear of darkness" even better.

Like the mythical phoenix, which arose in its own ashes, the Ram was chosen as a natural symbol of resurrection because of its ability, when shorn, to replenish its stock of wool. In so many ways and in so many places man was continually taught by God, in Nature as well as in the Sky and in the Heavens, that God was "life" and that God provided for all life "a rebirth" of the "same"; not different but the "same". It was this "same Sun" that was reborn, it was this "same" plant that grew again, it was this "same" tree that blossomed again, it was this "same moon" that was born from the dead each month, it was this "same" Sun that rose from the dead daily, it was this "same" Sun that rose from the dead of the Winter Solstice each year in renewed life, it was this "same" Constellation that reappeared at the Vernal Equinox every 25,920 years (12 Houses, each ruling the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years according to the Precession of the Equinox". **Man**

understood like the Ram in the Sky and like "Mother Earth" he will follow this SAME PATTERN of all life above him (Sky/Heaven) and around him (Nature); man will live again! We have here "Eternal Life" at its foundation. Man will follow in the "same order" what God was speaking to him "above him, and around him". So as Above, So beneath!

"The Ram, who is rich with an abundance of wool and, when shorn of this, with a fresh supply, will ever cherish hopes", writes Manilius in the first century BC. *Astronomica*; Loeb, p.233; Ch 4. 124-128. This may help some Christian theologians place into better context the reference to Jesus as the "Lamb of God"; and demonstrates that the phrase need not imply that Christ was the literal sacrificial atonement for man's sins, which many find confusing and clearly contradictory to Christian teachings. **Biblical references draw heavily on the symbolism in the description of Christ as the Light, the Resurrection, the Lamb of God. It is not by accident that Easter - the resurrection of the Lord - is held in the full Moon period that follows the Sun's entry into Aries, and our western custom of giving eggs is based on a similar need to offer symbols of new life and new opportunities.**

It was a natural act by which the stars of the constellation that held our attention at this period, **the final death of winter and darkness, the re-emergence of the Sun's full glory, should be characterized in the form of a living representation.** Principally a symbol of the resurrected Sun, the ram became a visible manifestation and symbol only of the Sun-god and its creative power; subsequent generations spoke of a mythical golden fleece, able to return life to the dead in the same way that **Aries heralded the end of the season of death. Through this association the sacred Ram was an embodiment of the principles of fertility, vitality, new life and creative energy.** The connection with the Sun was also reinforced by the culmination of Aries as Sirius rose heliacally and announced the annual inundation of the Nile for Egypt. It was the opportunity for mankind to experience renewed life from God and this "renewed life" came to man in many forms. It is the time to focus on God and His love and His salvation and provision given to mankind in many a forms and ways and with that man's attendant responsibilities to his Father in Heaven!

Man realized he was "IN COVENANT" with the Creator!

The glory that Egypt invested in the ram can be witnessed at the Great Temple of Amon-Ra at Karnak, built in 1480 BC. This includes an impressive avenue of ram-headed sphinxes and is **oriented to the Summer Solstice at sunset.** The temple is designed around a long passage, arranged to permit a beam of light from the Sun to reach down to a darkened sanctuary at the end. The path was narrowed so that the chamber could only be illuminated for a few moments on the day of the Summer Solstice. Impressive arguments have also been made that Karnak, together with other Sun temples such as the one at Luxor, form part of a huge reconstruction of the constellation Aries over the Egyptian landscape.

We are only just beginning to scratch the surface with our understanding of how deep and impressive was the full extent of the Egyptian worship of God, symbolized as the resurrected sun, which was also characterized in the symbol of Aries; or in our acceptance of how firmly this has underpinned the origins of Christianity.



It is no longer ground-breaking to demonstrate how many of the New Testament Psalms are translations of ancient Egyptian hymns to the Sun-god, or how biblical symbolism draws heavily on astrological ideas, motifs and parallels. It is no longer controversial to maintain the obvious fact that Easter, the pivotal point of the

Christian calendar, is simply an altered form of worship of God, symbolized as the resurrected Sun as it reappears in its crossing of the Vernal point and initiates the season of spring. The name itself ties it to the astrological philosophy that recognizes **the East, the point of ascension, as the spiritual source of new life and growth**. It is the same astrological symbolism that proclaimed the birth of the 'New King' by the bright star rising in the east. The resurrection of Christ - the 'light too bright to look upon', the lamb (ie., 'resurrection') of God is now justly, irrefutably accepted as a mythological continuance of the New Year festivities that were so important to our ancestors.

But what has been dismissed far too lightly, is the apparent 'coincidence' that the transition of an astrological age accurately dated the coming of a new world order, and spanned the lifetime of a new physical manifestation of the 'one true god'. Astrologers have been too quick to 'turn the matter upside down', verifying the value of astrology by claiming that the onset of Christianity is reflected astrologically by the Christian adoption of the fishes as its symbolic motif.

Answer for yourself: Would it not be more likely, that astrologers were forewarning of the monumental significance of this precessional event with a view to past dynasties having trashed the iconatry of the old gods the last time that it happened? **We only have to look at the turmoil in Egypt at the changing of the Age of Taurus where the Age of Aries displaced it and the resultant Exodus to understand the importance and huge ramifications of such "Celestial" and "Spiritual" events.**

Answer for yourself: Would an attempt to create a new world order, based on a new spiritual source, not attempt to identify itself with the fishes, precisely because this was the sign of the Zodiac whose age was about to begin?

Answer for yourself: Could an attempt to redefine man's relationship with his God not be consciously manipulated or developed at a time that was perfectly suited to symbolically reinforce a spiritual need to do so?

Answer for yourself: Whereas Taurus justly was the age of the Bull and left its mark in the Heaven because of the benefits mankind accrued from the association at the time, was the overt use of fish symbolism in the rise of Christianity at the start of the Piscean Age, a deliberate attempt to identify with a symbol that was assumed to hold the new age power?

To my knowledge, these questions have never been properly probed or explored by historians, religious leaders or astrologers. But they appear to leave us with one of two very radical and startling suppositions. **Either astrology verifies the Christian faith in a way that has never been fully appreciated or acknowledged, or Christianity is far more a mythological expression of ancient astrological belief than anyone in the organized church is willing to admit.**



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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT JESUS? #1

It has been said by many down through history by many scholars that there exists not one piece of legitimate and untampered or unforged historical evidence existing anywhere that which substantiates that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a man named Jesus of Nazareth but rather just the opposite; a host of materials and evidences can be amassed which will prove that the New Testament Jesus Christ is but the personification of the Sun in its path through the Zodiac yearly. This has already been thoroughly covered elsewhere by many other scholars and one only needs to look at our ["recommended book list"](#) to see such evidence for himself or herself. Explicit evidence for the existence of a "Historical Jesus Christ" outside of this one book, the Roman New Testament, simply does not exist. If one possesses adequate knowledge of history, comparative religion, gnosticism and solar mythology then a belief in a "Historical Jesus" is beyond all credibility. This does not however mean that the depiction of "Jesus Christ" in the New Testament cannot be of value as a personification of Jewish knowledge for the non-Jewish believer in God. But there is a big difference between believing in a historical personage and a concept of Jewish "spiritual knowledge". I have said for years now that it is truly a shame that the only Jew who ever knocked on my door in brining me the knowledge of the God of the Jews and the Bible was the New Testament Jesus who came knocking on my door dressed like Constantine and spouting idolatry in terms that mimicked orthodoxy. To the uninitiated in the disciplines of history, comparative religion, gnosticism, and solar mythology one cannot helped but deceived and misled when reading the New Testament let alone all of the Bible since it is basically a book full of "Astrotheology" through and through. Well, that is until they read the articles from Bet Emet Ministries that exposes the falsehoods of religion taught in Gentile Christianity today.

In passing let it be quickly said that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", including the motif of a crucified savior who rose 3 days after his death or crucifixion already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of the "New Testament Jesus". The Christian Church does not inform its members of this fact neither do the Seminaries of which I am familiar let alone the one I attended. When and if one studies this our for themselves then he will be blessed with the adequate and necessary knowledge of Solar Mythology to see the truth that lies behind the "Jesus Story" from beginning to end. Such adequate and serious study will reveal the "Jesus Story" as nothing more than an allegory for I guess the oldest and most important story that mankind would ever notice or write down since the beginning of time.

Answer for yourself: And what is that? I refer to the annual passage of the Sun through the seasons of the year as it moves through the Sky and Heavens as well as the Equinoxes and Solstices. As we study and become familiar with various "astronomical concepts" we will come to see and understand how the Sun changes positions as it appears to move against the celestial sphere on a yearly basis.

This knowledge has been called by many "the best kept secret of all time" and had it not been for an insatiable appetite for the discovery of the Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith that eventually took me to the study of Egypt and Astronomy I might possibly have never discovered this deception which lies at the bottom of my

birth faith (Christianity) myself.

On prior articles in this website I have addressed how the ancients looked at the stars and how in ancient times people were very familiar with the Sun and the stars and constellations. It was in their observations of how the stars moved across the dark sky during the night, and how different constellations are visible at different times of the year as well as the path of the Sun through them which is called the Zodiac that over time they made up stories which were simple allegories based on what they believed they saw. Over time, these stories myths of the movements of the Sun and stars became "alive" and took on a life of their own, as the stories were passed down from generation to generation. What had started out as a simple allegory later became "LITERALIZED" as if it had actually occurred to a real personage and in so doing the the knowledge of what the stories originally represented was lost. People started believing these stories were real and actual histories of events that actually really happened in the past, when originally the stories were nothing more than allegories for what people saw happening in the stars.

HEAVEN...WHERE IS IT?

I suppose that all who have ever heard of "Heaven" desire to go there when they die. Let us muse for a second on the concept of "Heaven".

The Greek historian Herodotus (500 B.C.E.) stated:

Of all the nations of the world, the Egyptians are the happiest, healthiest and most religious.

It has also been said:

"[Egypt] has become the image of heaven, and what is more, the resting place of heaven and all the forces that are in it. If we should tell the truth; our land has become the temple of the world"

The excellent condition of the Egyptians was attributed to their application of metaphysical realities in their daily life; in other words a total cosmic consciousness.

As above, so below, and as below, so above.

Answer for yourself: What does this mean? Well I could write volumes on this but let it be said simply that what mankind saw and understood as God's message from "above" was to be duplicated and reproduced "below" on this earth. In other words Earth was to be a mirror image of God's abode "above". Thus this spiritual concept helps us understand that the scenes of daily activities, found inside Egyptian tombs, show a strong perpetual correlation between the earth and heavens. The scenes provide graphical representation of all manner of activities: hunting, fishing, agriculture, law courts, and all kinds of arts and crafts. Portraying these daily activities, in the presence of the neteru (gods) or with their assistance, signifies their cosmic correspondence. In Egypt, what we now call religion, was so widely acknowledged that it did not even need a name. For these ancient Egyptians, like Judaism which was to follow in the history of their "children", there was no perceived difference between sacred and mundane. All their knowledge that was based on cosmic consciousness was embedded into their daily practices, which became traditions. In other words they lived out what they saw and understood from examination and scrutiny of the Sky and Heaven since to them it was the abode of God.



Every Egyptian creation text begins with the same basic belief that before the beginning of things, there was a liquidy primeval abyss-everywhere, endless, and without boundaries or directions. Egyptians called this cosmic ocean/watery chaos, Nu/Ny/Nun—the unpolarized state of matter.

Scientists agree with the Ancient Egyptian description of the origin of the universe as being an abyss. Scientists refer to this abyss as neutron soup, where there are neither electrons nor protons, and only neutrons forming one huge extremely dense nucleus. Such chaos, in the pre-creation state, was caused by the compression of matter, i.e. atoms did not exist in their normal states, but were squeezed so closely together, that many atomic nuclei were crowded into a space previously occupied by a single normal atom. Under such conditions, the electrons of these atoms were squeezed out of their orbits and move about freely (a degenerate state).

For the deeply religious people of Egypt, the creation of the universe was not just a physical event (Big Bang) that just happened. **It was an orderly event that was pre-planned and executed according to an orderly Divine Law that governs the physical and metaphysical worlds. Egypt understood that this same "Law" of God was to establish God's order "below as it had above".**

Egyptian creation texts repeatedly stress the belief of creation by the Word. When nothing existed except the One, he created the universe with his commanding voice. The Egyptian Book of the Coming Forth by Light (wrongly and commonly translated as the Book of the Dead), the oldest written text in the world, states:

I am the Eternal ... I am that which created the Word ... I am the Word ...

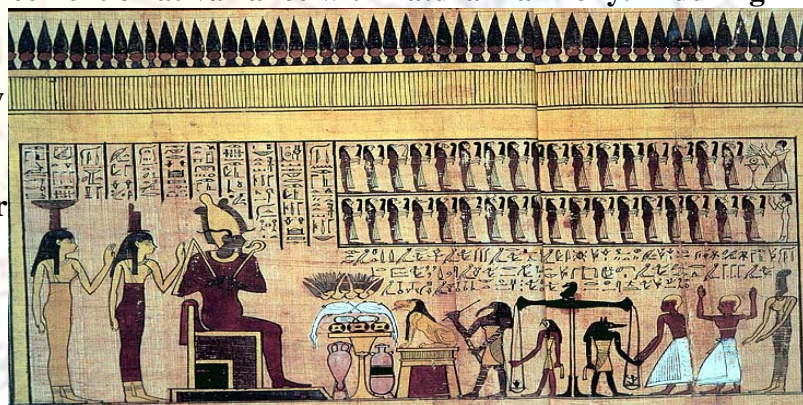
In Ancient Egypt, the words of Ra, revealed through Tehuti (equivalent to Hermes or Mercury), became the things and creatures of this world, i.e. the words (meaning sound waves) created the forms in the universe.

We find that in the Book of the Divine Cow (found in the shrines of Tut-Ankh-Amen), Ra creates the heavens and its hosts merely by pronouncing some words whose sound alone evokes the names of things-and these things then appear at his bidding. As its name is pronounced, so the thing comes into being. For the name is a reality, the thing itself. In other words, each particular sound has/is its corresponding form. This sure sounds like the "logos" doctrine we see in Christianity today.

According to the Egyptian philosophy, man is born mortal but contains within himself the seed of the divine. His purpose in this life is to nourish that seed, and his reward, if successful, is eternal life, where he will reunite with his divine origin.

The essence of the Egyptian metaphysical beliefs is that man is created to accomplish a specific role, within the grand cosmic scheme. According to Egyptian traditions, one cannot succeed in earthly life merely by default. One must use his metaphysical faculty (mind symbolized by the heart) and his physical faculty (action symbolized by the tongue). These actions will be in agreement or at variance with natural harmony. If during his/her earthly life, the actions are not harmonious with nature, s/he will reincarnate again to the earthly realm, to try another time. At the end of one's earthly existence, a performance evaluation will determine his/her fate when man's soul is weighed before the judge of the dead and it is at this time one might enter the above of God in "Heaven".

Answer for yourself: So where is this "Heaven" that Egypt spoke of and which has been at the root of almost all later world religions?



Answer for yourself: But more to the point could it be that the story of "Jesus Christ" reflect an allegory that takes place in Heaven and not in Israel? To get this answer to this question we have to study a lot so let us begin.

If you were to ask one hundred people as to where is "Heaven" almost all would tell you that Heaven has always been up. Again this answer echoes what Egypt knew; namely, that Heaven is above since it reveals the abode of God. In a dualistic system then the opposite of Heaven we should expect to be "down". Thus Hell has

always been down. We all know that Heaven and Hell are theologically opposites as well as geometrically opposites. It has always been this way and remain so till the end of time. Heaven is above and Hell is below. The ancients understood that when they ventured outside at night and peered above their heads at the stars and the night sky they were literally looking at "Heaven". The first astronomers were in fact astrologers. As an interesting piece of information we find that lacking all scientific knowledge these Ancients interpreted the Sky or Heavens above as a lid or cover on the earth, with the stars as distant holes through which Heaven and God were observed. It was if God and His eyes was watching them from behind a barrier or a dark screen full of "holes". **This Sky for them was the home of God; it was His Heaven.** From this perspective the Sun appeared to be a small piece of the deity seen through the distant holes.

Answer for yourself: What did they see? Well first of all they saw the same as we do today. They saw stars and cluster of stars which made up all the constellations of the night sky. To them they understood that the constellations were not real but yet "alive". Let me explain.

The first thing you need to know is that constellations are not real! The constellations are totally imaginary things that astronomers, priests, poets, and farmers have made up over the past 10,000 years (and probably even more!). The real purpose for the constellations is to help us tell which stars are which, nothing more. On a really dark night, you can see about 1000 to 1500 stars. Trying to tell which is which is hard. I ought to know having taken up the hobby of Astronomy since my studies in Egypt. The constellations help by breaking up the sky into more manageable fragments. They are used as mnemonics, or memory aids. Around the world, farmers know that for most crops, you plant in the spring and harvest in the fall. But in some regions, like Egypt with its unique geography and climate, there is not much differentiation between the seasons. Since different constellations are visible at different times of the year, Ancient man knew that one could use them to tell what month it is. Some historians suspect that many of the myths associated with the constellations were invented to help the farmers remember them. When they saw certain constellations, they would know it was time to begin the planting or the reaping. This dependence on the sky became a strong part of many cultures and especially Egypt who knew when the Nile was to flood by the rising of the star Sirius (dog star) at a certain time of the year. The rising of the Nile was literally their "salvation" from God since it was the catalyst that brought them God's life and blessings and which ensured their continued survival. When the Egyptians saw Sirius rising just before the Sun they knew it would soon be time for the flooding - inundation - of the Nile River, around which, all Egyptian life was woven. They depended upon the flooding of the Nile for the fertility of their lands. Sirius was a very important star to the ancient Egyptians, who called it the Star of Isis or the Nile Star. About 5,000 years ago, the helical rising of Sirius occurred earlier, around June 25. According to Lockyear, in 3285 B.C.E. Sirius had replaced Draconis as the star marker of the **Summer Solstice** and the beginning of the Egyptian New Year. Sirius was revered as the Nile Star, or Star of Isis, by the ancient Egyptians. Its annual appearance just before dawn at the Summer Solstice around June 21, heralded the coming rise of the Nile, upon which Egyptian agriculture depended. This helical rising is referred to in many temple inscriptions, where the star is known as the Divine Sepat, identified as the **soul** of Isis.

I just gave you, the reader, a very important "clue" that will serve us well as our study of the "Jesus Story" continues.

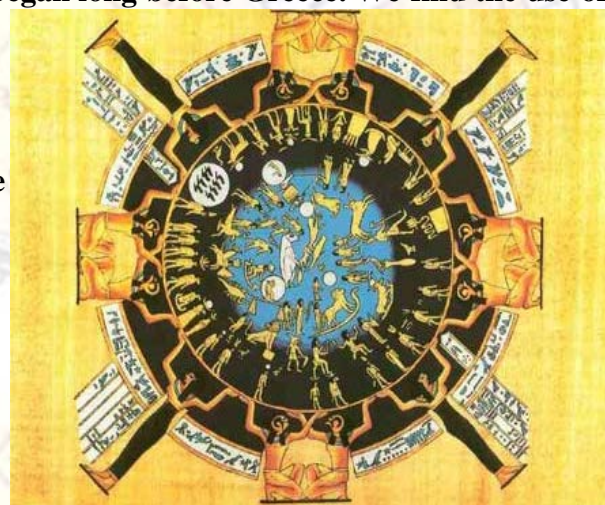
Answer for yourself: What was it? Behind all our myths and legends of "solar godmen" and "goddesses" like Osiris, Isis, Hathor, Horus, Attis, Dionysus, Mithra, and even Jesus is **hidden the sacred knowledge of the Ancients who expressed Divine and Metaphysical Concepts of the Soul of Mankind behind celestial imagery and myth.** Although the "story" of "so and so" might not be historically real and not an actual historical personage that does not negate the reality and truth which these stories represented. But few know to look for such symbolism of the descent of the Soul in mankind in such stories. I did not until my studies advanced over the years. What we see in the "Jesus Story" is the same thing and as we study more then you will come to see how the "Mythological Christ" is an allegory of the descent, growth, and maturation of the Soul within all of mankind. The great tragedy is that Rome made it appear as if it applied to only one person, that being a "Jesus Christ" of history, when the truth is that it applies to every child of God.

Perhaps there is something about the mystery of the night sky that makes people want to tell stories about the

constellations. We know one thing for sure; namely, **they did tell stories about these constellations and from these stories and "myths" we find the origin of Religion and Ritual among the ancients.** For millennia, people have **looked at the Heavens and seen patterns between them,** seeing what looks like a bird here, a bull there, a winged horse, a mighty Hunter, a ram/lamb amongst others. These images, when mapped out in the Heavens, have helped men to navigate the seas, as their relative positions to one another have not changed. Eventually, over time, men have put stories to these patterns, and a huge variety of myths have grown of Ancient Gods, who are the founders of the world around us, and many other mystical beings and creatures. The stories especially well known are myths of three of the most influential Ancient civilizations: the Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

Answer for yourself: Who gave us the New Testament? Rome. Don't forget this for this is fundamental to our study as you will see that this Roman book is full of mythology and Astronomy which is later literalized in the person of "Jesus Christ". But this you will see as we learn more but don't forget what I said about Rome.

I don't want to let the "cat out of the bag" so quickly but with study you will come to find that **there are many tales, stories, from various religions/myths which connect their religion to the stars.** Take for example the Greek names of the constellations and stars for example. But it began long before Greece. We find the use of certain gods in the astro-plane of the **Temple of Denderah** that exist in Egypt. **Many of these Ancient stories taken from the Sky and Heaven above are similar or have been compared to Bible stories by various experts in the field such as Robert Graves as well as many other scholars today.** In addition to the Bible tales themselves, the Jews wrote detailed explanations of these stories in later centuries known as midrashes. These details make a deeper or stronger connection between the stories of the Bible and Greek myths etc. We know where the Greek myths are in the sky, because our constellations are named after them. If we were to (and I am actually working backwards on this) superimpose the Bible story into that slot, a strange thing occurs. We find that the ancient Arabic and Hebrew name of the stars of that constellation relate to that Bible story. **What is more remarkable is that Bible story line flows in an almost continuous line from constellation to constellation and at times from star to star within the constellation.**



Answer for yourself: Is this just a freak coincidence? No!

There are far too many examples for it to be a coincidence or a stretch of imagination. A great legacy has been handed down from ancient times, not carved in stone, but conveyed to future generations through the universal language of pictograph and preserved in the starry constellations of the night sky. **The spiritual doctrines and admonitions associated with each constellation were formulated by spiritual giants of the past, and later found their way into ancient mythology, the Bible and other sacred writings.**

Answer for yourself: Can we expect to find once our studies progress in these areas that chronologically the "Jesus Story" and the depiction of him in this Roman New Testament (Rome was in Sun worship during the writing and production of the New Testament...don't let us forget this) and his ministry in the New Testament will flow from constellation to constellation as the Sun makes its yearly path throughout the Zodiac? Yes and you have to see it to believe it.

Answer for yourself: Can we expect to find that the "Jesus Story" is but a personification of the Sun through the Zodiac? Yes but we need to wait just a second and learn a little more then when we are better equipped with the necessary knowledge then we will tackle the "Sun of God"; opps I meant to say the personified "Son of God" and see if his life is but a retelling of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac.

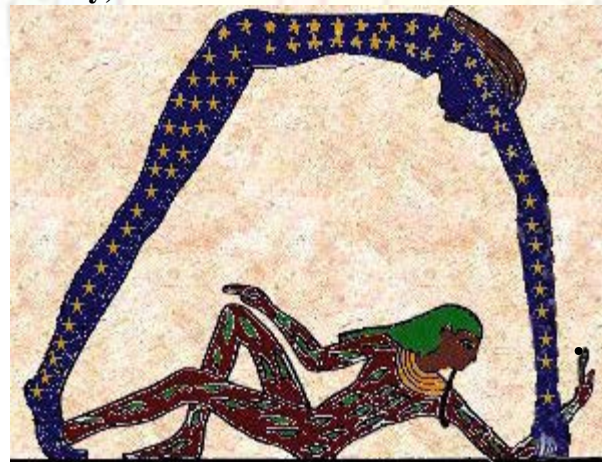
It is in such a study when equipped with knowledge of the constellations and the allegories of the Ancients then we will come to see the "Jesus Story" takes place not on earth, but in the starry night sky above.

Answer for yourself: What does Paul have to say on the matter?

Philippians 3 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Answer for yourself: Is Paul telling us that the setting for our "Jesus Story" is in Heaven and not on Earth? Yes he is!

We mentioned earlier that Heaven has always been up. Hell has always been down. Heaven and Hell are not just theologically opposite, they are geometrically opposite. Let us not forget that the Bible is an ancient book reflecting ancient ideas held by the writers which has been passed down to us today. The concept of Heaven is merely, what most modern cultures refer to as, the Sky...and that the ancients all shared a similar view of the



Universe, including the Hebrew people. **In ancient Egypt, the sky is depicted here as a personification, the deity Nut (Noot).**

Notice that she looks remarkably like the **"Firmament"** and take note of the stars that line her body. She is hovering over her brother and husband Geb (The Earth). Geb was thought to represent the Earth and he is often seen reclining beneath the **Sky** goddess Nut.

Answer for yourself: What is this firmament?

The apparent surface of the imaginary sphere on which celestial bodies appear to be projected - WordNet ® 1.6, © 1997 Princeton University.

The region of the air; the sky or heavens. - Webster's

Dictionary.

*"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the **air**, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."* - Genesis 1:26

Answer for yourself: What did the Hebrews who gave us the Hebrew Scriptures and doctrines of Eternal Life mean by the word we call Heaven? Could it have referred to the air? Yes it did.

Let us look at the verse as taken from the Strong's Concordance where the word for "air" is as follows:

8064 **shamayim** (shaw-mah'-yim); dual of an unused singular shameh (shaw-meh'); from an unused root meaning to be lofty; **the sky** (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve): KJV-- air, X astrologer, **heaven** (-s).

The Hebrew word for air in this passage is: Shamayim, or should I say it in the world which most are familiar today.....Heaven.

The Strong's Concordance for the word used for "air" in the above passage:

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Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon for the word used for "air" in the above passage:

8064 shamayim dual of an unused singular shameh- heaven, heavens, sky

- a) visible heavens, sky
 - 1) as abode of the stars
 - 2) as the visible universe, the sky, atmosphere, etc.
- b) Heaven (as the abode of God)

The word itself literally means: Sha ("of" or "from") the waters (mayim). Heaven means literally: "From the Waters"!

Gen 1:6 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. (KJV)

Now let us examine the word for "firmament":

The **Strong's Concordance** for the word "firmament":

7549 raqiya` (raw-kee'-ah); from 7554; properly, an expanse, i.e. the firmament or (apparently) **visible arch of the sky**: KJV-- firmament. 7

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon for the word "firmament":

549 raqiya` - extended surface (solid), a firmament, an expanse, space

- a) expanse (flat as base, support)
- b) firmament (**used of vault of heaven supporting waters above**); considered by Hebrews as solid and **supporting 'waters' above**

So at first glance if we can believe Paul we see that the story of "Jesus Christ" takes place in Heaven which is by definition of the words in the Sky above.

Answer for yourself: Did you catch that? Think on that for a minute or a hour.

But so far this is but circumstantial and we have pages and pages of our New Testaments telling stories of this human being known as Jesus Christ which we have been taught to interpret both "literally" and "historically". So we must continue to study to get to the bottom of this but never let us forget what we just learned; namely, **that Heaven is not some place we go when we die but the sky above our heads as interpreted by the writers of the Hebrew Scriptures. We can reinterpret any word or concept, and we have due to Rome's influence, but it does violence to the texts to change the meanings from what the original writers of these texts intended the hearers to understand from them.**

This is really important because the next time you go outside at night and look at the sky and the stars I want you to remember and think to yourself that you are maybe for the first time **looking at Heaven. Know as well that you are looking at the environment and milieu in which the "Jesus Story" really takes place.**

I promised in earlier articles to give the reader "keys" to understanding the "Jesus Story" and this is a big one that we will use throughout this website and it has the potential to change your whole life. **This is the secret to the understanding of the New Testament "Jesus Story"** but I have not yet convinced all our readers of this fact so we must provide conclusive evidence to prove this to the reader and it is to that we turn our attention and do so with haste. A few closing thoughts are necessary.

Answer for yourself: How long is the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament? Well that depends on whether you read the Synoptic Gospels or the Gospel of John for this disagree.

A careful reading of the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke mention only one celebration of the Passover and the fact that at no point in the earlier narratives was it hinted that even a year had gone by then it appears to the scholar and reader that the ministry of Jesus lasted, at the utmost, a single year. But the Gospel of John tells it different. In John's gospel however, we find that three Passover festivals were mentioned to have occurred during the ministry (John 2:13; 6:4; 11:55) which showed that the author of the Gospel of John thought that Jesus' career lasted three years.

Answer for yourself: So which is right?

Since the Synoptic Gospels deal with the "human Jesus" to the exclusion of the "god-man" of the Gospel of John then we need to focus our attention on this record of a one year ministry for the New Testament Jesus Christ. **The contradictory information derived from the gospels concerning the length of the ministry of Jesus Christ only suffices to underline this inadequacy of any certain and accurate knowledge about the supposed historical ministry of Jesus.**

Answer for yourself: How long does it take for the Earth to revolve around the Sun or for the Sun to pass through the 12 signs of the Zodiac? It takes one year. Like the planets, the Sun, too, moves around the zodiac, making one complete circuit each year. Every month it covers a different constellation of the zodiac, which is the real reason why those constellations are 12 in number and why we have 12 disciples when early Church Fathers speak only of five. Of course, during each month, a particular constellation lies on the eastern horizon as the Sun rises and it is not seen because the Sky near the Sun at dawn becomes too bright for its stars to be seen (except, very briefly, during a total eclipse of the Sun). But again I hear some say "This is but a coincidence" so we will leave it at that and move on for now not forgetting this 2nd piece of information about Jesus Christ and a possible correlation to the path of the Sun and the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament.

Luke 3:22-23 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. 23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, (KJV)

Before now we would normally always approach a verse like the one above as if "historical-literal" but now we are beginning to see that this is not wise.

Answer for yourself: And where was Heaven again? Oh yes, we just learned that **Heaven is actually the Sky.**

Answer for yourself: Is there any correlation between **Jesus Christ being 30 years of age when beginning his ministry and the Zodiac?** And what about this "voice" coming from Heaven and the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve? Is this a tip-off that we miss because we have been taught that Heaven is some other place with pearly gates and streets of gold?

Jesus, the personification of the Sun begins his ministry at 30 because the path of the earth around the Sun takes 12 months or should I say the Sun travels through 12 Constellations in a year which again makes a complete "circle". If we divide a perfect circle of 360 degrees by 12 we get what number? We get "30" so the Sun begins is life and ministry, just like Jesus in his one year ministry in the Synoptic Gospels, by moving through 30 degrees of the Sky. The Sun begins it path through the first constellation which represents "30" degrees.

If we divide a circle into twelve equal parts, and place the twelve constellations of the zodiac in order around the circle (the circuit of the sun through the Zodiac), one in each part, we see that each constellation occupies 30 degrees of the circle. The zodiac is divided into twelve equal areas, with each area containing one zodiac

constellation. Each area is known as a "house". So when the Sun is in the constellation Capricorn, for example, it may be said, "the Sun is in the house of Capricorn." If we divide a circle into twelve equal parts, one part for each of the signs of the constellations of the Zodiac, and place the twelve constellations of the zodiac in order around the circle, one in each part, we see that each constellation occupies 30 degrees of the circle. The Sun travels about one degree each day. It's not exact, since there are actually 365.2421934 days in a solar year instead of 360. Also the earth's orbit isn't a perfect circle, it's slightly elliptical. The earth travels slightly faster during the winter months when it's slightly closer to the Sun, and it travels slightly slower during the summer months when it's slightly farther from the Sun. **In general though, one degree equals about one day.** The seasons are primarily caused by the earth's tilt, not by it's varying distance from the Sun.

If we accept the old tradition of the Ancients of having the Sun enter Capricorn on the Winter Solstice, a natural place to start the yearly cycle, then when the Sun has traveled 30 degrees the Sun exits Capricorn and enters Aquarius. And the path goes on and on, 30 degrees for each House of the Zodiac.

Answer for yourself: Why is this of major importance for us and the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament?

Simply because if we reproduce this "allegory" of the Sun's passage through the Zodiac as seen by the Ancients then we can chronologically lay out for the reader the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament and follow it from Matthew chapter 1 through the end of the book and this same "Jesus Story" can be shown to be parallel to the path of the Sun through the Zodiac when it is personified and expressed through allegory as the Ancients were known to do when writing and teaching of their "sungods". Thus an allegorical story of the Sun's annual travels through the Zodiac and the Sky (Heaven) could have this Sun character visiting the Aquarius character at "Age 30". That's actually 30 degrees, or about 30 days, but an allegory could use 30 years instead and that is exactly what we should expect to find in the "Jesus Story" and we do.

All of us should know that the Sun's position changes day by day. Each day at sunset the constellations of the Zodiac slip slowly and progressively below the horizon and returns to the opposite horizon (East) and rises in 6 months. For our example Capricorn (the goat) gets lower and lower until it is completely below the horizon. The Sun appears to travel upwards on its path along an imaginary line through Capricorn towards the next constellation in the Zodiac called Aquarius (the water bearer). This "line" of the path of the Sun and its travels through the sky and the Zodiac is called the **ecliptic**. The planets and the Sun move through the Sky as if traveling a narrow highway in the Sky and this "highway" is called the ecliptic. The Sun continues its path for the rest of the year and in so doing we would observe the Sun travel through all 12 constellations of the Zodiac. These 12 constellations are: Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius. At the end of the year the Sun completes its journey by arriving back at Capricorn where it started, ready to begin again its annual journey through the 12 constellations all over again. Note that the ecliptic is a closed circuit around the celestial sphere. By observing which constellation the Sun is in you can tell what time of year it is. This is important as I said earlier if you are a farmer. You need to know when to plant the crops and when to reap the harvest. You need to be familiar with the seasons of the year.

For our purposes we need to begin our study with the constellation Capricorn in order to have the correct setting of the Ancients when they composed the "Jesus Story". Very important for us is the fact that the Sun is found in Capricorn on December 22 which is the correct date for "Biblical Times" around the first or second century A.D, when the "Jesus Story" was drafted and written. In so doing we find the Sun appears to travel through Capricorn as the days go by. **On December 22 (the Winter Solstice)** the Sun is just starting to go through Capricorn. By January 10 the Sun has made its way through most of Capricorn and we see that the zodiac constellation of Aquarius the water bearer is next in line in the path of the Sun.

The Sun begins it's journey at "age 30" by entering Aquarius. In like manner we find that Jesus begins his ministry by visiting John the Baptist, who baptizes (think of Aquarius..the water bearer) with water at 30 as well. Remember we have already seen that Jesus' ministry is said to have lasted one year which is the same length of time for the path of the Sun through the Zodiac.

Answer for yourself: Could it have been that the Gospel of John with a 3 year ministry for Jesus was partly written to cover up and confuse Christianity's critics who were pointing out at that time that the "Jesus Story" is but the repetition of the personification of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac throughout one year?

Answer for yourself: Should we expect a correlation of the Constellation of Aquarius with John the Immerser?

Well it is only beginning as you might get a hint. Let us continue our study of the path of the Sun and the correlations to the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament. If I am right and the evidence I present of the Sun's path through the Zodiac each year, when personified and expressed through allegory, parallels exactly the life of this New Testament supposed "Historical Jesus Christ" as it likewise follows the pattern of the constellations of the Zodiac beginning with Capricorn then it is hoped the reader should expect and know that this "Jesus Story" is not a "historical reality" which is to be believed in a "literal" manner as we have been sadly taught since making this supposed man "God" has caused us to practice idolatry and blasphemy. I will prove to the reader that the life of the New Testament Jesus, when understood as but a personification of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and expressed in allegorical fashion, flows chronologically through the constellations of Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius.

[It is to such study we now continue to turn in the second article of this series.](#)

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & CAPRICORN...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #2

JESUS AND CAPRICORN: DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Notice if you will as we begin to study the life of Jesus as found in the stars that we begin with the time of the year where mankind encounters the greatest time of darkness of the whole year.

Answer for yourself: And what is this great time of darkness? It is the Winter Solstice.

Most don't recognize it but the [Winter solstice](#) is more commonly known as "Christmas" which is the celebrated birth in Christianity of the "baby" Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Is it just a coincidence that it is at this time of the greatest darkness of the celestial year (the Winter Solstice at Christmas time...Dec. 22-25th) that we find the birth of the Sun in its "infancy" as we do the "baby" Jesus? Well you might think so until you get your Astronomical legs beneath you. We need to begin to do that now.

We ended the first article in this series on the correlations between the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac by just scratching the surface. Now go more deeply. By way of introduction I wish to say a few things. We mentioned in the prior article that the Sun goes on a journey through the Zodiac during each year. It just so happens that this journey and path of the Sun through the Equinoxes and Solstices and seasons of the year as well as the Zodiac matches up "perfectly" with the journey Jesus takes during his ministry from chapter one in the Gospel of Matthew until the end of the same book. It is truly remarkable once you learn the "keys" necessary to see these correlations and then and only then will there remain no doubt as to the "Jesus Story" being the personification of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac instead of a "historical" story as we have been taught. That just goes to show you the power of forged "religious writings" which are passed off as "inspired, infallible, and inerrant" by Rome. Jesus' ministry is said to last a year as we saw in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Likewise the Sun completes its circuit through the Zodiac in a year. This is not a coincidence as you might at first think.

We begin in Capricorn. The sign of Capricorn within the Astrological Zodiac dates back at least some 6,000 years or even older. It is known that the Sumerians placed a great emphasis upon this particular time of the year due to its greater "darkness". During this earlier age, the Winter Solstice (now in Sagittarius) once occurred when the Sun moved "through the Constellation of Capricorn".

Answer for yourself: And when was this? Would you believe that it was in the time ascribed for the appearance of the "Historical Jesus"? The pieces of this puzzle only begin to come together perfectly when we begin in

Capricorn in the first century. On this date and in this time period many cultures of the ancient world would perform elaborate rituals and carry out sacrifices.

Among societies of the Mediterranean region, **animals were associated with the four seasons (Equinoxes and Solstices)**. To each of these creatures belonged either a Solstice or an Equinox. It is generally recognized that these figures were the **bull, lion, scorpion and a sea creature**.

Answer for yourself: Why was this? This imagery of a "bull, lion, scorpion, and a sea creature" corresponds clearly to the astrological signs and Constellations of Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Capricorn. History records of us that in symbolic rituals kings of these period would combat and subdue these "animals" to represent dominion over the elements of the seasons.

The **association of the goat (sea goat/sea creature) with Capricorn** clearly dates back to ancient Babylon, at least. The Greeks related the sign to the horned god Pan. The image of the hybrid goat-fish creature corresponds to the tale of Pan's encounter with the beast Typhon. Attempting to escape the dreaded monster, Pan turned his lower half into a fish, in order to swiftly swim away. However, here again, the association of Capricorn with water, also dates to earlier cultures. The Egyptians and Chinese recognized in this period the commencement of the much anticipated rainy season. **Immediately following Capricorn are Aquarius, the water bearer, pouring moisture upon the earth, and Pisces, the fish, immersed in the unseen life giving forces of water.**

There is also a Capricornian reference recognized in the Babylonian god Ea, who wore a cloak designed as a fish's skin, complete with head and tail. One of his many names was "Antelope of the Seas" which is a good description of a fish tailed goat. He is one of the world's great culture initiates, who rose from the oceans to teach wisdom to land-dwelling man. Let us move on.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever noticed that the "Jesus Story" is circular? Unaware to most Christians but Christian early traditions and many early Church writes mention that the New Testament Jesus was born in a "cave" in fact it is believed to be the earliest reference we have to the "birth" of Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence that at the end of the "Jesus Story" that he is again in a cave when he dies, only to be **resurrected** from that cave or stone quarry **3 days later**? In this we see the cycle of life and death to life again.

Answer for yourself: Could this "cycle" from "cave to cave" be a veiled reference to the circular Zodiac and the circular procession of the constellations that revolve in it and begin again each year as depicted in the one year ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament?



A new year begins immediately after the old year ends. On New Years Eve we celebrate the end of the old year, personified as an old man, and the "birth" of the new year, personified as "Baby New Year." We don't actually think "Baby New Year" and "Father Time" are real people as we do with Jesus; **we understand they are just personifications of abstract concepts. But we will see that this personification of abstract concepts lies at the very heart of the "Jesus Story" as well.**

Answer for yourself: Is it just remotely possible that we are dealing again with "personification" and abstract concepts when reading the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and not know it because it has been depicted in a "literal" manner by Rome when they created the New Testament?

Notice if you will that Jesus is said to be **resurrected after 3 days in the cave.**

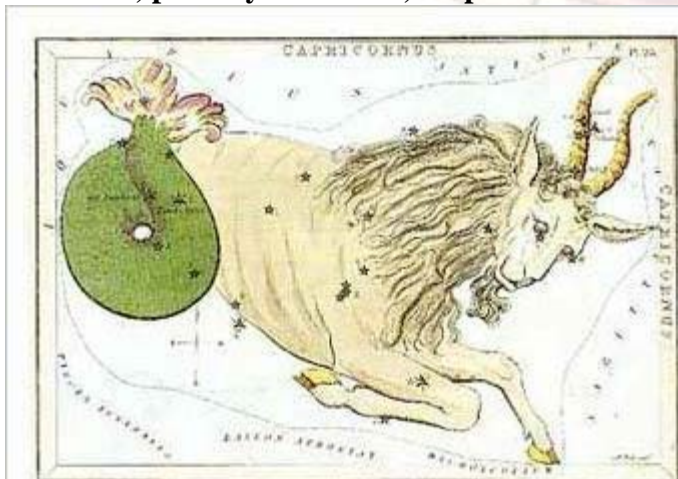
Answer for yourself: Is it just a coincidence that we celebrate Jesus' birthday on December 25, **three days after** the **Winter Solstice** of December 22?

It is time for some Astronomical facts. The Sun "dies" on December 22, the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. Three days later the Sun rises 1/10 of a degree further North, just barely detectable by carefully observing shadows cast by the Sun on the earth (sun dials for instance). The Sun has been resurrected; a new year has begun. The cycle is complete and I will attempt to show you in the following articles that Thomas Paine is most correct when he said: *"The Christian religion is a parody on the worship of the Sun, in which they put a man whom they call Christ, in the place of the Sun, and pay him the same adoration which was originally paid to the Sun"*. So let us begin our study and see if I can prove this to the reader beyond any doubt. Craig Lyons M.Div.

CAPRICORN & JESUS: DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

As stated in the prior article the Sun begins in Capricorn on December 22. This is a very important date for "Biblical Times" for the first and second century A.D. when the Jesus Story was written.

First we need to learn a little about the constellation Capricorn. This constellation is nicknamed the "goat" and Aratus called the constellation of Capricorn "the horned goat" to distinguish it from the Auriga, the charioteer who carried a nursing goat. In Persia, Arabia, and Syria it was also known as the Goat and sometimes as the goat-footed Pan. At times when the Winter Solstice occurred among its stars, around 3,000 to 2,000 B.C.E., it was known as the southern gate of the Sun. This constellation is one of the oldest to have been identified, possibly the oldest, despite its dimness. Depictions of a goat or goat-fish have been found on



Babylonian tablets dating back three thousand years. The constellation may owe its antiquity to the fact that at that time, the northern hemisphere's Winter Solstice occurred while the sun was in Capricorn. The concern for the sun's rebirth might have rendered astronomical and astrological observation of this region of space very important. This constellation is sometimes identified as Amalthea, the goat that suckled the infant Zeus after his mother Rhea saved him from being devoured by his father Cronos in Greek mythology. The goat's broken horn was transformed into the cornucopia or horn of plenty. Some ancient sources claim that this derives from the Sun "taking nourishment" while in the constellation, in preparation for its climb back northward on the horizon.

It appears that as early as 1,000 B.C.E. the goat had taken on its fish tail. The sea-goat or goat-fish was known in early Babylonian times as the god Ea, He of Vast Intellect and Lord of the Sacred Eye. Ea was the protector of his people, and from his place in the sky great rivers flowed, giving life. Periodically he would rise from these waters, taken on human form, and teach the people the knowledge they needed for civilization.

Answer for yourself: Does this sound like "incarnational theology" to you in the making? Does this not sound as if it has many parallels with the Nicean Jesus where Jesus is made into "God in the flesh"?

This Sun seems to hold center stage as the original savior of the human race, and still carried out this role in the time of the Jews, or rather the beginning of monotheism when the Equinox had precessed into Aries (the goat, ram). The early Jews considered the goat sacred and a savior (don't forget the connection between the constellation Aries (lamb/ram) as the savior). Every year the sins of the people would be placed on the head of a goat that would then be killed or hunted down. The sacrifice of the goat was seen as a way of being absolved from sin and from this practice comes the concept of the scapegoat. However, the scapegoat is Ea, the ancient Father of Light, who saves us from floods and is devoted to protecting the human

race by suffering for us in order for our sins to be absolved. By Christian times the new god of Pisces (fish/Jesus) behaved like Ea or the scapegoat by carrying the sins of the human race.

Matt 1:21 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (KJV)

Matt 18:11 11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. (KJV)

Luke 9:56 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village. (KJV)

John 12:47 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: It may be a little premature but should we not be surprised that John the Baptist (symbol of the constellation Aquarius that follows Capricorn in the path of the Sun through the Zodiac) makes mention that this "personified savior" is the "lamb of God"?

John 1:29 29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God (Aries of God), which taketh away the sin of the world. (KJV)

You will understand this even better as you keep reading.

Answer for yourself: When was Jesus born according to Christian tradition? Well everyone knows it was December 25th.

Answer for yourself: So is there an Astronomical connection between the sign of Capricorn and the birth of Jesus as depicted in the New Testament? What is the relationship between December 22 and December 25th? What is the meaning of these 3 days as it related to Jesus Christ of the New Testament?

This needs explanation. The Aryans and earliest Gentile nations of the world looked up to the Sky which we have learned is actually "Heaven" and gave it the name Dyaus, from a root-word which means "to shine." Understand that the Heavenly orbs do shine and twinkle. When, out of the forces and forms of nature, the Ancients would later fashion other gods, this name of "Dyaus" became "Dyaus Pitar", the "Heavenly Father", "or"All-Father". The "Sky" was the "Heavenly Father" while the Earth they worshipped as the Mother of all.

Answer for yourself: Do you remember in Egypt "Nun" (the watery expanse, the Sky) and Geb (the Earth)?

Their reasoning led them to believe that the actual Sun was the "off-spring" or product of the Sky god; the Heavenly Father. This "offspring of the Sky-god" was none other than "the Son of the Sky", "the Son of the Heaven", or that the Sun was the "Son of the Heavenly Father", the "Son of the Sun-God", and that the immaculate virgin, the Earth (sometimes it was the dawn or the night), was the Mother of the Sun. Hence we have the Virgin, or the constellation Virgo, as one of the signs of the Zodiac who was seen as the Mother of the "Son of the Sun-God".

Answer for yourself: Did you follow all that? I hope so for it is very important for the role it plays in Christian theology today.

As the Sun begins the apparent annual northward journey once again in the Sky/Heaven on the 25th of December, this 25th of December was said to be the birthday of the Sun (understand that all movement commences with birth and since the Sun stops its southward trek of the horizon and

began its reverse journey on the horizon at the winter solstice it was believed to have been "born anew". As the Sun moved southward to its furthest point in December it remained motionless of the horizon from December 22 through the 24th (**there is our 3 days**) and on December 25th it began movement again but this time northward and this "renewed motion" meant to the Ancients that the **Sun had been "born anew".** **This special day, the birthday of the Sun (later personified as the "Son"),** was observed with great rejoicings and was recognized to occur at the **Winter Solstice.**

What is very important for us to recognize is that on this day the sign of the Virgin is rising on the eastern horizon, the Sun having reached the Winter Solstice. **For this reason many of the world's crucified god-men have their traditional birthday on December 25th ("Christmas").** The logical question arises when you consider December 25th and Easter and the relationship between them (the Winter Solstice [death/rebirth] and the Spring Equinox [renewed birth realized in the Spring in the manifestation of renewed greenery]).

What we see from the above account is the fact that the Ancients formulated their Mythology (Religion) after astronomical phenomena. They saw this as the best way to connect with the Creator God. This was done by **patterning their religious rituals in accordance with the most visible and observable aspects of God's creation, the Cosmos.** This means that the collection of fables which make up the majority of the Bible are actually various dramas of **Solar Mythology.**

Modern scholars like Malik H. Jabbar, the author of The Plot, The Cause, The Solution and The Biggest Lie Ever Told, has taken a courageous leap against current religious thinking with his latest book. He, like many other authors today, uses astronomical analogy to illustrate that **the Gospels are analogous to solar mythology**, and that humankind patterns its behavior on the Cosmos. With the use of graphics, he uses the ecliptic of the sun, the Vernal Equinox, the Autumnal Equinox, the Winter Solstice and the Summer Solstice to explain the origin of the god-man myth and its relationship to the myths of other "saviors," including Jesus Christ, in ancient mythology and current religious beliefs. In this book, as well as many others, the reader can see for himself how the Ancients interpreted their Universe (terrestrial and celestial) as the only authentic image of the Father in Heaven. The Cosmos was undoubtedly His Handiwork and we, the human creation, were likewise the Handiwork of the Almighty. **Accordingly the ancients personified the elements of the Cosmos and recorded the movements of the stars and planets as personified deities and demons which today we have forgotten were but "allegories" of Divine Concepts and mistakenly believe them to day to be "Literal-Historical".**

Malik H. Jabbar explores in depth a correlation between Astronomical/Astrological foundations and the Christ Myth. Using December 25 as the birth date of the "Savior," he draws implications using the Winter Solstice as an ancient tool used to depict the position of celestial bodies. In his carefully researched essay, he lists the names of other "Saviors" believed to have been born on December 25:

- **Krishna of India. His mother's name was Maia. His uncle, Kams, the ruler at the time of his birth, sought to kill Krishna because he had heard a prophecy that Krishna would overthrow him. Krishna escaped death by being smuggled out of the area to safety.**
- **Mithra of Persia, born on December 25, and his birth was witnessed by shepherds who brought gifts to honor him.**
- **Isis gave birth to Horus of Egypt on December 25. His mother took him to a swamp after she was warned by the god Thoth to flee and conceal the child from the evil Set (personified darkness).**
- **Buddha of India was born on December 25 of a virgin named Maya. At his birth he was visited by wise men who declared they had seen signs of his birth.**

Mr. Jabbar's thorough research shows that many gods and saviors were reputed to have been born of virgin mothers and their birth had been astrologically and astronomically prophesied. **The fact that so many saviors were alleged to have been born on the same day of the year, under the same and similar**

circumstances in different parts of the world all down throughout history, indicates a "common mythology". All these saviors, including Jesus, can be referred to as "solar gods" because their births, lives, and deaths can be correlated to the transit cycles of the Sun.

In The Astrological Foundation of The Christ Myth, Malik H. Jabbar uses the four cycles of the sun : summer cycle, fall cycle, winter cycle, and spring cycle to explain the symbolism connected to the Christ Myth. "Throughout the Bible, Jesus (the personified Sun) is always traveling. While in its glory the Sun (Jesus) brings "truth and light to the world." Jabbar selects ten events from the gospel of Jesus Christ and uses astronomical analogy to explain the Christ Myth that evolved from them. But even at this he barely only scratches the surface as I would find in my deeper studies into Egypt.

Answer for yourself: Why, if Jesus is a historical character, are there are presently two dates for both Christmas and Easter since they both involve "birth"?

This purportedly well-known character, Jesus, who supposedly set the world on fire, has no birthdate whatsoever, and the "historical" references and genealogies found in the gospel accounts differ from each other which is hardly likely if they are to be believed as "true". What you find upon such study of the New Testament when compared with the Hebrew Scriptures let alone the conflicts and contradictions among the New Testament manuscripts themselves is that the gospels are not history at all but a retelling of the Mythos that finds its origin in Sun Worship. The historical Jesus is a apparition. "These, which cannot both be historical, are based on the two birthdays of the double Horus in Egypt" say scholars like Gerald Massey. In addition, early Christian "doctors" were constantly contradicting themselves as to when exactly "the Lord" died or "ascended to heaven" after "he" was resurrected. Two of the most powerful early bishops, Irenaeus and Papias record that Christ lived to be very old, "flatly denying as 'heresy' the Gospel stories as to his crucifixion at about thirty years of age." (J. Wheless, Forgery in Christianity).

As concerning the above dates, the ancients recognized that (from an earthcentric perspective) the Sun makes an annual descent southward in the Sky until December 21st or 22nd, the Winter Solstice, when the Sun stops moving southerly on the horizon for three (3) days and then starts to move northward again. During this time, the ancients declared that "God's Sun" had "died" for three days and was "born again" or "born anew" on December 25th.

Answer for yourself: What do we get when we personify such an Astronomical concept? We get not the "Sun" that died but the "Son of the Father" that died! The "Son of God" died for 3 days and was resurrected and reborn!

Answer for yourself: Sound familiar?

Later when the "Sun" was personified as the "Son" we have now the birthday of the "Son of God" since the Sun was already a symbol for God among the Ancients like the Egyptians. The ancients realized quite abundantly that they needed the Sun to return every day and that they would be in big trouble if the Sun continued to move southward and did not stop and reverse its direction. Failure of the Sun to retrace its course in the Sky would mean colder days and days with less light and that spelled sure death for mankind as the "darkness" would triumph over "light" and along with that the cessation of the food chain for mankind and animals. Thus, these many different cultures celebrated the "Sun of God's" birthday on December 25th. In The Truth about Jesus, M. Mangasarian states: *"The selection of the twenty-fifth of December as his birthday is not only an arbitrary one, but that date, having been from time immemorial dedicated to the Sun, the inference is that the Son of God and the Sun of Heaven enjoying the same birthday, were at one time identical beings [notice the Son is identified with the Sun...here comes the Trinity again as the Son is of the same essence as the Sun...reminds us of Nicea Council..right?]. The fact that Jesus' death was accompanied with the darkening of the Sun, and that the date of his resurrection is also associated with the position of the Sun at the time of the Vernal Equinox, is a further intimation that*

we have in the story of the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, an ancient and nearly universal Sun-myth, instead of verifiable historical events."

So in just a few pages we have seen how the Sun passed through the constellation of Capricorn and the Winter Solstice and how the ancients personified this solar event into religious myths of the birth of the "Sun" and later the birth of the "Son of the Sun-god" on December 25th. Not only do we have an astronomical occurrence at the Winter Solstice that gave the Ancients the idea of the "rebirth of the Sun" but we now have seen how not only the date of December 25th was chosen not only for the "birth of the Sun" but for the birth of the "Son of the Sun-God as well.

From the evidence collected so far it is beginning to appear that Jesus Christ in the New Testament account of the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than the personified Sun! And many of the New Testament verses and an examination of early Christian history will show that Jesus was not worshipped as a "Historical" person by the people alive 2000 years ago but was rather understood as the Sun and the Heavens as his father's house. It is we who have been given this New Testament with a historicized and literalized projection of "Jesus Christ" and taught to interpret the story "literally" when it can be shown today that the Ancients understood the story "allegorically" and the earliest Gnostic "Chrestians" or "Christians" saw "Jesus Christ" as an allegorical concept expressing Spiritual and Divine truths.

Answer for yourself: Is it any coincidence that Jesus as the Son of God had 12 disciples and that the Sun's "followers," "helpers" or "disciples" are the 12 months and the 12 signs of the Zodiac or constellations, through which the sun must pass?

In coming to that answer let us consider:

- The Earth makes one orbit of the Sun passing through the 12 signs of the zodiac in exactly the same time that it takes the Moon to orbit the Earth 12 times.
- There are 12 ages of 2,160 years each that rule the Vernal Equinox through the 25, 920 years of the Platonic Year. Each age and sign of the Zodiac changes at the Vernal Equinox every 2,160 years as seen when the age of Taurus (bull) changed to the age of Aries (ram/lamb) or when the age of Pisces (the two fish) will change to the age of Aquarius (the water bearer).
- The largest planet in our solar system, Jupiter takes 12 years to complete one orbit of the Sun.
- In ancient times there were 12 Greek gods and 12 princes of the Aztec god king Quetzalcoatl.
- The 12 sons of Jacob founded the 12 Tribes of Israel and there were 12 princes of Ishmail.
- Osiris, the Egyptian King had 12 apostles, as did Jesus with his 12 disciples.
- There were 12 Knights of the Round Table and 12 apostles of the Patriarch.
- There were 12 divisions of Solomon's Table, 12 Altars of St. James and 12 Labours of Hercules.
- In homoeopathic medicine there are 12 basic mineral salts, each equated to the influence of the 12 signs of the Zodiac.
- In weighing gold there are 12 ounces to the pound and diamonds have 12 axes.
- Today we have 12 members of a jury.
- In Astrology the 12 signs of the zodiac are divided into four triplicities which are Fire, Earth, Air and Water.

Answer for yourself: Is the above more than coincidence or is the effect of the Zodiac plainly evident in the list above?

Answer for yourself: Is it any coincidence that the sun at 12 noon was said by the Ancients to be in the house or temple of the "Most High"; thus, "he" (the Sun) begins "his Father's work" at "age" 12 just like it is said of Jesus (as the personified Son of the Sun)?

The account of Christ's childhood as given us in the Gospels is dismissed in a very few words. Only one episode is related, and that is the one in which Jesus, having reached the age of twelve years, was taken up by his Mother to the Temple of the Lord and there, for the first time, gave indication of his vocation, and evidenced

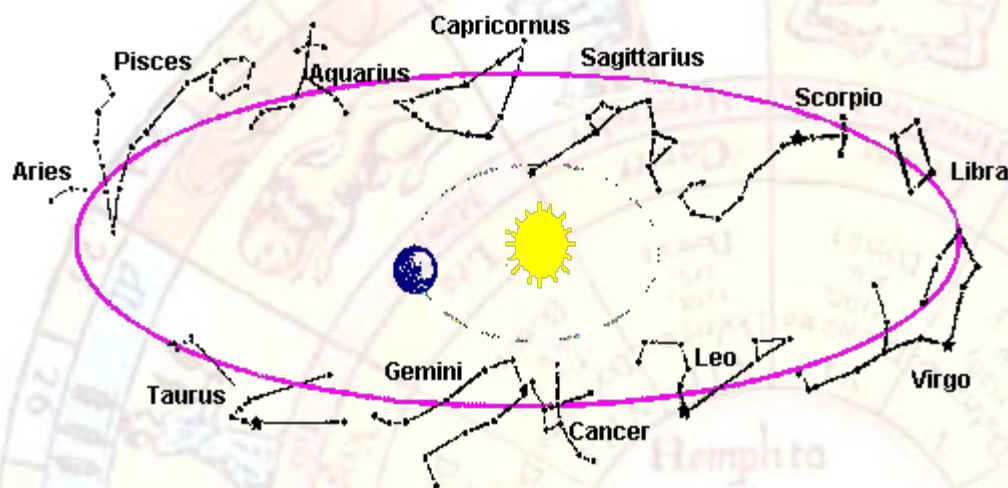
the realization that a mission was preordained for him. Prior to this, his parents had conformed to all the requirements of the Jewish ritual; they had also sojourned in Egypt. Of his his supposed time there, we are told nothing. All that we know is covered by the words:

"They returned into Galilee to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him." (St. Luke, 2: 39, 40.)

Students would do well to remember that the number twelve is regarded by the esotericists of all faiths as signifying the number of completion; it recurs again and again in the various scriptures of the world. The following comments are of interest in this connection, showing as they do the significance of this number, and its relation to initiation:

"The accomplishment of the age of twelve years signifies a full period of evolution when an initiation was undergone by the Christ-soul. This took place in the inner mind (the temple) and corresponded to an awakening of the logical and intuition sides of the soul. These are the father-mother principle, indicated by the presence of the parents." - Dictionary of the Sacred Language of all Scriptures and Myths, by G. A. Gaskell, p. 773.

And again, "This number (of the twelve disciples) is typified by many things in the Old Testament; by the 12 sons of Jacob, by the 12 princes of the Children of Israel; by the 12 running springs in Helim; by the 12 stones in Aaron's breastplate; by the 12 loaves of the shew-bread; by the 12 spies sent by Moses; by the 12 stones [76] of which the altar was made; by the 12 stones taken out of Jordan; by the 12 oxen which bare the brazen sea. Also in the New Testament, by the 12 stars in the bride's crown, by the 12 foundations of Jerusalem which John saw, and her 12 gates." - Bishop Rabanus Manrus, A.D. 857.



All these recurrences of twelve have their origin in the twelve signs of the Zodiac, that imaginary belt in the Heavens through which the Sun appears to pass on its journey in the course of a year, and during its greater cycle of approximately 25,920 years.

These are important facts and questions to ponder as we continue to trace the movement of the Sun through the constellation of

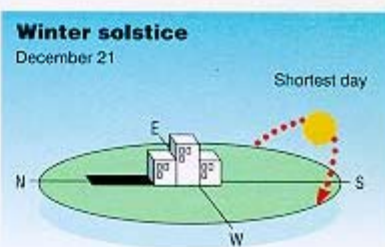
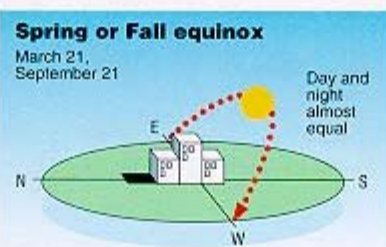
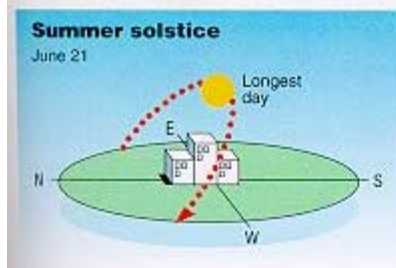
Capricorn into the constellation of Aquarius. To the constellation of Aquarius we go in the next article as we continue to trace the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament.

ASTRONOMY...THE HEART OF THE "JESUS STORY"

It is important in order to understand the "Jesus Story" and how it is taken completely from Astronomy and astrology that the reader have some basic understanding in the working of the Cosmos and the Sun and its relationship to the earth as well as knowledge concerning the path of the Sun across the Heavens above. One needs to stop right now and read the article on the [Winter Solstice](#) before further study of this article. This will insure that he understands the following facts correctly.

In looking at the picture on the left it is easily to see that at the time period of December 22 the Sun's position is at the lowest point in the horizon and it is after these 3 days when the Sun no longer moved on the horizon that to the Ancients the Sun "appeared dead". It was after these 3 days when the Sun "stood still" that it begins to ascend upward again as the days and the time of daylight in a day once again increases and with it the hope of

Spring and a renewed "food chain". It is during these winter months and the lesser light from the Sun that the



earth experiences the effects of the waning of the Sun's light and become barren as opposed to Spring when the earth is reawakened into full bloom. The Sun is not born until

December 25 when days start to grow noticeably longer just like our "baby" Jesus grows into his "fullness" in the New Testament and in accordance with Church tradition. Since the entire sky can be seen as God's Universe, the Sun of God is referred to as the Son of God when personified in mankind's later myths of what he saw in the Heavens.

Remembering that the sign for Capricorn is a goat then it is important to note that goats are known to habitat rocky mountains and ascent to great heights. Looking up it appears, in relation to the horizon, that the mountain goat stands higher than the Sun on the horizon at times. If you have ever been the the Grand Canyon then you know that rocks symbolize barrenness. Mountain goats live in small herds on steep mountain sides and cliffs, feeding on the stunted vegetation above the timberline. This stunted vegetation in the habitat of a mountain goat is a perfect picture of the Winter Solstice when the earth is suffering from the waning of the Sun and its influence upon Mother Earth and the decrease of vegetation in the winter months. Goats are often housed in barns or dark places like mangers, where they are kept as we have seen from our typology. This is a time of darkness when evil forces are in control. It is at this time that the cosmic dualism is at its zenith; namely, the contest between light and darkness for mastery. We should expect to find the battle between Osiris (light) and Set ("Sun-Set" & darkness) and we do but only the names have been changed down through history from nation to nation. Of concern for us of course is the desire of the darkness, in the allegorized form of Herod, to kill baby Jesus (the newborn Sun) which has just begun new life following the Winter Solstice.

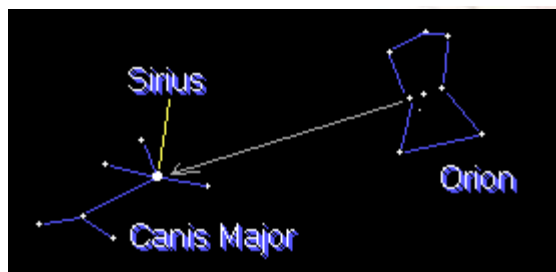
I would be amiss if I did not at least mention that Luke 2:12 refers to Capricorn when he tells us the baby was born in a manger. Mangers of course seem to always be dark places where there is no lighting to speak of. Again they speak of "darkness" and that is why often the earliest accounts of the "Jesus Story" intermixed "mangers" with "caves" to emphasize this "darkness" at the birth of the "infant Sun" at the Winter Solstice.

Luke 2:12 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. (KJV)

Capricorn is also the sign of sin and sacrifice. Sagittarius the centaur-archer is believed to have shot Capricorn, transforming him into a sacrificial goat, or scapegoat. This is the very foundation of many religions, including the story and religion of Jesus Christ. We will see this same theme repeated when we get to the Constellation of Aries and Taurus. In the Book of Revelation, St. John explains that the Sun God (or son of God) is always born at midnight when the sun enters this sign of the Winter Solstice. The child is born in poverty, in a goat's manger in a stable, so that he can later save humankind as its sacrificial goat.

It is again at this time that off to the left of the Constellation of Orion and his belt of 3 stars which is the source for the story of the 3 wise men do we find the brightest star in the sky named Sirius. The star of Bethlehem (Matt. 2:2) is symbolized by the brightest star in the winter sky, Sirius, in the constellation, Canis Major.

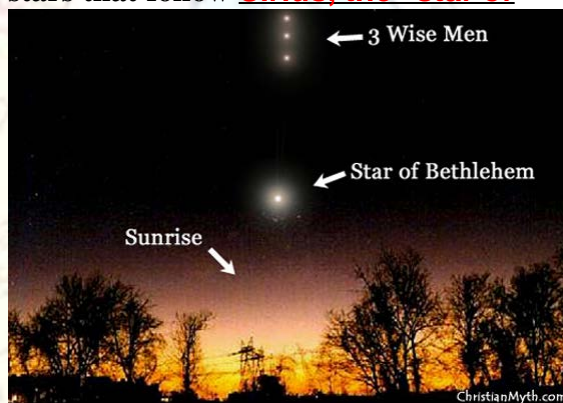
Since stars, like the Sun, always rise from the east, it would appear as three stars were following this "one" bright star. Or said another way



the star of "Bethlehem" was guiding these 3 magi (the 3 stars in Orion's belt). Mind you that the stars rise in "the East" and travel West across the vault of the sky and set in the Western horizon. To Egyptian

astronomers, Sirius' rising marked the beginning of their new year and was a symbol of Isis who birthed the "son of God" Horus. So we are following perfectly what we see in the sky as did the Ancients who crafted this myth thousands of years ago. I challenge anyone to look at this sky and star map and tell me that the proximity of the 3 stars in the belt of Orion and Sirius are not the origin for the 3 stars that follow **Sirius, the "star of Bethlehem"**, since it helical rising marked the Egyptian New Year. It always stuck me kind of odd that if the 3 Magi, associated with the astronomers and astrologers of Iran, which is East of Israel, had "seen a star in the East", then why did they traveled "West" toward Israel. If the magi were on land and if this was to be understood as "literal-historical" then they could not have come from the east and follow a star from the east. But if both were in the Sky, then it would make perfect sense. This you see is just another part of the Mythos. That is until it dawned upon me that the stars travel the night sky East to West. Now seeing how Sirius is "West" of Orion in the night sky this all makes sense now. **But again we are not actually taking about**

what could have occurred in a historical and literal setting. Only if these events occurred in the Sky and the Heavens does this passage make makes sense. Since stars, like the Sun, always rise from the East, it would appear as three stars were following one bright star. **Sirius you see is the star of Bethlehem guiding the Magi in the Mythos that traveled at night from East to West.** According to the Mythos ahead of these Magi went the star that they had seen at its rising (Matt. 2:10). The constellations would appear to stop when they are directly overhead so the star can be understood to "have stood still". The Magi entered the **"house"** [the House of Capricorn in the Zodiac] (Matt. 2:10).



Matt 2:10 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. (KJV)

In the first twelfth of the cycle, the first sign of the Zodiac of 30 degrees, **he was a child prodigy at twelve years old (Luke 2:42-47)**, and here we find that Jesus tells his parents **"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).**

The Sun at is zenith, or 12 noon, is in the House or Heavenly Temple of the "Most High"; thus "he" begins "his Father's work: at "age" 12. Maxwell relates, "At that point, all Egypt offered prayers to the 'Most High' God" (Leedom, The Book Your Church Does Not Want You To Read, p. 27).

In other words, he must enter each house of the Zodiac. Presently we find the notation of the age of "12" significant as representative of the first sign of the Zodiac which just happens to be Capricorn. The "Jesus Story" will make is rounds through all twelve of the Constellations of the Zodiac before it dies and is reborn to begin a new "age".

Answer for yourself: Is the above examples of Astrotheology just coincidental?

Matt 28:20 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (age). Amen. (KJV)

However, with regard to Judaism and Christianity, the Egyptian Great Year is very significant. For Sirius to complete its elliptical orbit around the Sun took roughly 26,000 years [the Great Year or Precession of the

Equinoxes]. The Egyptians divided this 26,000 Great Year into twelve arcs of about 2160 years, each with its own star constellation that became its Sign. Since most of these signs were given animal forms, the later Greeks called this celestial band Zodiac from the term "zoion" [animal]. These signs were [tracing backwards from the opening of the Egyptian year], the Lion (Atum), the Scarab (Khepera), Twins (Set and Heru), the Bull (Ptah/Yusir), the Ram (Amen), the Fishes (In-tiu), the Water-Bringer (Menat the nurse and Hapi the Nile), the Goat (Mendes), the Archer (Set or Shu), the Scorpion (Serget), the Scales (Ma'at/ Mwoere) and the Virgin Mother (Neith or Auset/Isis). As the Spring Equinox passed through a Zodiacal sign, an age was inaugurated that was seen to symbolically, mythically and physically dominate earthly life during the each span of 2,160 years. The Kemites Pharaonic dynasties of Egypt began in the Age of the Bull [circa 4241/4245 B.C.E.], making Bull symbols and deities, Ptah and Yusir the dominant symbols of that age. When the Spring Equinox moved into the next age, that of the Ram [c 2200 B.C.E.], the Ram deity Amen and his city Waset [Thebes] dominated Kemetic cultural life.

Answer for yourself: Why is this so important for us to know and understand?

This was the age when the Hebrews appeared in history and, as the Old Testament shows, ram and lamb and shepherd imagery permeated their symbolic life. When the Spring Equinox moved into the Piscean Age [Fishes] - c. 68 B.C.E. due again to the Precession of the Equinoxes, the people of the lower Nile observed fish symbolism and it was within two centuries that Christianity, complete with fish symbols [note that the disciples were said to be fishermen] began its emergence as well.

The "Jesus Story" has it right; namely, the Sun must make its yearly trip through the twelve signs of the Zodiac only to repeat it again eternally. The "Jesus Story" is cyclical from beginning to end; birth, death, and resurrection just like the path of the Sun. Of course we have seen that this word mistranslated "world" is better understood to refer to the precession of the Equinox whereby every 2,190 years a new age begins with a new Constellation which rules the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years. With Christianity we find the Age of Aries is replaced with the Age of Pisces (the two fish).

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen so far? We saw that the Sun passes through Capricorn, the goat (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) and it is at this time the Sun both "dies" and is "born anew" and through personification of the Sun and its path through the Sky and Heavens the Ancients preserved such Divine Truths from God such as "Eternal life from the dead" through the agency of myth and legend in the stories of their "godmen" like Osiris, Horus, Attis, Dionysus, Mithra, and Jesus. It all began with Osiris and ends really with the "Jesus Story". Through personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac beginning at Capricorn the Sun/Son is born in a manger (darkness=Winter Solstice) and a star signals its birth (emerging light out of darkness).

Answer for yourself: So what is this star? What was the "Star of Bethlehem" that signaled the birth of the Sun at the Winter Solstice as told through the personification found in the "Jesus Story"? This "birth star" is called Sirius.

Answer for yourself: Is it just a coincidence that Sirius is the "brightest star in the Sky" and lies in proximity to the 3 stars in the belt of Orion which the Ancients understood stood for the 3 Magi in the "Jesus Story"? You will have to decide that for yourself.

This Divine Concept of "Life after death" is God's message to all mankind and is preserved for us in the Laws that operate God's Cosmos and is seen operating "eternally" in the Winter Solstice where the Sun emerges from the darkness of death to shine with new life. At this time, the Winter Solstice the Sun is in its infancy and is symbolized as a "baby Sun" but it eagerly grows to fullness of strength at the Summer Solstice where we see Jesus' face "shinned like the Sun" on the top of the mountain (the Zenith of the Sky).

I will refer you to the picture above of the three stages of the Sun which depicts the Summer Solstice, the Spring

and Summer Equinoxes, and the Winter Solstice. We saw that the starting date for our consideration of the Sun is December 22, the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, when the Sun is at its lowest ascension which is easily seen the picture. This is the beginning of the Sun's annual journey. **This is time for the Sun's birth when the Sun is in the constellation Capricorn.** By December 25 it becomes apparent the Sun has once again begun to climb Northward into the Sky on it's annual journey as the sun rises slightly farther North and the days begin to get longer and with it more light and heat is given to mankind and this renews his faith in his survival and his "salvation" because of God's salvation imparted to him by God's light and heat of the Sun and renewed photosynthesis which reawakens the "food chain". The Ancients celebrated this time, the Winter Solstice, as the time of the **birth of their Savior the Sun**, which had remained "dead" for 3 days who will now make the harvests grow so we man and his family have food to eat.

Matt 2:12 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. (KJV)

As Constellations and not real people, these 3 magi could not return to Herod as in the Gospel story because they had to continue west in the Sky thus they cannot return or retrace their path in the Sky since their movements in the Heavens are fixed by Cosmic laws.

Answer for yourself: Is it any wonder that we should find that Herod, in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 2, looks to Bethlehem, the house of bread, symbolized by Virgo, but Jesus is not to be found there as he is not there in the texts. He simply is not there because he, Jesus, as the personified Sun is yet in Capricorn and as the personified Sun flees "the darkness" connected with the Winter Solstice as it rises to new heights in the Sky.

Answer for yourself: After reading this second article and grouping what you now have learned with what you already learned in prior articles can we say as certainly as before that the story of "Jesus Christ" in the New Testament is taken from astronomy and the "path of the Sun as it travels through the Zodiac? Well for those who need more proof we now turn to more evidence that shows without question that the story of "Jesus Christ" is taken from Astrotheology and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and the Heavens above. In so doing we are forced to ask hard and serious questions concerning the "Historical Jesus".

[Now let us continue our studies in the next article.](#)

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & AQUARIUS...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #3

We ended the earlier article on the correlations between the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac by just scratching the surface when we looked at the "birth of the infant Jesus" and its correlations with the "new born Sun" at the [Winter Solstice](#). Now we go more deeply.

To fully appreciate the mythological significance of Aquarius, it is necessary to bear in mind the importance of water to our ancestors. The very existence of the ancients depended upon the supply of "life sustaining moisture". During the month of Aquarius, the rains were on the land which were literally poured from the heavens. In many regions of the ancient world, this was seen as the beginning the new year, a time of new life cycles. It is not hard to understand why some images depict the figure of Aquarius as a water bearing angel or other divine being.

West of Pisces and below the neck of Pegasus lie the stars of Aquarius, the Water Bearer, one of the oldest Constellations. Aquarius is always depicted, even on very early Babylonian stones, as a man or boy, carrying a jar, bucket, or urn, the contents of which he is pouring out, with an appropriate towel in the left hand, the human figure sometimes omitted. The stream of water from this jar flows into the mouth of Pisces Austrinus, the Southern Fish (not to be confused with Pisces). The region of the night sky in which Aquarius resides is populated by water signs. In Babylonia, this region of the Zodiac was known as the Sea. Here we also find, Capricornus, the "water goat" and Pisces, the fish. To the Greeks, Aquarius was associated with Ganymede, the son of Tros, king of Phrygia. The god Zeus, so admired the boy's beauty that, disguised as an eagle, he abducted him to serve as cup bearer on mount Olympus. It was this desire to possess the young prince which inspired Zeus to cast his image eternally in the night sky.

The Egyptians associated this time of year with the god Hapi. A heavyset, abundant figure, Hapi was responsible for the annual flooding of the river Nile. In some images he is seen watering the earth from two large jugs. So as we can see the theme associated with Aquarius is "water".



AQUARIUS & JESUS: JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

We now focus our attention on the Sun moving through the Constellation of Capricorn into the Constellation of

Aquarius. Around 4,000 B.C.E. Aquarius which is one of the four major points of the Zodiac held the ruling position at the [Winter solstice](#). Since that time, if not earlier, this sign has been identified as a giant urn pouring water into the sky. Thousands of years later Aratus called this part of the sky "The Water". Aquarius was seen to govern the huge cosmic sea that now contains the Constellations of Pisces the Fishes, Cetus the Whale, Capricorn the Sea-Goat, Deiphinus the Dolphin, Eridanus the River, Piscis Australis the Southern Fish, and Hydra the Water Serpent.

The Babylonians called the stars of Aquarius the "Seat of the Flowing Water" and saw it as the source of the rain that caused the great deluge of their creation myth. Following this theme, and linked with the fact that it was the Winter Solstice Constellation, they also called it the "God of Storms".

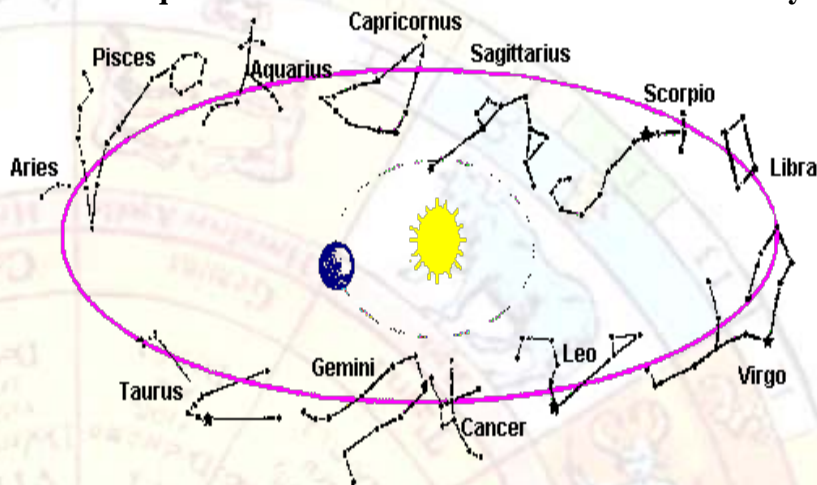
But before Babylon we need to focus on Egypt, where rainfall was negligible and where the Nile was the source of all water and therefore all life. The Nile is the most predictable and reliable river in the world, flooding annually every July through to October, pouring life-giving water and silt over the Nile Valley floor. Thus the river was seen as a "god" or "goddess" and a most sacred life-giving entity. But before we jump to conclusions because we used the term "god" we must fully understand how Egypt understood their "gods" or "goddesses" which are really called [the "neteru"](#). Stop right now and read the article on the "neteru" and then you will know that the terms "god" and "goddess" is a poor expression for what is actually meant as far as Egypt goes.

Starting up again know that at the time of the flooding of the Nile at one time Aquarius was the heliacal setting Constellation, meaning that as the Sun rose, Aquarius set on the opposite western horizon. From this visual fact the Egyptians saw the "Water Carrier" as dipping his urn into the Nile, his pot displacing the water that caused the flooding. For them it was if some "force" or "power" leaned down from Heaven and poured his water into the Nile.

The usual image of Aquarius comes from this Egyptian concept of the "river god" or "neteru" pouring the contents of his urn into the Nile while holding a norma nilotica, a rod for measuring the rising waters of the Nile. Now much later this "force" or "power" or "neteru" **was thought of as associated with the historical person of John the Baptist** (Jobes, *Outer Space*, p. 115), matching an ancient Babylonian image of a man pouring water and holding a towel (Allen, *Star Names*, p. 45). This simple change from a river-measuring rod to a towel degrades Aquarius from a "river god" to an attendant in a bathhouse. The Greeks did not place any of their mythology onto this great and ancient Constellation, except to link him to Ganymede, Zeus's cupbearer. **Whatever his name, he has been associated with water, be it life-giving floods and rain or life-taking storms and deluge.** (Bernadette Brady, *Brady's Bok of Fixed Stars*, Samuel Weiser, Inc., York Beach, Me., 1988, p. 306).

Answer for yourself: What do we know of the Constellation Aquarius as it is connected with the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament?

Well first of all we need to know it comes next after the Constellation of Capricorn in the path of movement of the Constellation in the Zodiac. By "next" I mean that in the sequence of the Constellations that make up the Zodiac the Constellation of Aquarius follows the Constellation of Capricorn as the Zodiac moves in the Sky and Heavens. If you look at the picture of the Zodiac then you will notice that as the Sky moves and the Heavens move then these Constellations appear to drift across the Sky very, very slowly and taking notice of the Constellation of Capricorn we see the Constellation of Aquarius right adjacent to it. According to the Precession of the Equinoxes every 2,160 years a different Constellation is at a very important part of the Sky having displaced the former one which had ruled the Vernal/Spring Equinox for 2,160 years.



Answer for yourself: And what time is this? It is the Spring or Vernal Equinox which is associated with "new life" and "rebirth" as the Earth awakens anew from its death which it experienced at the hands of "old man Winter". What we find is that 2,160 years after the Constellation of Capricorn held this important position at dawn at the Spring Equinox the adjacent Constellation of Aquarius had slowly and imperceptibly moved into this cherished position as understood by the Ancients.

Answer for yourself: What should that mean to me at this part of our study? It simply means that if our "theory" is correct, and that the depiction of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is but an allegory or personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac then we should expect to find Jesus soon after his inauguration into ministry at 30 years of age become associated in some way with water.

Answer for yourself: Is there any connection with the fact that Jesus begins his ministry at 30 (Luke 3:23) and there are 30 degrees on the Zodiac?

Luke 3:23 23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is this similarity between the number "30" and the depiction of the life of Jesus just a coincidence?

The Sun enters into each sign of the Zodiac at 30 degrees, hence the "Sun of God" begins his ministry at "age" 30 and Jesus, as the personification of the Sun must do the same thing to maintain the perfect typology. As Hazelrigg states, "...the Sun of the visible Heavens has moved northward 30 degrees and stands at the gate of Aquarius, the Water-bearer, or John the Baptist of the mystic planisphere, and here begins the work of ministry in the Palestine..." (John Hazelrigg, The Sun Book, Health Research, 1971, p. 163). Now let us move on.

Answer for yourself: What do we find when looking at the life of Jesus Christ in the Synoptic Gospels right after Jesus' initiation into ministry? Well what luck! Jesus is found coming immediately to John the Baptist at the rivers (think water) of Jordan and we have our contact with water as we would have expected according to the theory that the Jesus of the New Testament is but the personification of the path of the Sun through the Constellations of the Zodiac. Jesus, the personified path of the Sun, come to the Constellation of Aquarius in personified form to John the Baptist.

In mid January the Sun enters the Constellation Aquarius. The Constellation Aquarius is visible to the naked eye at sunset on the western horizon just as the Sun sets. As noted above Aquarius is the bringer of water, because it is the rainy season; thus again the connection with the stars and the Constellation on the western horizon during the rainy season as noticed by the Ancients.

Of course rain is but another of God's manifestations of "salvation" to mankind. Rain of course is the first step and necessary ingredient in any harvest cycle and this again is tied to the Seasons.

I don't know if you have ever noticed it yet or not but in Israel the "solar seasons" signify the three pilgrimage festivals, Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot, which correspond with seasonal agricultural events. In these, Judaism tells time by correlating nature's seasons with Israel's paradigmatic events. This speaks of the "former" and "latter" rains of which we read in the Hebrew Scriptures. In ancient Israel, the yearly seasons consisted of the former and latter rains. The former rains came during Spring (think Vernal Equinox) and from these rains, the first crop harvests came and the farmers were able to enjoy the "firstfruits" of their harvests. The latter rains came during Fall or Autumn (think Autumn Equinox), these rains were normally heavier and from these rains the main crop harvests were gathered. These seasons of "former rains" and "latter rains" were reflected in the festivals that the ancient Israelites celebrated in accordance to Leviticus 23.

Leviticus 23:15-21 speak of the "festival of firstfruits" (vs 17) which later became known as the day of "Pentecost" - this represent the "former" rains.

- **Leviticus 23:33-44 speaks of the "feast of tabernacles" which represent the "latter" rains.**

Now as we move on what we find in the Synoptic Gospels associated with John the Baptist (think Aquarius) is the preaching of "repentance" associated with "water" which just so happens is also the theme connected with the "latter" rains that occur at the later harvest in Israel which occur with the later festivals of Rosh HaShannah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot which are again associated with the "latter rains".

The Prophet Joel (2:28, 29) wrote, *"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit."* This passage plays a prominent role on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles (Shavuot). This last day, the great day of the feast, is the occasion when the Israelites would gather together in the Temple and pray for God to send the rains. They would read and declare the passages we have just mentioned: Zechariah 12:10, Isaiah 44:3, Joel 2:28, 29.

It was at this "latter" festival that "the Christ" is to have spoken while standing in the Temple, *"Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Yeshua was not yet glorified"* (John 7:37-39).

So water is the "theme" of both the "former" and "latter" rains; both "naturally" and **"spiritually"** and it should follow one's "natural birth" as depicted in the Sky and Heavens as mankind witnessed God's Sun (symbolic for God) showing us the way that man, once born, needs a "new Spiritual birth" and all of this comes from the Ancient Spiritual masters noticing God speaking His will for mankind from the movement of His orbs of Heaven. And "water" is intricately connected with this "new birth" as water was seen as symbolic for the "womb". Now you understand what Nicodemus meant when he said:

John 3:4 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb (water), and be born (a second time)? (KJV)

What we must take notice of is the association of the preaching of repentance of John the Baptist with "water" and the "second birth" (being "born again"). We find that in the Synoptic Gospel accounts that the preaching of John the Baptist emphasized "repentance" and it is associated with "immersion in water" which is necessary for any Jewish observance of a Festival as well as a Gentile's conversion to Judaism. Furthermore this connection of the preaching of repentance associated with immersion, and the depiction of Jesus as "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world" as spoken by John the Baptist gives us the clue that we are speaking not only of repentance but now we have added the spiritual concepts of Yom Kippur and the idea of the "scapegoat" (think Capricorn...the goat...remember?) of God. So now we add to the "scapegoat" the idea of "water" as in being "baptized" into Christ Jesus if you are a Christian.

Answer for yourself: How are these two themes related? **The writers of the "Jesus Story" have connected the themes of Capricorn and Aquarius together theologically for the reader.** It is the "goat" of Capricorn that "saves" and "takes away the sins of the world" and this finds its ultimate expression not only in the sacrifices of a "lamb/ram" in Judaism but in the sacrifice of "Jesus" in the New Testament. It is this same symbolisms applied to the "Jesus Story": the goat and water. Naturally speaking of the Cosmos the Constellation of Capricorn now yields its position to the Constellation of Aquarius as the Sun continues its path in the Sky and passes through into the "water bearer" of Aquarius having left the "manger" of Capricorn. **And this follows perfectly in order if we chronologically read the "Jesus Story"; after the "birth" of Jesus we find this first action being going to the waters of Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist**

(the "water bearer" of Aquarius.

Theologically speaking in the world of Orthodox Judaism, this event is called the **mikveh**, the immersion. It is the root and origin of the Christian practice known as Baptism. Some believe John the Baptist invented baptism, **but ritual purification by water is nearly as old as time itself**. Literally, the mikveh is identified as a collection of water, a pool of sorts, which has gathered by God's design. That is to say, there was no human intervention, no one dug a hole, no one collected water in jars to fill the pool. This collection of waters might be a river or a sea. The water source came about as part of the Almighty's plan, which gives it the nomenclature: **Living Water**. As we progress through the Bible, we find water playing a crucial role in the cleansing of mankind as well as the priesthood, as the sons of Levi must be ritually purified before carrying out their religious duties. This applies to us as well. In fact, by the time we get to the New Testament, the mikveh was a critical part of life in the daily routine of Jewish religious society. Women had to undergo the immersion every month after the completion of their menstrual cycle. Men, particularly the religiously observant ones, engaged in the mikveh every dawn, in preparation for morning prayers in the Temple and before entering the Temple. Archeologists continue to unearth ancient mikveh pools near and around the Temple mount. These pools are identical in form and construction to the mikveh baths found in modern Orthodox Jewish synagogues. Today, when a Gentile converts to Judaism, his final act is to go through the immersion of the mikveh. In this practice, the Talmud teaches that he enters the waters, dies to himself, is buried, and emerges on the other side, **"born again."**

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Some would claim that the phrase "born of water" clearly refers to water baptism. While many see an allusion to baptism here that Christian readers would recognize, there is a serious problem with seeing a reference to baptism that cannot be controverted, and that is that Nicodemus would not have the slightest idea that Jesus was referring to it. How could Nicodemus understand a reference to "an as yet nonexistent sacrament"?

The correct interpretation of this verse is found in light of the intimate connection of water, spirit, and cleansing in Judaism. As Beasley-Murray observes, "The conjunction of water and Spirit in eschatological hope is deeply rooted in the Jewish consciousness." This motif is found in Ezekiel 36:25-27:

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

At the core of John 3:5 is the **metaphorical use of water in Judaism as a symbol of interior cleansing** -- not a declaration that baptism is required to enter the Kingdom of God.

*Acts 2:37-8 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for** the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

A key here is the word "for" (eis) - a word that can mean "for" or "because of". If "eis" is taken to mean "for" then it is taken to mean that baptism is essential to salvation; if it means "because of", then it is not. However, "into" is the closest approximation of "eis" in this verse, so that Peter tells the crowd to be "baptized into the remission of sins." Read in light of the Semitic Totality Concept, **it indicates that believers will practice this behavior to validate their commitment to God and His "Christ"**. Baptism is just one part of that behavior is inextricably linked to repentance and salvation.

So we are left with correctly understanding the concept of being "Born Again" from a Jewish perspective and not a Roman theological perspective. Historically speaking the original understanding of the term of "born again" refers to the Gentile's conversion to Judaism and acceptance of obedience and submission to the Covenant of Noah and the Laws of Noah which are but a part of Biblical Judaism. One only has to read and study Acts 15 and see the Laws of Noah hidden in these texts to completely understand what I am saying. The term "born again" was later stolen and reinterpreted by Roman Gentile Christianity and removed from its "Hebraic understanding" in the New Testament and in so doing the Spiritual Concept of being "born again" lost its original meaning which sadly remains lost today to almost all but those who study for themselves and sees the implications that Biblical Judaism has towards the Gentile.

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen?

What we find is that Jesus Christ as the "goat" of Capricorn" (scapegoat) is now associated with "water" as seen in his submission to John the Baptist. It is this "immersion into water" which is but symbolic of God's will for man and his "internal cleansing" and this was understood by the Ancients as seen and understood from the study of God's Heavens and His Constellations and their movements in the Sky.

Answer for yourself: Do you mean to tell me that the practice of immersion, baptism, repentance, conversion, and being "born again" and other associated religious dogmas and doctrines in Biblical Judaism and Christianity actually came from the Ancient's observations of the path of the Sun as it traveled through the Constellation of Capricorn and entered into the Constellation of Aquarius? Yes I do! That is why I call it the "Theology In The Heavens"! But God is not a man and does not have "flesh" as we do and therefore He has to speak to man in ways above the mundane speech of mankind. God speaks from Heaven and the movements of His stars and Constellations let alone the Sun was understood by the Spiritual Masters of antiquity as revealing God's will and "Spiritual Message" for mankind and the more spiritual among them understood this message and developed on Earth dogmas and doctrines to reflect what God desired of man from above: *So Above...So Beneath!* Here we see this concept again acted out in concrete actions of repentance and immersion which led to man's salvation.

Let me say men can forge religious books and have done so abundantly but no man can forge God's blackboard in the Sky and Heavens and your study of the Ancients and Egyptian religion will reveal God's will for mankind like no other study in the world.

The Ancient Spiritual masters of yesterday, whom Rome has labeled as "pagan" by the way hoping you never read or study such men and their writings, studied God's Heaven and Sky and were able to understand not only God's will for man but was able to bring His message to down to Earth and to all mankind and it all came from a "Spiritual understanding" of the movements of the orbs of Heaven; in particular for our present study the understanding of the path of the Sun through the Heavens and the Zodiac which was the way the Ancients understood God was speaking to man and expressing His will for all mankind. In such an way Ancient mankind and the Spiritual Masters of yesterday understood by observing the path of the Sun (symbolic for God) moving from the Constellation of Capricorn to the Constellation of Aquarius that all mankind needed a "second spiritual birth" that goes beyond his "natural birth" and that this birth is to be connected with water and an internal cleansing of the Soul of man. Man came to understand by observing the Sun and the Heavens that he needed to be "born again" and he was able to associate this concept with water and in so doing man entered into the symbolic "watery womb" and "watery grave" (mikvah) a second time to emerge "reborn" as if *"born from Above"*. Judaism calls being "born again" receiving "the Soul that comes down from Heaven". Ironically we find that it is not Christianity that coined the term "born again" but it was in use long before Christianity and can be found as far back in history as Egypt. So allegorically speaking man is born in "Capricorn" needing a "Second Birth" which he is symbolized by the Sun moving from the House of Capricorn into the House of Aquarius. This is expressed in the stories of various sungods and in the "Jesus Story" as seen in the birth of Jesus at the Winter Solstice whereupon we next see him at 30 years of age coming to John at the Jordan to be immersed which again in Jewish terms is being "Born Again". What we fail to realize is that in Judaism one was "immersed" after repentance, before Biblical Festivals, before entering the Temple, and also when a Gentile

made conversion. **This "Second Birth" connected with "water" was astronomically understood by the Sun moving from Capricorn into Aquarius (the water bearer).**

Answer for yourself: What should we expect to find at this "Second Birth"? Once man is "Spiritually Born Anew" then a tension or conflict beings in his nature between "Spirit" and "Flesh". This is the ultimate battle during one's life for mastery and this dualism is dramatized and portrayed for us in the "Jesus Story" in the "Temptation of Christ" which we see occurs immediately following Jesus being "Born Again" in the New Testament.

Mark 1:12-13 12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. 13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. (KJV)

I suggest that if you have never read our articles on being "born again" and the original **"historical meaning of being born again"** as it was originally understood before Rome's "religious reinterpretation" then I strongly suggest you do.

What we see behind this "Jesus Story" as we study it from an astronomical aspect is that the cyclical alignment of the Sun with the Constellations provides the basis for understanding the allegorical significance of Jesus' existence. When once does the necessary studies into such disciplines like Comparative religions, Jewish history as well as early Gentile writers of the first and second century, manuscript forgeries, Gnosticism and Egyptian religion one sees over and over again the abundant and clear evidence that this Jesus of the New Testament did not exist as a historical person; he existed as an allegorical representation of the Sun as it moved through the Zodiac. But beneath this "Jesus Story" hidden in its personification and anthropomorphic language is the Mystical representation of the evolution of the Divine Soul in mankind. Jesus is but a vehicle to convey the growth and development of the Divine in matter. This can be said for all the prior sungod and sungod stories that preceded the "Jesus Story" and parallel it today. Likewise, Satan allegorically represents the Sun during the Fall and Winter months as well. At that time, evil and darkness dominates when the Sun is at its weakest in the Sky. **So we see that this "Jesus Story" is the allegory of the orbs of the Heaven understood in such a way to explain the Divine's intersection into matter; or said another way how God became to tabernacle in the flesh of mankind and what is the will of God for man in his spiritual growth during his life.**

So in keeping with the pattern of the path of the Sun we should expect that following the birth of Jesus he moves to the water (Aquarius) and that is exactly what we find. Also in keeping with the Gospel record once "Born from Above" then we should expect to see the beginning of a spiritual war in the flesh of mankind and that is again what we see in the Temptation of Jesus in the gospels.

Mark 1:13 13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. (KJV)

Notice if you will the New Testament texts, in particular the Gospel of Mark, state that Jesus was with wild beasts.

Answer for yourself: Since the Zodiac literally means "circle of animals" then is this just a coincidence that Jesus is said to be with "wild beasts"?

The texts also say that angels came to minister to him. The angels are the stars. Angels reveal the message of God to man by their "angles" in the Sky. This will become apparent to the reader the more he studies the "Jesus Story" in relation to the Equinoxes and Solstices. The bottom line to all of this as it begins to unfold to the reader is that the "Jesus Story" is the story of the Divine in mankind or as Ancient philosophers would say: "The Descent of the Soul into matter". This descent of God into the physical realm was told through myths and legends through allegory and personification and through anthropomorphic language in the various stories of

gods and godmen down through history. My studies have shown me conclusively that the "Jesus Story" is the ultimate and final expression of these Divine Truths told through the allegorical story of a man as had been others previously. Now let us get back to the study.

Answer for yourself: What did we learn about Egypt? They told it right concerning God: **"So Above, So Beneath"!** The "Jesus Story" reveals Heaven on Earth or as it should be which is the will of God for all mankind. The decision to learn and emulate this Heavenly example expressed in the "Jesus Story" is one each person has to make for himself or herself.

That is why the Jesus of the New Testament teaches us that **in our relationship with God we must come to His water to be "born anew" in a Spiritual Sense.** And all of this "theology" came from the stars and the Constellation of Aquarius as the Sun moved through it for 2,160 years as observed and understood by the Ancients. This truly amazing when you actually see and understand God speaking to the world from Heaven through the Cosmos and the movement of the stars and Constellations in it that all mankind are in need of a "Second Birth" that is accompanied with repentance and obedience to His Laws in the Cosmos that express His will and Order for all mankind. Judaism reveals these "Cosmic Laws" or Order in their Torah as had Egypt before them in their "42 Negative Confessions" which read like the Laws of Moses.

Answer for yourself: Is this a coincidence? Well some might still think so. But let me prepare you for what comes next if you continue your studies with us. After you finish the study of all thirteen articles and see for yourself as laid out before you that chronologically the life of Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament follows exactly the personification of the Sun through the 12 Constellations of the Zodiac as seem in an "educated" reading of the Synoptic Gospels from beginning to end then you will have no doubt as to the validity of the "historicity" of Jesus Christ. The whole concept of "Jesus Christ" can be traced to Egypt and comes from man's examination and scrutiny of the Sky and Heaven "astronomically" speaking.

In the Scripture, rain (and water in general) is **symbolic** of the Holy Spirit, and the crop harvests are **symbolic** of the harvests of human souls into the Kingdom of God.

Let us look at some verses that **connect water and Holy Spirit symbolism:**

Isa 44:3 3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: (KJV)

Rev 22:17 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (KJV)

Now let us look at some verses that **associate crop harvests and human soul symbolism.**

John 4:34-38 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. (KJV)

Matt 9:36-38 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (KJV)

In January often many Christian churches begin their year by beginning to read through one of the Gospels depicting the life of Jesus. The Jesus story always begins with Jesus visiting John the Baptist, who baptizes with water as we see depicted in [Mark 1:1-13](#), [Matthew 3](#) and [Luke 3](#).

Answer for yourself: In the above passages I hoped you read as taken from the Synoptic Gospels did you also note that each of them mentioned the same thing? And what was that?

These 3 verses all mentioned "the Heavens being **opened**" which parallels what we learned of Capricorn and the "goat" which is also known as **"the gate of the Sun"** which literally means **"the gate of Heaven"**.

Answer for yourself: Is this just another coincidence?

And this is just the beginning of the allegory. Jesus, so far in our study, you would have to admit appears from the evidence collected to be a personification of the Sun as it is passing through two Constellations of the Zodiac and John the Baptist appears to be a personification of Aquarius.

Answer for yourself: It is just a coincidence that Jesus, as the personified "Son of the Sun" visits John the Baptist which is the "personification of Aquarius"? Let us not forget that the Sun in its movement through the Sky does "visit" the "Water bearer" in the Sky just as Jesus in the New Testament visits John the Baptist.

Let us not forget that the Sun is constantly moving through the Heavens and traveling through the Constellations of the Zodiac. As the month progresses the Constellation Aquarius gets lower and lower on the western horizon and eventually ends up entirely below the horizon in February. More on this later but notice as well that we have moved from late December to February and we move on as does the Sun.

Now let look at some other things as we continue.

Answer for yourself: Is there any connection that Jesus begins his ministry at 30 (Luke 3:23) and there are 30 degrees on the Zodiac? [The Sun begins it's journey from its birth at the Winter Solstice in the sign of Capricorn](#) at "age 30" by entering Aquarius. **Jesus is said to have begun his ministry at age 30 (Luke 3:23). Jesus begins his ministry by visiting John the Baptist, who baptizes with water. Jesus' ministry is said to have lasted one year.**

The New Testament depicts Jesus coming to John the Baptist at the river of Jordan and we have our contact with water as we would have expected according to the path of the Sun through the Constellations of the Zodiac; in particular the Constellation of Aquarius.

Answer for yourself: Does Aquarius follow Capricorn in the Zodiac? Yes it does and we should expect and do find the Sun moving to the "water bearer" in the Zodiac which parallels the personified "Sun" as the "Son of the Sun" doing the same thing in the "Jesus Story". Jesus, the personified path of the Sun come to the Constellation of Aquarius in the personified form to John the Baptist.

Answer for yourself: Is John the Baptist a personification for a star or stars? Although there is a reference in Josephus to John there is abundant evidence that John the Baptist might be only an allegory of the Constellation of Aquarius. Let us see this evidence.

In our search for John the Baptist in the stars, we have a number of clues in the Gospels, and the Catholic Encyclopedia that helps us determine if John is an "allegory" or a "historical" person. In keeping with our knowledge that Jesus personifies the Sun, we find Jesus in the house of Aquarius on January 22 when he meets John the Baptist. This is in keeping with our date for the sign of Aquarius as indicated above.

The [Catholic Encyclopedia](#) is of valuable help when we look at John the Baptist because it gives us the dates of three holy days that are no longer celebrated by the church that were associated with John the Baptist and Jesus.

These are the dates we should be looking for.

- **September 24: John was conceived.**
- **June 24: John is born**
- **January 22: John baptized Jesus.**
- **August 29: John was beheaded.**

These dates may be obsolete to the Christian Church, but their antiquity brings us closer to the time of truth when the Gospels were written and reveals the astrology and astronomy behind these "theological dates".

First let us look at the concept of John the Baptist as recorded in the New Testament (Luke 1:5-13). But first a review:

We have seen that the summer "bright" sun-god is born at the Winter Solstice, and the increasing hours of lightness and sunlight in the day show him growing in strength until he reaches his greatest power at the Summer Solstice which just so happens to be one day of the year with the longest sunlight when the Sun is highest in the Sky. The Sun is in all its glory high in the Heavens on this day. Remember that as we will see this in the Transfiguration of Jesus later. Following the "typology" and "allegory" of the path of the Sun and the "Jesus Story" we find that the winter "dark" sun-god is born right after the Summer Solstice.

Answer for yourself: And why is that?

From that day on, the Summer Solstice, the amount of sunlight and heat from the Sun diminishes progressively daily and the increasing hours of darkness seen daily show this "dark sun-god" growing in strength until he reaches his greatest power at the Winter Solstice which is the day with the least amount of light and the longest amount of darkness and the longest night of any day of the year. But we are not there yet as we have only begun with the birth of the "infant Sun" at the Winter Solstice (Dec. 25th) and the early times of its growth and the parallel is perfect. We find Jesus "30" years of age as he "begins" his ministry by being "born again" in water. It just so happens if you study Judaism that orthodox Jews were immersed after repentance, before participating in a Biblical Festival, or even entering the Temple. As shown above and as applied to only the Gentile at "conversion" we now see that orthodox Jews were continually "born again" in their daily relationship with God. This is no different with the depiction of Jesus, a righteous Jew, in the New Testament.

So again the typology is perfect and shows us that we have at play here in the "Jesus Story" a dualism of "powers" and "forces" in the Cosmos as expressed in the "Jesus Story" which can easily be seen as an "allegory" between light and darkness; between Jesus and Satan. As one twin "neteru" or Cosmic force grows in power, the other corresponding declines in power in an endless battle between "light and darkness" or as the Ancients understood it in a "Spiritual Sense" **God was speaking to them of the eternal contest in all of life between "good and evil".** Both of these "powers" and "forces" in creation as well in Soul of mankind "can grow" and do since our birth. The question for us is which is to be our master. Thus the need for a "second birth" in water and the Ancients understood it from observation of the path of the Sun through the Constellation of Aquarius.

Answer for yourself: But where is this concept expressed in the "Jesus Story"? Well we get prepared for this when we find John the Baptist saying of Jesus:

He must increase (the Sun), but I must decrease (the darkness). Jn 3:30

Let us not forget that it is just past the Winter Solstice and the Sun is increasing daily its ascent of the Heavens on its way to the zenith in the Sky which it attains at the Summer Solstice. But there is more. The writer of the Gospel of Luke says the same thing:

Luke 2:52 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. (KJV)

It is the time of increase. As the Sun is rising in the Sky and Heavens on its way to the zenith of the Sky at the Summer Solstice we find likewise that Jesus is "increasing" as well. Again the typology is perfect.

The symbolism of the personification of Sun as Jesus continues. Consistently in the New Testament Jesus is called or associated with "light". Speaking again of Jesus:

Luke 2:32 32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. (KJV)

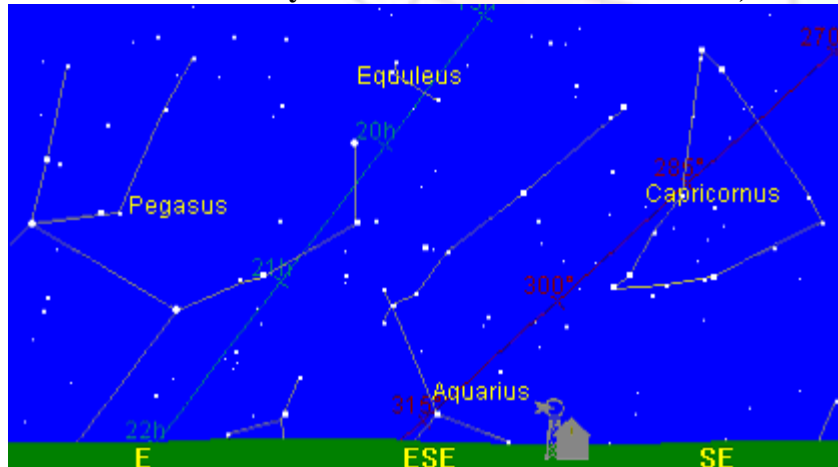
One more thing before we move on.

Mark 6:2-3 2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. (KJV)

In keeping with the sequential chronology of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and its parallel in the "Jesus Story" we see right in sequence the mention of Jesus being a "Carpenter". Let us learn that it was said that the Sun is the "Carpenter" who builds his daily "Houses" or 12 two-hour divisions; again referring to the Zodiac.

JOHN THE BAPTIST IS CONCEIVED WHEN AQUARIUS APPEARS ABOVE THE HORIZON

We have already established the link between John the Baptist and the Constellation Aquarius. We continue with the "Jesus Story". John's mother was Elizabeth, the wife of the priest Zechariah. Both were childless when



Elizabeth was past her child bearing years. The text goes on to say she and her husband was righteous and blameless before God which meant that they were without sin. As you can see from the above diagram we find the sign of Aquarius just emerging above the horizon just southeast of due east and you can now see how the constellation of Aquarius following the Constellation of Capricorn. The New Testament now mentions the birth of John the Baptist. But before a birth there is a conception. The conception of John the Baptist in keeping with the text, the time of the year, and the alignment of the

Constellations at this time was understood to coincide with the emergence of the Constellation Aquarius, the "water bearer" upon the eastern horizon. The rising of the Constellation of the "water bearer" on the eastern horizon was symbolically understood as the "conception of John the Baptist" or actually the New Testament's "water bearer". So it would appear that our John the Baptist was conceived when the Constellation of Aquarius (the water bearer) rose above the eastern horizon.

Answer for yourself: And when was this? It was September 24th? Why was this important?

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from this? Again what we find is that "key" events in the New Testament always follow the Equinoxes and Solstices in one way or the other! As I have said before the New Testament and the "Jesus Story" is the "Theology in the Stars".

Answer for yourself: What happens 9 months later? John the Baptist is believed to be "born"? And when was

this? The date is June 24th as the official date for the birth of John the Baptist. And when is this? **It is the Summer Solstice!**

See I told you....key events in the New Testament are in step with the Equinoxes and Solstices!

Luke 1:5-13 5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. 8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, 9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. 11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: We have to pay attention. We have seen that it is believed that John was conceived in and around September 24th when the Constellation of Aquarius rose just above the Eastern horizon as viewed from Palestine in the time of the first century. We have also seen that 9 months later John the Baptist is believed to be born at the Summer Solstice. **June 24th, the birthdate for John the Baptist, is the end of the summer solstice.**

Answer for yourself: What happens 6 months later? We have the birth of Jesus. Let us look at that as well.

The month of Jesus birth can be calculated with reference to the conception of John the Baptist:

Luke 1:5 says that John's father, Zacharias, was "a member of the Abijah division of the Temple service corps."

Luke 1:5 5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. (KJV)

1 Chronicles 24:15 assigned the priests of the Abijah division to begin temple service at the start of the 9th week of the year. But at the end of the week, Pentecost had begun, so he would have remained on duty until the end of the 10th week. In keeping with the conception and later birth of John the Baptist we now see that the New Testament, Luke 1:36, tells us that the angel came to Mary when John's mother Elizabeth was 6 months pregnant.

Luke 1:36 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. (KJV)

Luke 1:31 reports that Mary conceived very shortly after the angel's visit. Assuming a normal, 9 month pregnancy, Jesus would have been born about 6 months after John and if John was born at the Summer Solstice then adding 6 months we come to the Winter Solstice and the birth of the New Testament Jesus at the Winter Solstice (December 25th).

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence? Is it beginning to look like the New Testament Jesus is but an allegory of the path of the Sun through the year to you yet?

In the sixth month after the divine conception of Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel came to Mary to deliver the news of her divine conception.

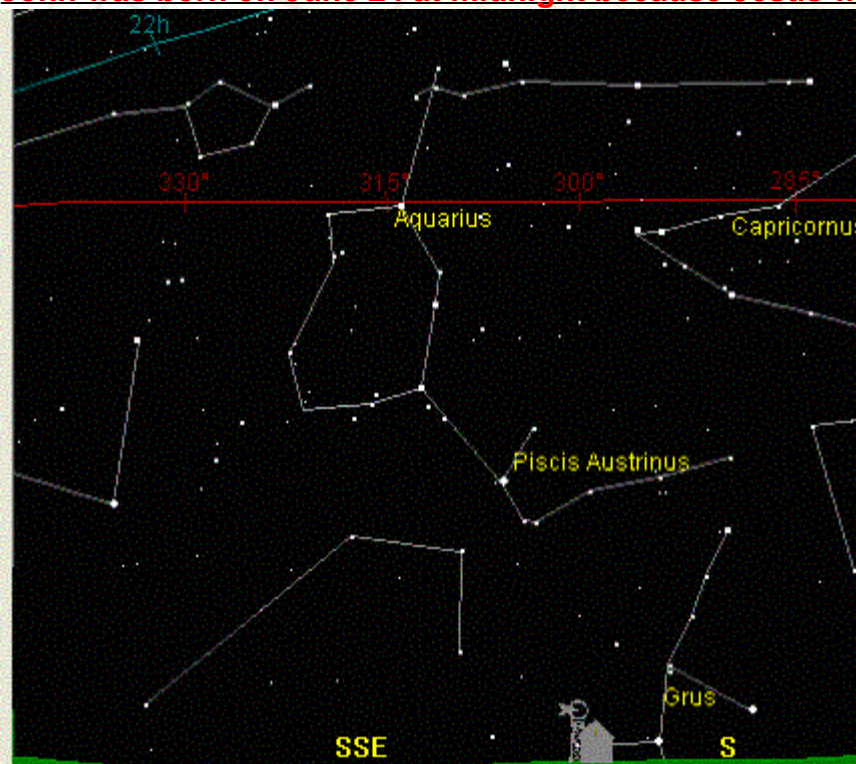
Luke 1:26-28 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. (KJV)

Luke 1:36 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. (KJV)

The book of John repeats their six month age difference in a different way. John the Baptist says he was sent before the Christ, and that *he must increase while the Christ decreases*. What this should mean to us is that the Sun and the Constellation of Aquarius are six months out of phase. This has no connection with the date of the baptism.

Luke 1:36 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. (KJV) John 3:26-30 26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. 27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. 28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. 29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease. (KJV)

John was born on June 24 at midnight because Jesus was born six months later on December 25.



Therefore on June 24, Aquarius is at the height of its ascent (the Zenith of the Sky at the Summer Solstice-June 24th) when the sun is at the bottom of its ascent (The Winter Solstice...December 22-24th).

Now there is a very confusing passage in the New Testament.

Matt 11:11-14 11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. (KJV)

We need to explain what Jesus meant when it is recorded that he said that the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence since the days of John the Baptist.

Answer for yourself: Should we expect an Astronomical meaning hidden in this verse? Yes.

Astronomically, after the Sun passes the the Zenith of the Sky at the Summer Solstice it begins and continues to

descend until December 21-24th which is the Winter Solstice. The Sun begins to die and it weakens daily as it descends in the Sky on its way to the darkest days of the year at the Winter Solstice. Allegorically speaking, it is easily seen as a time of violence when the dark forces are beating down upon the forces of light and "allegorically killing the Sun". Little wonder why we find Jesus at the triumph of his ministry at the Mount (Most High) of Transfiguration following his face shining like the Sun say in this ultimate triumph something rather amazing: he says he is going to die!

Matt 17:2 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. (KJV)

Matt 17:12 12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. (KJV)

Matt 17:22-23 22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: 23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. (KJV)

The typology is again perfect and as the Sun at its Zenith begins to slip down the Sky on its way to increasing darkness and death at the Winter Solstice so we find that John the Baptist had to "decrease" so that Jesus could "increase".

Matt 3:5 5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, (KJV)

Being that when John as at his greatest (the Summer Solstice) when baptizing on the Jordan when all men were coming to him we find Jesus being born (the Winter Solstice) which is exactly 6 months opposite in the Zodiac. This is more than an coincidence I hope you see. We will move on now but will see this in more detail when we get to the parallels between Jesus and the Summer Solstice.

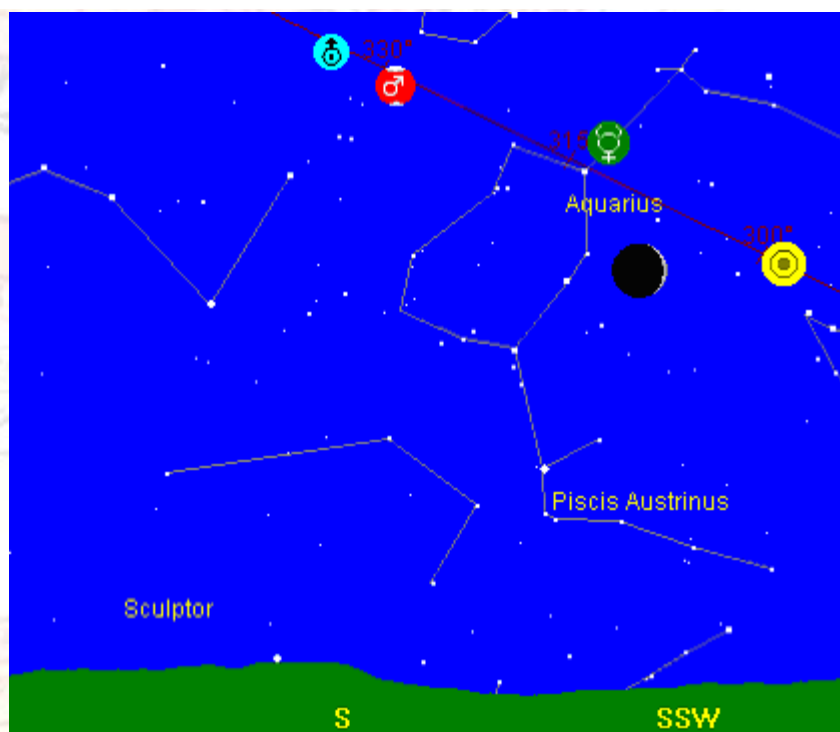
John comes out of the wilderness to baptize Jesus every January 22, at noon when the sun enters the Constellation of Aquarius.

Answer for yourself: Is there a connection between Constellations and the wilderness? Yes.

Constellations are said to be in the wilderness when they are not in the house of the sun. Here we see Jesus, as the Sun, coming out to meet John the Baptist (personification of Aquarius) to be baptized of him.

The New Testament goes on to state that fearing John's powers, Herod had him arrested and imprisoned, because John was critical of his second marriage. Herod was afraid to kill him because he was so popular, until his stepdaughter pleased him with her dancing. At Herod's offer to grant her whatever she wishes, she asked for John's head on a platter. So Herod had him beheaded and served on a platter. John's disciples took his body and buried it.

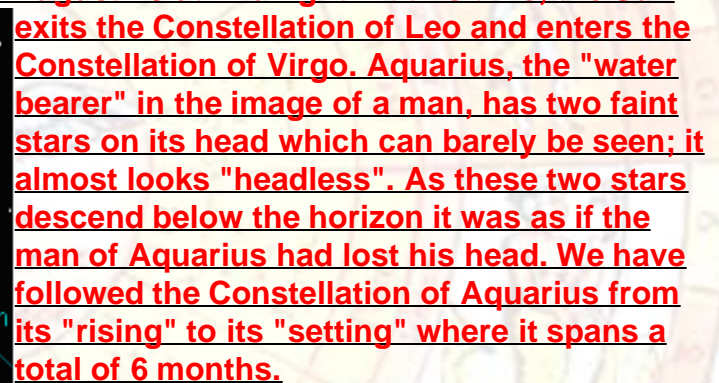
Answer for yourself: Did we just read of John the Baptist "decreasing"? We sure did.



Mark 6:14-33 14 And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad;) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. 15 Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets. 16 But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. 17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. 18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. 19 Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: 20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. 21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; 22 And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. 23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. 24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. 25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. 26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. 27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. 29 And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb. 30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. 31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. 32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. 33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto (KJV)

Matt 14:1-12 1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, 2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew

Aquarius is close to disappearing below the horizon on August 29 at midnight. At this time, the Sun



Baptist only to have him disappear and then suddenly appear again half-way through the "Jesus Story"? Could this have anything to do with the emergence of the Constellation of Aquarius (the water bearer) on the eastern horizon before Sunrise where it becomes invisible only to reappear again on the western horizon 6 months later when it appears again at Sunset but now with the two faint stars on its head barely recognizable and appearing if the "water bearer" had lost his head? Does this not fit perfectly the typology of the John the Baptist story in the New Testament and the "Jesus Story"?

It is time for the Constellation of Aquarius to set below the western horizon. The Constellation Pisces, which comes in sequence after Aquarius in the Zodiac, is now on the western horizon, and the Sun is said to now be in Pisces which is accurately called "the two fish". The Constellation Aquarius has dipped below the western horizon and accordingly and astronomically speaking as one Constellation dips below the western horizon we see that 6 months later it rises again in the eastern horizon so the "setting" Constellation (Aquarius in this instance) will not be seen at sunset again for six months, when it pops its head up on the eastern horizon at sunset. It is at this time, the descent of the Constellation of Aquarius below the western horizon (symbolic for death), that **the Ancients understood that this disappearance of Aquarius' two faint stars as it sunk beneath the western horizon represented the head of the "water bearer" being cut off.**

Because it is at this time that we have the hottest time of the year that the Sun exists the Constellation of Leo, symbolized as a lion where it got its title as the "King of beasts", and enters the Constellation of Virgo.

Answer for yourself: What can we learn of the symbolism of Leo and the "King" of beasts? The Constellation of Leo has been called "King Herod" who plays a prominent role in the Jesus and John the Baptist story while Virgo is Herod's young stepdaughter. Thus we find story of "King" Herod associated with John the Baptist.

Answer for yourself: Does the New Testament not teach that [Herod sought the life of the "personified Sun" when in infancy](#)? It sure does. What are we to make of this? Again Herod is symbolic for "darkness" that constantly wars against the "light of God's Sun". Jesus, being personified as the Sun, is threatened consistently by the darkness and this "neteru" or force of the Cosmos was identified with Herod who sought to kill the Sun once it was born from the Winter Solstice. So the typology is again perfect; Herod is symbolic of the Winter Solstice that desires to quench this "unquenchable light of the Sun" symbolized by Jesus Christ.

Answer for yourself: Which Constellation follows Aquarius? The Constellation Pisces follows Aquarius.

If our theory is correct we should expect Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament to be connected with "fish" in some way after starting his ministry and being baptized in water.

Answer for yourself: What do we find in the Synoptic Gospel accounts?

We saw that the Sun passes through Aquarius, the Water Bearer (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18). It is the rainy season. The theme is of water. The earth is baptized with the water of the yearly rains. Jesus, the personified Sun, visits John the Baptist and is baptized with water. John the Baptist is Aquarius, the Water Bearer. John the Baptist (Aquarius) promises us Jesus (the Sun) will give us something better than water.

Answer for yourself: What could that be? Jesus (the Sun) will give us the harvest of food later on in the year. We need water to stay alive; but more importantly we need food. We can have the water now, but we will have to wait for the food until harvest time. The Baptism of Rain is always at the beginning of the story, because rain begins the Harvest Cycle.

Answer for yourself: After reading this third article and grouping what you now have learned with what you already learned in prior articles can begin to see with more certainty that the story of "Jesus Christ" in the New Testament is taken from astronomy and the "path of the Sun through the Zodiac? It sure would appear so. The question concerning the "Historical Jesus" now gets more problematic than ever before since the evidence is steadily mounting that the depiction of the life of Jesus Christ in the New Testament parallels perfectly the movement of the Sun through the Zodiac. Well for those who need more proof we now turn to more evidence that shows without question that the story of "Jesus Christ" is taken from Astrotheology and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and the Heavens above. In so doing we are being forced to ask hard and serious questions concerning the "Historical Jesus".

[Now let us continue to trace the "Jesus Story" through the next Constellation as we follow it as depicted in the New Testament.](#)

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & PISCES...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #4

We ended the earlier article on the correlations between the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac by just scratching the surface. Now we go more deeply than we have gone before.

The constellation of Pisces appears as a fish swimming in the waters that pour from Aquarius. Of course that would make sense in keeping with the allegory. In Babylonian times, this star formation of the Constellation of Pisces was associated with the gods Oannes and Dagon. These were water deities in the form of fish. Also in this constellation is the leash upon which were tied the two fish goddesses, Anunitum and Simmah. In Islamic astronomy, this area of the sky was known as "The Large Fish".

In Greek mythology, Pisces is associated with the great beast Typhon. This fearsome creature belonged to the earlier age of the Titans, and was a terrifying force even for the greatest of the gods. At one time Typhon attacked Mount Olympus, abode of the gods. To escape from his wrath, each deity took the form of an animal. Zeus himself, shifted into the likeness of a ram. Aphrodite, and her son Eros, escaped the beast by transforming into a pair of fish and swimming away into the Euphrates river. The goddess Minerva placed the image of the fishes in the heavens so that the event would not be forgotten.

PISCES & JESUS: FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

We saw in the prior article that as the month progresses the constellation Aquarius gets lower and lower on the western horizon and eventually ends up entirely below the horizon in February. The constellation Pisces, which comes after Aquarius, is now on the western horizon, and the Sun is said to now be in Pisces which is known as "the two fish". The constellation Aquarius is now below the {short description of image} horizon, and won't be seen at sunset again for six months, when it pops its head up on the eastern horizon at sunset.

Thus after the month of Aquarius the Sun moves into Pisces, the two fish. Again the constellation really doesn't look much like two fish, the constellation has more to do with what time of year it is and the significance of what is happening at that time of year. The rest is just an imaginative connecting of the dots to draw a picture of what you've already decided should be there in that part of the sky.



But before we get deeply into Pisces we need to do a short follow up on John the Baptist for just a second.

So far we have built a fairly conclusive case for the New

Testament "Jesus Story" being the personification of the Sun through the Zodiac as interpreted allegorically by the writers of the New Testament as they copied the Ancients who previously personified the path of the Sun through the Zodiac for thousands of years in their myths. We saw that we should have expected and did see that in the "Jesus story" we find Jesus [the personified Sun], visiting John the Baptist [the House of Aquarius]. But something strange happens that few fail to notice.

John is made to say that the one coming after him, Jesus, will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire!

Matt 3:12 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What is unquenchable fire? Does this not sound like the fire of the Sun?

The Sun is the most prominent feature in our solar system. It is the largest object and contains approximately 98% of the total solar system mass. One hundred and nine Earths would be required to fit across the Sun's disk, and its interior could hold over 1.3 million Earths. The Sun's outer visible layer is called the photosphere and has a temperature of 6,000°C (11,000°F). Solar energy is created deep within the core of the Sun. It is here that the temperature (15,000,000° C; 27,000,000° F) and pressure (340 billion times Earth's air pressure at sea level) is so intense that nuclear reactions take place. This sounds certainly "unquenchable" to me.



But even more surprising is what comes next.

The New Testament says that:

"After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee,..." (Mark 1:14; Matthew 4:12; Luke 3:20 and John 3:24).

Mark 1:14-16 14 Now after that John (personification of Aquarius) was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. 16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee (continued on in the circuit), he saw Simon and Andrew (personification for fish as fishermen) his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers (Pisces). (KJV)

Matt 4:12 12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that there was no hesitation in the path or "circuit" Jesus had chosen? Could this be symbolic for the unceasing path of the Sun through the Heavens?

Suddenly the texts jumps to John the Baptist being "put in prison", and Jesus surprisingly just goes on his merry way seemingly unconcerned about his cousin's imprisonment. Not one word is said of this tragic event from the lips of the New Testament Jesus; not one. The New Testament is absolutely silent on Jesus and any response he might have had concerning this criminal act perpetrated upon his cousin. There is no further explanation in the New Testament which seems to me very unusual and quite strange if John the Baptist were a real person. The New Testament never tell us why he was "put in prison" or what "law he had broken" that caused his imprisonment. There is not one mention of a trial that is required by Roman Law. Nothing much is said about John the Baptist being in prison and it appears to be handled in the texts in a very unsympathetic manner; especially for one who is thought to be the possible Messiah of Israel. Instead of some passionate plea of the part of Jesus or a miracle to free John we find that the New Testament writers depict Jesus Christ continuing on his way unconcerned about John the Baptist.

Answer for yourself: Should this strike us as very "inhuman" and "uncharacteristic" for a savior of mankind?

Where is the compassion and care of Jesus for his next of kin? The New Testament consistently mentions this but we find none at the imprisonment of his cousin.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. Matthew 14:14

Then Jesus called his disciples [unto him], and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. Matthew 15:32

And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. John 11:34-38

Answer for yourself: When we read the above passages we see a side of a person that is completely absent from all 4 accounts of Jesus Christ in the Gospels. We should expect more from Jesus regarding the situation involving John the Baptist who has been put in prison and who is facing possible death.

Answer for yourself: Is this not very very strange to you and very hard to understand if we are to approach these chronicled events in the New Testament as a story of real life events? But could it make more sense to us if these events are understood only as an astronomical allegory of the path of the Sun through the constellation of Aquarius?

Unknown to the reader the use of **the concept of "prison"** is but symbolic for the "threatening darkness"; in particular in our story the "darkness" that is overtaking the Constellation of Aquarius. John the Baptist being put in prison is merely an allegory for the constellation Aquarius at sunset moving lower and lower until it is below the horizon at the end of the month and can no longer be seen. It is a natural phenomenon that requires no further explanation, and many scholars tell us that this is why there is no further explanation in the Bible. But we should also at the same time understand that unless the "Water Bearer" sets then we cannot make place for the Constellation of Pisces to take its place.

Jesus, as the personified Sun, continues on his way into "Galilee". Now the word "Galilee" might surprise you when you learn what it means.

The Strong's Concordance for the word "Galilee":

1056 Galilaia- Galilee = **"Circuit"** the name of a region of northern Palestine, bounded on the north by Syria, on the west by Sidon, Tyre, Ptolemais and their territories and the promontory of Carmel, on the south by Samaria and on the east by the Jordan. It was divided into Upper Galilee and Lower Galilee.

The word "Galilee" literally means "circuit".

Answer for yourself: What is a "circuit"? A circuit is a closed path or usually circular path.

Answer for yourself: Do you recall what we learned about the ecliptic? It is a circular path as well.

If the sun's path is observed from the Earth's reference frame, it appears to move around the Earth in a circular path which is tilted with respect to the spin axis at 23.5°. The ecliptic, as we saw for our astronomy terminology page, is the circuit the Sun travels along during the year. **The ecliptic is a great circle inscribed**

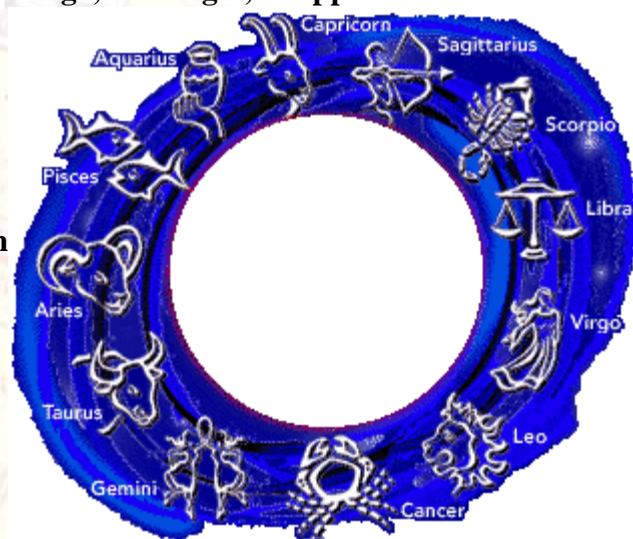
on the celestial sphere. The ecliptic is also a circle on a planisphere. If Jesus Christ is truly the personification of the Sun then it makes perfect sense allegorically that the Sun continues on his way along the ecliptic, or *"went into Galilee"*.

Answer for yourself: So in the month of February we find that the Sun has moved through Aquarius (a water Constellation) and has now moved into Pisces, the two fish (another water sign), and in the Jesus Story we likewise find that Jesus leaves John the Baptist, apparently unconcerned about his fate, and continues on his predetermined journey.

We need to make mention now that the **Age of Pisces began around 210 B.C.**, so "the Christ" of this new Age should and did take the sign of the Fish as his main symbol, and no surprisingly we find that the Virgin of the Constellation of Virgo in opposition to Pisces as the opposite symbol.

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us? This explains why when the Sun, as depicted allegorically as the various sungods down through history, entered the House of Pisces in the Heavens at the Vernal Equinox that at the time in the Heavens man witnessed the Constellation of Virgo, the virgin, in opposition to Pisces. That means in the Zodiac that these two constellations are separated by 6 Houses. They are related in the Heavens in this unique way. When one rises on the horizon, say before dawn, the others separated by 6 Constellation, correspondingly descends below the western horizon at dawn. This explains why the personified sungods all had "virgin births". In our study they explains why Jesus, as the personified Sun, was born from a virgin of the Royal blood of God.

Answer for yourself: What should we expect next as Jesus, as the personified Sun, enters the House of Pisces as we continue to read the Gospel account in our Bibles?



Well we should expect that Jesus Christ will encounters "fish" and we should find abundant "fish" symbolism in the life of Jesus as depicted in the "Jesus Story" as he makes his way through that part of the Gospel that refers to the Sun moving through Pisces.

Answer for yourself: If we find that now the "Jesus Story" will deal with fish are we to think that this is just another coincidence?

Answer for yourself: Do we find this "fish symbolism" in the New Testament texts? We sure do as we find Jesus Christ moving on past Aquarius and John the Baptist. This explains why Jesus is so unconcerned about John the Baptist for as the Sun he cannot stand still and wait on anything and God's Heavens are continually moving. Thus we find Jesus, as the personified Sun, on his way to visit Simon and his brother Andrew.

Answer for yourself: And who are they? By golly, then are fishermen and symbolic for the House of Pisces.

Matt 4:18 18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Since the House of Pisces has "two fish" within the Constellation then is it just a coincidence that Jesus goes to Peter AND Andrew, that there are two fisherman which Jesus travels to meet? Why not just one or three or four at this time of his "story"? Well for the Zodiacal Typology to be accurate Jesus can only meet two!

It is important to take note that we have move sequentially and chronologically in our "Jesus Story" from chapter 1 of the Gospel of Matthew to chapter 4 of the Gospel of Matthew and our "Zodiac

Typology" has not missed a step. It certainly appears that as we read the "Jesus Story" from start to finish that we at same time are tracing the path of the Sun through the Zodiac when it is "allegorized" and "personified" and when this path is described in anthropomorphic terminology and language.

Correspondingly early in the Gospel of Luke and the ministry of Jesus we find more "fish" terminology as we do early in other Gospel accounts of Jesus and his "feeding miracles" as well. Luke tells us of the miracle of the fishes where the catch was so huge that it broke the net.

Luke 5:1-6 1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. 4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. 6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. (KJV)

Next only 4 chapters later in Luke chapter 9 we again find early in the ministry of Jesus the miracle of the five Loaves and two fishes.

Luke 9:12-14 12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. 13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people. 14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. (KJV)

There is hidden Zodiac symbolism in the above verse which we will deal with before we finish this article so for now we move on but notice that after John the Baptist where Jesus must go to the "water bearer" then as the personified fish we must move into the House of Pisces which is the House of the two fish so likewise we find Jesus going to "the fish"?

The writer of the Gospel of Mark in chapter 6 has an account of a "feeding miracle" of Jesus involving "fish":

Mark 6:41 41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. (KJV)

Again this is "early" in the ministry of Jesus as all the others appear to be as well.

The writer of the Gospel of Mark in chapter 8 has another account "early" in the ministry of Jesus where 4,000 were fed with seven loaves and a few fishes.

Mark 8:1-9 1 In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, 2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: 3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. 4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? 5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. 6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to

set before them; and they did set them before the people. 7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. 8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. 9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent (KJV)

Notice if you will that again **"early" in the ministry of Jesus** we find the same account dealing with these same two "fishermen", Andrew and Peter, again as depicted in the Gospel of John:

John 6:8-10 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? 10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from all of these "feeding miracles" being placed early in the ministry of Jesus?

Well there are several things we must learn.

First of all we should learn that man must be fed not only the bread from the fields but the "Spiritual Food" from Heaven for him to experience the life given him by God to the fullest:

John 6:33 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. (KJV)

We also learned that the character of Jesus, as the personified Sun, has just started to rise both in the Sky and in his "allegorical ministry". The Sun entering the House of Pisces comes early in the Sun's path through the Sky for it is only the third Constellation that the Sun has passed through since the Winter Solstice and there are 9 more to go so we have to be "early" in the ministry of Jesus as the personified Sun when we find the "fish symbolism". And we do which again goes to show us that we are following not only the path of the Sun through the Sky and Heavens and the Zodiac but the ministry of Jesus in the New Testament and both go "step for step" on the pages of our New Testaments. The Zodiac Typology in the "Jesus Story" is accurate to the smallest detail.

These two "feeding miracles" have frequently been taken for duplicate accounts of one event, but this is an oversimplification. These two feedings, one of five thousand and one of four thousand, belong respectively to two parallel series of similar incidents, one series being enacted on Jewish soil, the other on Gentile soil to the north and east of Galilee. The incidents are selected in order to show how Jesus repeated on this occasion among the Gentiles acts which He performed among the Jews.

Answer for yourself: And what should we learn from this? Namely that both the Jewish people and the Gentile peoples of the world are to be "fed from Heaven" for this is where the true message and revelation of God comes and is at the same time the purest form of His message to mankind. I learned long ago that if you want to know what God is saying to you as well as mankind then look up and around at His actions and "message" to you from His workings in Heaven and in Mother Nature; for there He expresses His Divine will for you and all of His creation. Sure we have Bibles but often those who wrote them and handed them down through history altered this "message from God" and the resultant "religious dogmas and doctrines" today deviate from what God has said and continued to say for thousands of years. If you want to know God better and cut through all of man's agendas then let your studies take you to Egypt and understand as they did this God in all of His glory for His unadulterated message of man's salvation is to be found there.

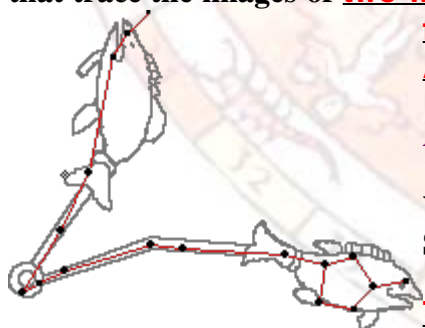
Answer for yourself: Are we to expect that these "fish symbolism" early in the ministry of Jesus is just another cosmic coincidence or is there really something behind the personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac as found in the "Jesus Story"? Well the evidence keeps mounting.

Answer for yourself: How much do you know of relationship of Pisces to the "Jesus Story" other than the accounts we read above which were read in a "literal" interpretation? What lies behind this "literal" interpretation?

The "FISH" symbol and ACROSTIC both predate the Christian era by a few thousand years! Many Christians today would be surprised if they discovered that this symbol originated as a sign among early Christians that represented God's Christ (interpreted as Jesus for the New Age) was ushering in the Age of Pisces following the Age of Aries. With each emerging New Age is a corresponding new understanding of God's Christ.

The fish has been an important Christian symbol, not only because of the fact that Jesus included several fishermen in his close circle, but also because the initial letters of each word in the Greek phrase "*Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior*" form the word ICHTHUS, which means "fish."

Unknown to most Christians is the fact that the constellation Pisces is formed by a set of dim and scattered stars that trace the images of two widely separated fish joined by a knotted cord. One fish, swimming upward, faces east toward Aries, while the other fish swims westward toward Aquarius along the plane of the ecliptic.



Answer for yourself: Did you know that the Constellation of Pisces forms a "cross" which again is fitting symbolism for the Age of Pisces and "Jesus Story"? What does this "cross" mean to the Ancients and did it have a "Spiritual Significance" to them?

The directions of motion of the two fish in Pisces form a "cross", an "intersection" if you will which will later become the symbol of the Christian religion. If you look at the diagram provided for you then you should see an upright line of this cross representing spirit and the horizontal line signifying matter.

Answer for yourself: What did this "intersection" of Spirit and Matter mean to the Ancients, for example the Ancient Egyptian Priests who studied these Heavens? They understood and taught this intersection of "Spirit" with "Matter" in the doctrine of the Descent of the Soul.

The Descent of the Soul reveals the process of the spiritual evolution of mankind. We begin with a physical birth (the Sun in Capricorn) only to become aware soon of the need for a "second birth" which we find taught by the Sun moving into the Constellation of Aquarius. In discussing this first birth however we are presented with the process of the involvement of God and His Soul (Consciousness, being) into matter, its descent from the heights of the cosmic periphery into the deepest point of dense materiality where the human soul can still touch on the divine spirit. This Descent of the Soul into matter, as taught and expressed in the Kaballah, teaches us that the human soul will endure a life-long struggling while immersed in the material world to keep a vision of the spirit while it is suspended between the worlds of spirit and matter, the inner and the outer. The good news is that the Ancients understood that although separated from Heaven and the abode of God it was yet possible for mankind to accomplish a spiritual regeneration, or spiritual evolution, through which the human soul can become respiritualized and be unified with this Divine God. This all came from the intersection of two fish in the Sky.

Answer for yourself: Is the understanding of the Ancients of the "Descent of the Soul" into matter, in other words God becoming hidden in the flesh of mankind, taken from the Ancient's understanding of the Sun and its movement through the Constellation of Pisces? Yes it is. It is from this we get the religious belief today that we, as God's ultimate creation, we are the Temple for the Holy Spirit of God that resides within each of us.

Religions down through history have tried to develop and present to its followers various ways for man to achieve a higher spiritual plan while on this earth, thus effecting a unity with the Divine that was once attained

before the physical creation. Recognizing that the Cosmos operates with God's Laws of order that manifest harmony, "ma'at", civilizations like Egypt and Israel came to see and recognize God's Laws above and the fruits of their constant operation. In so doing they desired to bring to earth God's Heaven and His Laws and this desire was realized with the establishment of the Egyptian Torah as well as the Jewish Torah where these Divine Laws, when observed in one's life, maintained not only that Harmony with the Divine but brought the devotee into unity with this Divine and assured his acceptance by God.

Answer for yourself: This might be a little premature but if you put all of what we are learning about God and ourselves together from the study of the Heavens and the path of the Sun through them, in particular the Zodiac, then can you not see why the Ancients taught that **"man is created in the Image of God"**? These Spiritual Masters of antiquity knew that what God is doing and saying above and around us in Mother Nature he is likewise doing "in us", "in mankind"; thus mankind is created as a "mirror image" of the only God that the Ancients know and saw...the God that moved above them and around them: ***So Above, So Below*!!**

Thus the **evolution of the Christian tradition from making the sign of the fish to the sign of the cross was merely a simplification of the sign of the fish in Pisces.** Around 800 A.D. the Church of Rome began to distance itself from astrology and to drop the connection of the Christian church, or Jesus, with Pisces, or even the fish, and only kept the sign of the cross. Even though this sign still had a connection with Pisces, and there were short revivals of interest, few realized the connection after this time period. It is only of recent date that Christians have revived the sign of Pisces and proudly (but unknowingly) wear it on their bumpers. Notice that almost all of the **fish symbols used by Christians today face to the left, a symbol of the past on to which they are holding, instead of advancing on to the consciousness of Aquarius.**



But there is more to look at than this.

Pisces moved into the lead position in the Zodiac by ruling the Vernal Equinox around two thousand years ago, when the Spring Equinox heliacal rising slipped from Aries the Ram to Pisces the Fishes. There was never a clear distinction between these two constellations, as Pisces is so large, its **two fish** reaching through the sky actually encompass the stars of Aries.

The coming of the age of Pisces, the new world order, was eagerly awaited, heralded in 6 B.C.E. by a triple conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in Pisces. In his fourth *Eclogue*, Virgil announced it would be the return of the golden age (De Santillana and von Dechend, *Hamlet's Mill*, p. 244). This conjunction was the astronomical highlight of the time, eagerly awaited and watched, and was later named, in Christian mythology, the Star of Bethlehem. **This association is more of an attempt by Christianity to claim Christ as the herald of the new age rather than having any real basis in historical facts.**

But the *fish* was an ancient symbol long before it was adopted by the new god. This symbol, called the vesica pisces or "Jesus fish," has an unusual history. Used almost exclusively to denote membership in the Christian religion, the symbol once held a very different meaning. It represented wisdom and was recognized as a female sign as it resembled the physiology of the female's sexual organ (vulva). The external genital organs of the female, or external opening of the vagina is known as the vulva and its shape is similar to the physical shape of a fish. The symbol for the fish was derived from the yoni. The Chinese Great Mother, called Kwan-yin, Yoni of Yonis, often appeared as a fish goddess (Walker, *The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets*, p. 313). The shape of the Vesica Pisces (literally 'vessel of the fish') is derived from the intersection of two circles, a Pythagorean symbol of the intersection of the world of the divine with the world of matter. In Pagan times, this glyph was associated with the Goddess Venus, and represented female genitalia. How it came to be associated with Christianity isn't entirely clear, but early depictions of Christ depict him as an infant within the vesica (usually called a mandorla, meaning 'almond shaped.'), which represented the womb of Mary. As such, it is also a doorway or portal between worlds, and symbolizes the intersection between the heaven and the material plane. The shape of arches in gothic architecture is based on this shape.



The Celts considered that eating fish would put new life in a womb (Green, Dictionary of Celtic Myth and Legend, p. 184). Their hero, Tuan, was eaten by a fish and the fish in turn was eaten by the queen of Ireland who, in the fullness of time, gave birth to him. Thus to eat of the salmon was also to grow in wisdom.

The Greeks incorporated the fish as a sacred symbol through Aphrodite, in her form as a fish goddess called Aphrodite Salacia. She was depicted as a fertile mother nursing a child, and her temples always contained ponds of fish. Her followers would eat fish on her holy day, which was Friday.

Answer for yourself: Does not Catholicism teach that you only have fish to eat on Fridays?

They were known as the fish eaters, and this custom was adopted by the Catholic Church who decreed that the eating of fish on a Friday which was considered abstinence from meat and thus was a holy act required of its followers.

As the Spring Equinox moved into Pisces, the ram (Aries follows Pisces) God sent his son, Christ, to save the world, and this "Son of the Sun" became the god of fishes. He was a fisherman fishing for men's souls. His disciples were fishermen and one of his miracles, which proved him god, was the miracle of the loaves and fishes, where he was said to have fed five thousand on just a few fish and some bread. Thus this new religion for the Age of Pisces adopted the sign of the Fish as their symbol because of the Constellation of Pisces which defined this new age which is to last for 2,160 years. The cross belonged to the pagans and was not incorporated into Christian symbolism until after the sixth century C.E. although it remained hidden in the symbolism of the two fish of Pisces (Walker, The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 188).

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that there is a "cross" in Pisces as well? Can you find it?

The constellation Pisces comprises a set of dim and scattered stars that trace the images of two widely separated fish joined by a knotted cord. One fish, swimming upward, faces east toward Aries, while the other fish swims westward toward Aquarius along the plane of the ecliptic. The directions of motion of the two fish form a cross, the symbol of the Christian religion

The arrival of any new age heralds more than just a change of gods, for it represents a change in the way humans see the world. One of the features of the Piscean new world order was that our concept of time and its cyclic nature became altered in our collective mind. The new god now ruled forever, and thus everything was measured before or after his incarnation. However, the concept of cycles, of there being an heir to every throne, that had been part of the myths of the Bull (Taurus) and the Ram (Aries), ended with Pisces. For Christ had no children and the only way to acknowledge the whirlpool created by precession was to talk about a second coming-who would ostensibly be the new god of Aquarius. For several centuries after Christ, Christians believed the second coming was immanent, forgetting that the cycle of the Precession of the Equinoxes was several thousand years long. The cyclic order was crumbling, for the new god ruled forever. As previously mentioned, it was announced that the great Pan was dead, and Plutarch mused, in about 60 C.E., that oracles had ceased to give answers (De Santillana and von Dechend, Hamlet's Mill, p. 341). For our logic, under the new god, was no longer cyclic; therefore oracles could no longer predict. Euclidean geometry, logic, linear time, and the separatism of science had begun (Bernadette Brady, Brady's Book of Fixed Stars, Samuel Weiser, Inc., York Beach, Me., 1988, p. 311-312).

Answer for yourself: Now knowing that Pisces is the constellation of "two fishes" then should we not expect to find Jesus Christ involved with 2 fish in some manner? Well that is what we find next in the Gospel story as we see below.

Matt. 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother (2 fishermen), casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. (KJV)

As expected the story of Simon and Andrew appear again to be personifications of the two fishes of Pisces (Mark 1:16; Matthew 4:18; Luke 6:14; John 1:41)

Answer for yourself: How is Lent connected to this in Christianity?

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent begins in February and ends usually in early April and this period of time corresponds to the exact time that the Sun passed through the constellation Pisces. It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of turning away from sin and back to God, includes some form of penance, without which the Christian is unlikely to remain on the narrow path and be saved. Accordingly then Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance which is the same theme we saw previously connected with Aquarius before the Sun was allowed to enter Pisces.

Rules and obligations regarding fasting have certainly changed throughout the centuries. Originally the fast for Pascha consisted of a Eucharistic fast of one day only. Later the Bishops of the Church in various localities, called for a forty-day fast, and this was accepted throughout the Christian world. The period of forty days was chosen in imitation of the example set by Jesus himself who, after his Baptism in the Jordan, withdrew to the wilderness where he fasted and was tempted for forty days. Perhaps one of the origins of the Great Fast came from the practice of the monastic communities. These holy fathers and mothers withdrew from community life for forty days and, in strict imitation of Christ, went into the desert regions. Their only food was dried bread and water, and their chief occupation was ceaseless prayer. Remember that the monks and nuns fasted from animal foods throughout the year, so their forty-day fast before Easter took on a special seriousness and intensity. In time each particular Church developed its own observance and rules for fasting. In the West, for example, fasting often meant eating two small meals and only one full meal. Abstinence meant eliminating meats and dairy products from one's diet. In most of the Eastern Churches, fasting consisted of abstinence from food from the evening until the following noon. And abstinence included eliminating meat, dairy products, fish, wine and oil. And there have always been variations in these rules. St. Benedict in the West, for example, decreed that poultry did not break the rules of abstinence from meat. By observing the forty days of Lent with the self-imposed fasting, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' fasting and withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days following his immersion in water aided by John the Baptist which we have seen was symbolic of the Sun's path through the constellation Aquarius.

Answer for yourself: If our theory holds true, as it has before, then we should expect that the Sun's passage through the constellation of Pisces should be related to fish in some manner and central to the Christian faith. Is it? Yes it is. **We see this in Christianity's not only in multiple symbolisms in architecture but in imposed fasting and the requirement of eating fish on certain days and the substitution of fish for meat during fasts.**

During this season faithful Catholics, Episcopalians, and Mahomedans observe Lent, when they abstain from meat and live upon the fishes. For observant Catholics, who give up everything from sweets to swearing to mark the Lenten holiday, fish fries serve as an alternative to meat dinners. Catholics eat fish during Lent for several reasons. Fish was once much cheaper and more common than meat from mammals or fowls, and giving up meat was a gesture of sorrow. Fish is also a symbol of Christ, and by eating it, Catholics believe they are being nourished by Christ.

In the first century, Jews fasted on Mondays and Thursdays. The original Christians were all Jewish and were used to the fasting as a spiritual discipline. They moved the fast days to Wednesdays and Fridays, because Judas engineered Jesus' arrest on a Wednesday and Jesus was crucified on a Friday. Most often that fast took the form of avoiding meat in the diet. In those days, meat was a luxury food. You either had to buy it in a market or you had to own enough land to keep cattle. On the other hand, anyone could grow vegetables or forage for them, and anyone could catch a fish in a lake or a stream. You could buy better fish and vegetables, but the point is that you could eat without money if you were poor. So meat was rich people's food and fish was poor people's food. That is why the most common form of fasting was to omit meat and eat fish.

Scholars tell us that we can trace back the Season of Lent to at least the third century so as mentioned

previously this custom only developed as the "Jesus Story" was created in the third century at the same time the canon of the New Testament was being created. Ironically the "Jesus Story" is like the "fish stories" we tell upon returning from fishing in that over time "it gets longer and longer" as it takes a life of its own.

Answer for yourself: Why is this knowledge important for our study? Simply because that modern scholarship has shown us today that the Synoptic Gospels find their true origin after 180 A.D. and that the "Jesus Story" was a late production and owing to the allegory of the Jesus Story being constructed from the path of the Sun through the Zodiac later traditions were created that mimic the Sun and its circuit (Galilee) through the Heavens. Eating fish because of the Sun's path through the constellation Pisces is but one of these later traditions that was created by Rome and imposed upon the flock of God and this tradition finds its origin due to astronomical alignments of the Cosmos.

Associated with the Pagan Great Mother Goddess as been for millennia the fish symbol. This is a worldwide phenomena as the fish is recognized as a religious symbol around the whole world and not just in Christianity. Simply said the fish symbol is the outline of vulva of the goddess. The fish symbol was often drawn by overlapping two very thin crescent moons ["()"]. One represented the crescent shortly before the new moon; the other shortly after, when the moon is just visible. Of course this should not be surprising as the Moon is the heavenly body that has long been associated with the Goddess, just as the sun is the symbol of the God. All around the world there is a link between the fish and the fish symbol and the goddess that traces its origin back thousands of years long before Christianity took over the meaning of this symbol of the moon.

It seems that no matter where we drive in our cars today we see the "fish" decal on the back car bumper or a "fish" casting mounted or attached to the trunk of a car. If not that we see them attached to a key chain or door as a symbol of the owner's religion. For them it is a declaration and an emotional statement about Jesus Christ and their faith as a Christian today but that was not always the case as history attests. Early Christians used the fish as a recognition sign of their religion.

The fish symbol is also recognized as the "Ichthus," an acronym from the Greek, "Iesous Christos Theou Uios Soter," or "Jesus Christ the Son of God, Saviour." Ichthus, in Greek, is spelled: Iota Chi Theta Upsilon Sigma and often we see these Greek letter within the outline of the fish. That is an acrostic for "Jesus Christ, of God, the Son, the Savior" [Iesous (Jesus) CHristos (Christ) THEou (of God) Uiou (the Son) Soter (the Savior)]. An acrostic is an "arrangement of words in which the first letter of each line ordinarily combines with others to form a word or words or the alphabet." The Oxford English Dictionary defines "Ichthyic" as "of, pertaining to, or characteristic of fishes; the fish world in all its orders."



The Apostles were often referred to as "fishers of men". Followers of Christianity were called Pisciculi; the root of this Latin word is "fish". The symbols of "sacramental fish, with wine and a basket of bread represents the Eucharist and the Last Supper in Christian art." The symbol was simple to draw and was often used among Christians as a type of password during times of persecution by the Roman government. If two strangers met and were unsure whether each other was a Christian, one would draw an arc in the earth resembling ")". If the other were a Christian, they would complete the symbol with a reverse arc: "(" and when the two were put together we have "()", a form resembling the outline of a fish. Thus they both now knew that each was a secret Christian believer and it was safe between them.

But contemporary Jesus worshippers might be surprised, even outraged, to learn that one of their preeminent religious symbols antedated the Christian religion, and has its roots in pagan fertility awareness and sexuality. Barbara G. Walker writes in The Woman's Dictionary of Symbols and Sacred Objects, that the acronym pertaining to Jesus Christ was a "rationale invented after the fact. Christians simply copied this pagan symbol along with many others." Ichthys was the offspring son of the ancient Sea goddess Atargatis, and was known in various mythic systems as Tirgata, Aphrodite, Pelagia or Delphine. The word also meant "womb" and "dolphin" in some tongues, and representations of this appeared in the depiction of mermaids. The fish also a central element in other stories, including the Goddess of Ephesus (who has a fish amulet covering her genital region), as well as the tale of the fish that swallowed the penis of Osiris, and was also considered a symbol of the vulva of Isis.

Along with being a generative and reproductive spirit in mythology, the fish also has been identified in certain cultures with reincarnation and the life force. Sir James George Frazer noted in his work, Adonis, Attis, Osiris: Studies in the History of Oriental Religion (Part Four of his larger work, The Golden Bough) that among one group in India, the fish was believed to house a deceased soul, and that as part of a fertility ritual specific fish is eaten in the belief that it will be reincarnated in a newborn child.

Well before Christianity, the fish symbol was known as "the Great Mother," a pointed oval sign, the "vesica piscis" or Vessel of the Fish. "Fish" and "womb" were synonymous terms in ancient Greek, "delphos." Its link to fertility, birth, feminine sexuality and the natural force of women was acknowledged also by the Celts, as well as pagan cultures throughout northern Europe. Eleanor Gaddon traces a "Cult of the Fish Mother" as far back as the hunting and fishing people of the Danube River Basin to 6000 B.C.E. Over fifty shrines have been found throughout the region which depict a fishlike deity, a female creature who "incorporates aspects of an egg, a fish and a woman which could have been a primeval creator or a mythical ancestress..." The "Great Goddess" was portrayed elsewhere with pendulous breasts, accentuated buttocks and a conspicuous vaginal orifice, the upright "vesica piscis" which Christians later adopted and rotated 90-degrees to serve as their symbol.

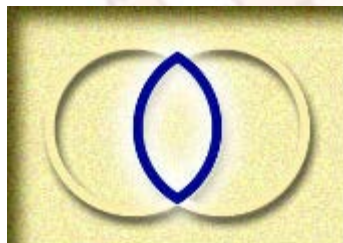
Introduction The Vesica Piscis has always had a mystical space in the world. It is considered part of Sacred Geometry and has many other patterns that can be derived from it. It is the basis for many of the other geometric figures included in Sacred Geometry. The Vesica Piscis can stand for many things, both sacred and non sacred, and because it does it has been used in the most sacred of places. It has also taken its place in the churches of the Gothic era. Entire churches were built on the idea of a pointed arch which was derived from the Vesica Piscis. Along with this arch new meanings and new ideas about architecture were developed.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines the vesica piscis (Latin for "fish's bladder") as "a pointed oval figure, the sides of which are properly parts of two equal circles passing through each other at their centers." One can also turn this figure on its side, so that the two intersecting circles are above and below each other; the figure formed by their intersection now looks like the body of a fish. Put this way, the higher circle symbolizes Spirit, the lower is Matter or Body, and the vesica piscis itself, the intersection of Spirit and Matter, is Soul. It is also a symbol of the womb, the feminine principle, and the moon. In Christianity, the vesica piscis symbolizes the Virgin as well as the spear wound in Christ's side. The Egyptians used it in their crux ansata cross. It was referred to by Plato, and used extensively by Durer, Serlio and many architects of the sacred.

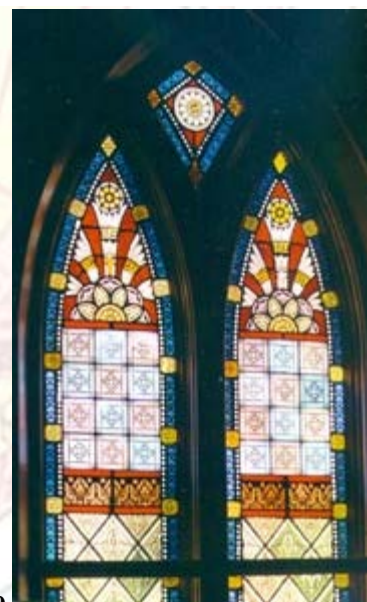


The vesica piscis is the basis for many sacred geometric figures throughout ancient and modern times. The Vesica Piscis symbol appears frequently in medieval art and architecture, and the symbol's roots go back further still. The vesica piscis has also taken its place in the churches of the Gothic era. Entire churches were built on the idea of a pointed arch that was derived from the vesica piscis. Centuries later, in European religious art, the Vesica Piscis is the shape framing images of Mother Mary and baby—another symbol of the unity of spirit and matter. Even later, the Knights Templar used the top of the Vesica Piscis to perfect the Gothic arch in the architecture to the huge cathedrals they built in northern France. When erecting a cathedral, construction began by laying out a Vesica Piscis on the ground to fix major and minor axes of the structure. Much religious art and architecture use this fundamental symbol of sacred space. However, the Vesica Piscis isn't uniquely European, but is found in sacred geometry, art and architecture in spiritual paths of ancient cultures around the world, including India, China, Africa, southeast Asia, and native America. This is because the Vesica is not a man-made abstraction, but an archetype—a primary pattern principle in the living architecture of Nature and the Universe.

When the Vesica Piscis is displayed vertically, the mandorla forms the shape of a fish. The word "fish" translates into Greek as "ichthys", which is an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." Early Christians adopted the fish symbol as their own, and used it as sort of secret code to

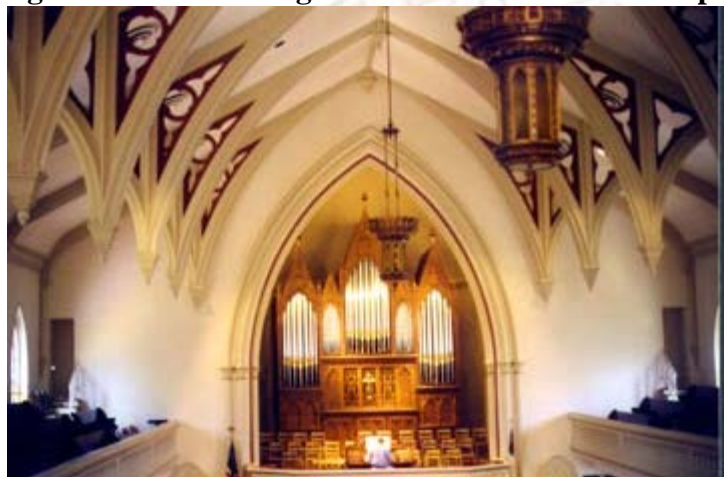


identify themselves to one another and avoid persecution. As previously stated, the mandorla has been much used in art and architecture: as a frame for Jesus and the saints, or as the passage between heaven and earth through which Jesus ascends. Far from a secret anymore, the **Ichthus** has become



the preeminent icon of bumper evangelism, and spawned a whole slew of angry responses: little fish with feet that say "Darwin," an ichthys with shark fins, ones that say "kosher," etc.

When the Vesica Piscis is viewed horizontally, however, the mandorla becomes a different sort of passage: the birth passage. The pointed oval is a universal symbol of the Divine Feminine, and in this context the Vesica Piscis is the vulva of the Goddess, surrounded by the crescents of the waxing and waning moon. The mandorla as birth passage can easily be seen on the sheila-na-gig figures found on Irish churches, and in the squatting figures of the Hindu goddess Kali. Almonds are a primeval fertility symbol, and as such are associated with the



Phrygian goddess Cybele and her transgendered consort, Attis, and the Greek nymph Phyllis, who was metamorphosed into an almond tree. Fish, too, play a significant part in the lives of goddesses from many cultures. "Delphos" translates from Greek as both "womb" and "dolphin." The Chinese Great Mother Kwan -Yin often appears as a fish goddess, as does Aphrodite. Kali, as the swallower of Shiva's penis, becomes Minaksi, the fish-eyed one; Isis becomes Abtu, the Great Fish of the Abyss, when she swallows the penis of Osiris. **And again this symbolism decorates our Christian Churches and few are aware of its true origin.**

A medieval hymn calls Jesus "the little fish in the Virgin's fountain." The Christ child is often shown inside a mandorla, superimposed over Mary's womb. Mary herself can be equated with the goddess Aphrodite Marina, who brought forth all the fish in the oceans; Marina's blue robe and pearl necklace, like the Christian Mary's, are classic symbols of the sea. On Cyprus, Mary to this day is worshipped as "Panaghia Aphroditessa." The connections are many: the Vesica Piscis illumines the common heritage of Christianity and the Goddess traditions it absorbed, traditions it would later vilify and all but destroy.

And lastly along with the fish used as a code sign for early Christian communities, the ichthys also found its way into the ritual and decor of church rites. One case in point is the church mitre worn by Pope and Bishops.

Answer for yourself: Where do you think that this originated since it resembles a fish's head?

Dr. Thomas Inman discussed this phenomenon in his two volume opus, Ancient Faiths Embodied in Ancient Names, (1869). He included a representation of a sculpture from Mesopotamia, observing "It is the impression of an ancient gem, and **represents a man clothed with a fish**, the head being the mitre; priests thus clothed,

often bearing in their hand the mystic bag..."



"In almost every instance," added Inman, "it will be recognized that the fish's head is represented as of the same form as the modern bishop's mitre." The fish also appears in another sacred iconography, the Avatars of Vishnu, where the deity "is represented as emerging from the mouth of a fish, and being a fish himself; the legend being that he was to be the Saviour of the world in a deluge which was to follow..."



From its focus of worshipping a god-man born of a virgin to the selection of holidays and symbols, Christianity appropriated the metaphors of earlier pagan religions, grafting them into its own account of the creation and beyond. Few Jesus worshippers are aware of this. Even fewer know that when they flaunt the "Ichthus" or Ichthys on a tee-shirt, car bumper or even the door of a state legislative office as a representation which originated in Christianity, they are in fact, displaying a more ancient symbol indicative of female anatomy and reproductive potency -- the very sign of the Great Mother.

Now before we close we need to talk about miracles for a second.

We mentioned in a prior article the account in which Jesus feeds 5000 of his followers with two fishes symbolizing the two fishes in the Constellation Pisces which had just replaced the Age of Aries. The text also mentions five loaves.

Matthew 14:15-21 15: When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16: Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17: They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18: And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19: Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20: And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21: And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

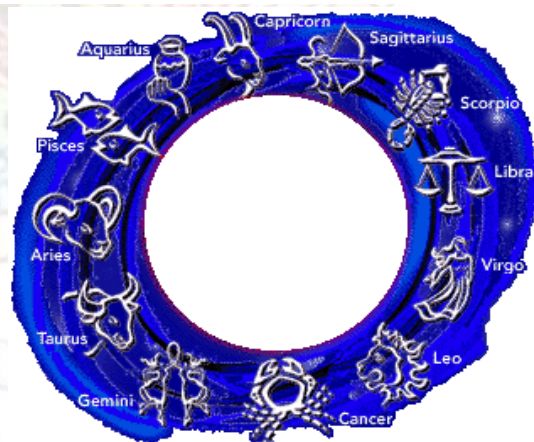
The two fishes are in fact the two fishes of the constellation Pisces. Consequently there are twelve baskets of leftovers, one for each house of the Zodiac.

Answer for yourself: Is this another coincidence? This same reference to "twelve baskets" is to be found in John 6:11, Luke 9:13, and Mark 6:37.

We have seen that Virgo in another article was known as the "house of bread" and by now we have seen in our study of the Sun passing through Pisces that this constellation represented multiple fish. Now we come to another miracle recorded as from Jesus where he fed the five thousand with five loaves and two fish.

Answer for yourself: How many "houses" of the Zodiac separate Virgo and Pisces? Are you aware that in the Zodiac wheel that Virgo (the house of bread) and Pisces are separated by five houses or 5 constellations? Go ahead and count them yourself.

Answer for yourself: Is this a coincidence? Being aware of this numerical symbolism of the "two" fish in the Constellation of Pisces and that 5 Constellations separate Virgo from Pisces then can you say that these numerical figures in the "food miracles" of Jesus are but "coincidences" again?



Answer for yourself: Is the Zodiac the origin of the story of the "5 loaves and 2 fishes" and the "twelve baskets" that we find in the New Testament? Are these "fishers of men" really historical as depicted in Mark 1:14, Matthew 4:17, Luke 5:5, etc?

Answer for yourself: And lest we forget did we not see that all of this and its symbolism began with the stars and the Constellation Pisces? Think about that the next time you want to put a female's anatomy on the trunk of your car or your car's bumper.

Answer for yourself: So what did we see? We saw that the Sun passes through Pisces following Aquarius, the Two Fish (Feb. 19 - March 20). We have already encountered the rains of the early year which makes for good "fishing". But there is no harvest yet since the rains must come first.

Answer for yourself: In the personified "Jesus Story" we find Jesus visits Simon and his brother Andrew, who are what? They are fishermen of course. They sure won't be anything else for they have to be fishermen to continue the parallels to the path of the Sun through the Zodiac. **Simon and Andrew are personifications of the two fish of Pisces (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16;).** Again it is during this season that faithful Catholics, Episcopalians, and Mahommedans observe Lent, when they abstain from meat and live upon the fishes (Kersey Graves, The Word's Sixteen Crucified Saviors: Christianity Before Christ, p. 96, (1875).

Now let us move on as we must keep up with the evolving "Jesus Story" as the Sun is on the move in the Heavens and is quickly to move out of the sign of Pisces on its way into the House of Aries.

Answer for yourself: What awaits us next? Well it is the Constellation of Aries as we shall see. I assure you we won't be disappointed at what we find as more evidence mounts that the depiction of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is but an allegory of the path of the Sun through the constellations of the Zodiac.

Now let us continue our study in the next article as we follow the "Jesus Story" into the sign of Aries the Ram or Lamb.

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & ARIES...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #5

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We saw in the prior article some pretty amazing things regarding Pisces that we never dreamed could be true for after all it seemed so harmless attaching a fish-shaped bumper sticker on our car but that is not the case any more. We now look to the Sun as it leaves the House of Pisces and enters into the Constellation and House of Aries.

Throughout the ancient Mediterranean region, the ram figure was associated with the constellation Aries or Arietis. Ares was the Greek god of war and pestilence. He was the son of Zeus and Hera, consort of Aphrodite. The Romans associated Ares with Mars, the enemy of the tyrants and defender of the just. Originally an agricultural god associated with the affairs of spring, Mars assimilated many of the



characteristics of Ares since battles were often coordinated at this same time of year. Throughout the ancient Mediterranean region, the ram figure was associated with the constellation Aries or Arietis. Ares was the Greek god of war and pestilence. He was the son of Zeus and Hera, consort of Aphrodite. The Romans associated Ares with Mars, the enemy of the tyrants and defender of the just. Originally an agricultural god associated with the affairs of spring, Mars assimilated many of the characteristics of Ares since battles were often coordinated at this same time of year. 'Mars disarmed by Venus and the Graces.' Nineteenth century oil, by Jacques-Louis David. The son of Nepele, Phrixus, was falsely accused of ravishing Biadice. For this, he was condemned to death, but was rescued by a golden ram, sent by the god Mercury. Phrixus escaped safely, and at the ram's request, sacrificed the animal to the god Zeus to honor the

initial offering. For his courage, the ram's likeness was set into the heavens.

So now we move on as does the Sun in its path through the Heavens and if our theory is correct and the pattern holds truth then should fully expect that we should find the depiction of Jesus Christ in the New Testament to be involved with a lamb or ram following his encounter with fish which we just saw was the personification of the Sun as it traveled through the constellation of Pisces.

We now move from February to March as the Sun continues its movement through the seasons and the Houses and Signs of the Zodiac. Next we come to the constellation of Aries the ram. The Sun moves from Pisces into the

constellation of Aries, the ram or lamb.

Answer for yourself: Is Jesus sometimes referred to as "the lamb of God"? Yes he sure is.

Answer for yourself: Were you aware that the Synoptic Gospels never refer to Jesus as "the lamb of God" and only the Gospel of John makes such inference? Because of this we must now pick up our depiction of Jesus Christ from a non-synoptic source but yet a Gospel and in particular the Gospel of John.

In keeping with what we just learned we saw that as the Sun moved through Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces we find that the depiction of Jesus Christ in the New Testament chronologically follows the same pattern and symbolism associated with these Constellations when reading the Gospels in "order" from beginning to end which is paralleled exactly by the movement of the Sun "in order" through the Zodiac. This is a little tricky at times however since we must jump to a different gospel, the Gospel of John at time, in order to pick up our evolving depiction of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament in order to keep in step with the Sun moving through the Zodiac.

Answer for yourself: Do we find that the symbolism of Jesus as the "lamb of God" is in the same section in the Gospel of John as we find the calling of the two fishermen disciples we saw before which we saw was the personification of the path of the Sun through the constellation of Pisces? We sure do.

In John chapter one verses 29-40 we **tie together the calling of the two fishermen, Andrew and Simon Peter, along with the declaration of Jesus being the "lamb of God".**

Answer for yourself: Is this a hidden link for Sun leaving Pisces and entering into Aries?

The texts makes it plain in the Gospel of John that after the calling out of these two would-be followers of Jesus Christ they respond in following Jesus because they are impressed by what had previously transpired between Jesus and John the Baptist.

Answer for yourself: Had not the Sun gone through the constellation of Aquarius and Jesus been baptized by John where the Spirit in the form of a dove landed upon him and had not Jesus been recognized and attested to by John the Baptist?

Surely these two followers whom we saw were the personifications of the two fishes in Pisces would not have followed Jesus unless they were following a "typology" given that the country of Israel was full in the first century of "Messianic Pretenders". Being declared the "lamb of God" by John, or for our purposes, the "Aries of God", cemented it for these two would-be followers of Jesus Christ and the texts of the Gospel of John prove this to the reader.

Peter and Andrew follow Jesus because they see in him the salvation of Israel as well as themselves.

John 1:35-37 35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. (KJV)

But we need more than that and the text furnishes us this.

Answer for yourself: What festival is connected with "lambs" or "rams"? It is the Festival of Passover. It is also connected to the **Spring Equinox!**

Answer for yourself: Should we not expect that as the Lamb of God Jesus and the theme of the Passover should cross? What festival occurs following Yom Kippur? Well it is Passover and the Gospel of John in the very next chapter has Jesus appearing almost immediately in Jerusalem ready to observe the Passover.

John 2:19-23 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. (KJV)

Not only do we find the prophecy of his later death as the symbolic "Passover Lamb" but now his presence in Jerusalem ready to observe the Passover.

But note ironically that the Passover follows the the High Holy Days of Rosh Ha Shannah, Yom Kippur, and the Festival Tabernacles. There is something that we are missing here which is hidden by the hand of the scribe today and you will never find it until you study the 18th Dynasty of Egypt and the real identity of Tutankhamun and the civil-religious war in Egypt that precipitated the Exodus and Tutankhamun's murder by the followers of Akhenaten, the Biblical Moses, as recorded in Egyptian records. If you do such a dedicated study then you will see the ultimate proof that at one time there did exist a "Historical Joshua-Jesus" (same words) but not in the time period in which he is depicted today in the New Testament. Well I can't let the "cat out of the bag" on this right now so I leave that to your curiosity with just a hint at what you will find.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that at one time the Passover (a festival that had been in place for thousands of years long before Moses) was at one time connected with "atonement" in Egypt and later the theme of "atonement" was separated from the Passover by Ezekiel following the Exodus and moved to the fall of the year at the High Holy Days which included Yom Kippur? Could this atonement which is connected with the Passover in Egypt be due to the murder of Tutankhamun who was the Egyptian Messiah? Did the followers of Moses/Akhenaten who killed Tutankhamun, Moses' son, better know as the "Hebrews" today, actually be responsible for killing their "Messiah" and has elaborate efforts been made down through history to cover up this fact that the Egyptian Messiah was killed by some of the Hebrews (Atenists, follower of Akhenaten) in 1,350 B.C.E? Well needless to say this is an involved study and time and space will not allow for it here but if you want to know all about this then you have to study Egypt: <http://www.egyptcx.netfirms.com>

Answer for yourself: After Aquarius and the baptism of Jesus we saw that as the personified Sun in the form of Jesus moves from Aquarius into the Pisces and selects his two fishermen and then we see as the personified Sun Jesus now is the "Lamb of God" or the "Passover Lamb" who is to come to die for the world although it is yet future at a later determined date.

Answer for yourself: Do you find this ironic at best or perplexing as the major events chronologically detailed in the life of Jesus as depicted in the "Jesus Story" are following the actual path of the Sun through the Zodiac? We have just added another example as the Sun moves from Pisces into Aries (fish to lamb/ram). **The "Jesus Story" has moved from Pisces to Aries as expected and does so chronologically in the texts of the New Testament.**

"Jesus was also symbolized as a lamb, because although the Age of Aries (Ram) had ended before his birth, the effects of the age were still continuing, and mingling with the incoming characteristics of the New Age, whose symbol was a fish and is very much associated with the Nazarenes. In other words these Ages overlap when they "end" and "begin". **Thus the dual symbolism for Jesus as well as the other Solar gods.** He was thought of a lamb who was slain, but in his resurrection was symbolized as the fish, and he promised his disciples that they should be fishers of men!" From "Temple of the Stars" by Brinsley le Poer Trench, page 184.

LAMBS....SPRING...AND THE VERNAL EQUINOX...ARE THEY RELATED?

Let us gather our setting. We are in the spring month of March now as we read the "Jesus Story". In March

the days get longer and warmer as the Sun moves higher in the sky. Accordingly the crops begin to grow for the harvest is coming. The Sun, which has been rising south of due east, rises farther north each morning due to the tilt of the earth and its rotation on its axis. This further rising of the Sun more northward daily will continue until it reaches a very important point in the sky and that point is called the Vernal Equinox or the Spring Equinox when the Sun rises directly due east. This day is called the **Vernal Equinox** where "Vernal" means spring. **It is at the Spring Equinox that the Sun's power and strength start to become apparent and evident to mankind as the Earth awakens from its Winter slumber and death.**

"Equinox" is two words:

- Equi-meaning equal
- Nox- meaning night

Because of this day, the Vernal Equinox is the time of the year when the day and night are of equal length.

Answer for yourself: What big Christian event happens yearly at the Vernal Equinox? Well we have **Easter**. Notice with me the word play: "East"- "er", because the **Sun is rising due East. Easter is traditionally defined as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox, when the Sun rises directly in the east.**

Thus Easter day is technically defined to be:

- The Vernal Equinox, the day when the Sun rises directly in the east, hence East-er.
- The full moon, because it is your only illumination of your world at night.
- Sunday, our religious day of the week set aside for religious functions.

Answer for yourself: What is customary on the mornings of Easter? You got it; a "Sun-rise" service. It's customary for Christians to get up early on Easter morning to watch the Sun rise, then go to church and announce, "He has risen, He has risen indeed!"

Answer for yourself: Are most when attending a "Sunrise" service aware that it is centered on Jesus Christ as the personified Sun? Would you go if you knew that?

A little astronomy would not hurt at this time. The Sun is at its lowest path in the sky on the Winter Solstice. After that day the Sun follows a higher and higher path through the sky each day until it is in the sky for exactly 12 hours. On the Spring Equinox the Sun rises exactly in the east travels through the sky for 12 hours and sets exactly in the west. On the Equinox this is the motion of the Sun through the sky for everyone on earth. Every place on earth experiences a 12 hours day twice a year on the Spring and Fall Equinox. After the Spring Equinox, the Sun still continues to follow a higher and higher path through the sky, with the days growing longer and longer, until it reaches it highest point in the sky on the Summer Solstice where upon it begins to reverse its course because the earth and it's tilt has reached it maximum and begins to tilt in the other direction like a spinning top.

Modern astronomy aside, people have recognized the Vernal Equinox for thousands of years. There is no shortage of rituals and traditions surrounding the coming of spring. Many early peoples celebrated for the basic reason that their food supplies would soon be restored. **The date is significant in Christianity because Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox.** It is also probably no coincidence that early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising



Sun on the day of the Vernal Equinox.

Answer for yourself: So what are the ancient themes behind the Vernal Equinox? What is God telling mankind at this time in a "Spiritual Sense"?

The Spring or Vernal Equinox is a celebration of the rebirth of nature and brings with it the symbols of birth/rebirth. The death of winter has passed (Winter Solstice) and men are saved in a physical sense by the "rebirth" of god/goddess of the earth. Photosynthesis from the Sun is re-awakening the food chain for all life on the planet. The Vernal Equinox is replete with traditional symbols and superstitions as you might imagine. As part of the Vernal Equinox ritual, eggs play an important role in the festivities throughout the world. According to folklore, the Vernal Equinox is the one time of the year that eggs can be stood on end.

Earth and nature are said to be in harmony as this time of year and it is believed by some that an egg can be balanced on its end during the Equinox, at the very point in time, when day and night are also in balance. If an egg can be balanced on its end during this equinox, at exactly the same time when the day and night are also in balance, **then Earth and nature are said to be in harmony.** Egypt called this concept of harmony between Heaven, Earth, and mankind **"Ma'at".** **Egypt gave the world these Spiritual Doctrines that undergirds not only the Egyptian religion but its daughter faith Judaism as well as Christianity and few know this today. The sad part is that Rome will "reinterpret" much of these Divine Truths and alter the meanings originally given by God and understood by mankind.**

The Vernal Equinox, the first official day of Spring, is on or about March 20. **It is the point at which the Sun crosses the celestial equator moving from south to north and bringing with it is warmth, photosynthesis, and the hope of bountiful harvest to come. In other words "life from the dead" is the "Spiritual Truth and Theme" God is teaching all of mankind in the return of the Sun from the darkness of winter as it moves above the earth's equator that the Sun conquers darkness and evil once again and its corresponding chill of death which produced a lack of food as experienced by mankind during the winter months.** This special time signals the beginning of Spring in the **Northern Hemisphere.** The Vernal Equinox has long been a significant event in the lives of agricultural peoples as it **symbolizes nature's regeneration, fertility (think of the prolific reproduction of bunny rabbits) growth and bounty.**

The word Equinox comes from Latin and means "equal night". On this day, night and day each last twelve hours. The Vernal Equinox used to be considered the beginning of the Pagan New Year. It was a time of joy called forth by the **resurrection of the "Light of the World" (Sun god) from the underworld of the winter, from where he arose to join his goddess Eostre.**

There has been much speculation about the connection between the name "Easter" and an ancient Anglo-Saxon lunar and spring goddess named Eastre, Eostre, or Ostara. Her name has come down as Ostern or Easter, the English name of the Christian Holiday Season. Eostre, apparently is a European version of Astarte/Isis and some even associate her with the Hindu goddess Kali. Eostara is a lunar holiday, honoring a lunar Goddess at the Vernal Full Moon. **The Church placed the Easter celebration on the Sunday, following the Vernal Equinox. Thus Easter is always the first Sunday, after the first full Moon, after the Vernal Equinox.** If Easter Sunday were to fall on the Full Moon itself, Easter will be postponed to the following Sunday instead.

Eostre's chief symbols were the hare, both for fertility and because her worshipers saw a hare in the full moon, and the egg, symbolic of the cosmic egg of creation. Related terms are "estrus" and "estrogen," the female hormone. Not only is estrus related to reproduction, it is also seasonal and in the case of humans (one of the few animals that does not exhibit strict seasonal reproduction) it is also approximately lunar.

Early Anglo-Saxon people at this time of year used to honor Eostre at the first Spring full moon, when mother Earth awakened and the first green and spring flowers appeared. **Eggs were used in these celebrations**

because they represented the beginning of life. The Easter rabbit is most commonly believed to be a **symbol of fertility**, and in ancient Egypt it **represented birth and new life**. Because they have been associated with fertility for centuries, eggs symbolize the beginning of Earth's fertility period in many areas of the world. The hare (Osterhase) and the Easter bunny, eggs, newly hatched chicks (the tiny yellow fluffs were not playthings, they would grow up in the hen house) all are **symbols of birth and rebirth**. They are folk/cultural symbols and not religious ones. The Sun of spring would be greeted with sunrise services followed by an Easter breakfast.

But more than "physical" we are seeing the reiteration of the a prior theme God revealed in the Constellation of Aquarius; namely, the need for "rebirth". So likewise man who experienced his "new birth" or "second birth-being born again" must show "fruit" of this transformation. Mankind is made for "good works".

Eph 2:10 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

As the Earth awakens from death each year man is to be "awakened in the inner man/Christ" to be literally the Temple of God in the world...the light of the world. Thus the admonition taught by "the Christ":

Matt 5:14-16 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (KJV)

Truly "faith without works" is dead! Mankind is to experience his own "Spiritual Vernal Equinox" in his life and this is to be renewed continually throughout his life.

Now you are beginning to see how and why these **Equinoxes and Solstices are God's APPOINTED TIMES and "mo'eds".....Hebrew for "rehearsals"** for mankind till he gets it right. We have our whole lives to hear God's message and practice what we learn in this regard.

But we are not finished. We just looked at various Christian customs that evolved in Christianity due to the path of the Sun and its movement as it crosses the celestial equator from south to north and with it bringing regeneration of nature and life to the world once again. **But need to look further into the "lamb" symbolism that was later applied to Jesus Christ.**

THE PASSOVER LAMB

Celebrations of spring were born of Earth's natural cycles of light and darkness, of life and death. Ancient cultures took note of the change in seasons and made offerings to their local gods to receive blessings for the year. The Jews were no different.

The first month of the Babylonian new year, Nisan, started on the Vernal Equinox. The mid-March timing of this month corresponded with the beginning of the agricultural cycle (cultivating, planting, harvesting). At this time, offerings of the first fruits were made to the gods, especially the goddess of fertility, Ishtar. In addition, a festival held at this time reestablished the monarchy and determined the destiny of the people for the coming year.

Ostara, the goddess of fertility in many ancient cultures, signified rebirth, balance, new beginnings, and growth. She was pictured holding an egg in one hand while rabbits, a common symbol of fertility in ancient European cultures, play at her feet. According to legend, a rabbit laid golden decorated eggs at Ostara's feet in order to please her.

Answer for yourself: Sound familiar?

Jews celebrate Passover at this time.

Answer for yourself: Why do the Jews celebrate Passover at this time of year and why is it called Passover? Is there another reason other than the Biblical tradition?

It is called "Pass-over" because of what I said above; namely, the Sun is passing over the due east mark as it crossed the celestial equator and passes over it moving from the southern to the northern hemisphere once again. The timing of Easter, however, depends not on the Equinox but on the Jewish celebration of Passover. Passover, the eight-day celebration that will later be reinterpreted to commemorate the exodus and freedom of the Israelites from Egypt which occurred at this time of year, which begins April 6, the day after the first full moon after the Equinox. Passover, which occurs in the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, is one of Judaism's most important festivals. In ancient times, the holiday coincided with the spring harvest, and was a pilgrimage festival (one of three times during the year when all men were required to participate in celebrations at the Temple) and gifts were given to God. Later on the holiday commemorated the Exodus from Egypt in the 13th century B.C.

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen connected to the path of the Sun in the Spring time as it moves from the constellation Pisces into the constellation of Aries?

Many of the most important holidays in all religions and cultures are essentially calendar-based, which means that they are set to the rhythms of regular changes that occur throughout the year (like changes in seasons), and that they exist to mark culturally or religiously significant milestones in the passage of time through the year. The Jews had theirs and the later Christians had theirs as well. Both are unique in that they both had the same time of the year, the Vernal Equinox, for major events in their religious calendars but each religion "interpreted" them differently through the unique growth and evolution of their people. Thus you usually can't talk about how and why a holiday is important without also talking about how the culture or religion in question conceptualizes time, the passage of time, and calendars.

The ancient roots of Easter can be located in the celebration of the Spring Equinox, a date that has been treated as an important holiday by many different religions and for many millennia. Occurring every year on March 20, 21, or 22, the Spring Equinox marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It, as the beginning of new life, was seen religiously in the same way. Within each of us lives "the Christ of God" which is expressed today allegorically as "Jesus Christ" who as the "Lamb of God" provided the same hope of "new life" to its adherents by his "role model". This "Jesus Christ", the allegory for "God's Christ" and the way of life depicted in the New Testament as to his "good works" and "ethics" is the model to be emulated by all. Biologically and well as culturally, this date represents for cultures in northern climates signals the end of a "dead" season and the rebirth of life, as well as the importance of fertility and reproduction. Now we can understand more accurately such passages as we find in the New Testament:

*1 Cor 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened...:
(KJV)*

In this passage we have the blending of the Passover motif with Jesus but both have astronomical origins as we see. But never think any longer that God wrote on pages of paper but rather in the Sky what He had to say to man and God wrote at the Vernal Equinox that man must live a life "in harmony" with nature and his neighbor; a life that exhibits "good works". The balance of the Spring Equinox is to be manifested in our life; peace and harmony with the world and our fellowman. This is true salvation of our world and ourselves.

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen up to now in the consideration of the Sun passing through Capricorn through Aries? We saw that the Sun passes through Aries, the Ram or Lamb (March 21 - April 19) only to enter Pisces. The starting date is March 21, the Vernal Equinox, when the Sun rises directly in the East. Christians celebrate "East-er" on the first Sunday after the first full moon after this date. This is the time for

man to manifest the "fruits" of his "new birth" from being "born again" or "born from Above". **As we die to the old carnal nature in the "birth from Above" we become alive to the Christ within.**

Rom 6:11 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (KJV)

We have seen that the Ancient Spiritualists and Priesthoods understood that the Sun and its movements were symbolic of the Creator God and His message to mankind. Observations of the movements of these orbs in Heaven over thousands of year awakened in mankind an "intuitive" knowledge or revelation that God was speaking to all of mankind through these repeated "Appointed Times" and seasons of the year (Equinoxes and Solstices). **Scrutiny of these "appointed times" led to man deeper understanding that behind what man saw "physically" in the Sky and Heaven lay a "spiritual picture" spoken from Heaven by God to all mankind.** Mankind came to see from the Sun entering Capricorn in the Winter Solstice that like the Sun man needed a "new birth" and this "new birth" or "new awakening" was likened to being "born again"; a concept that has been with mankind since the beginning of time. Needles to say it is not a Christian dogma or even a Jewish dogma; it is a "God dogma". As man followed and tracked the Sun into the Constellation of Aquarius they reasoned that mankind accomplished this "new birth" through immersion into a "watery womb" or a "watery grave" by the "Water Bearer" which symbolized this "new birth". So the institution of immersion and baptism were formulated to symbolically represent the internal work of God in man and his Soul which we call today being "born again" spiritually. This new birth was necessary for the "new spiritual man" to increase while at the same time the "old carnal man" decreases. Next we say the fish symbolism connected with the Age of Pisces which symbolized the 2,160 years dedicated to the Age of Jesus Christ. We saw the hidden symbolism in the food miracles and parables of Jesus which again showed hidden symbolism to the Sun moving through the Zodiac. Next we tracked the Sun into Aries and noticed the new symbolism of the lamb of Aries to God's Christ. This "lamb of God" who takes away the sin of the world is seen taught in Judaism through a life devoted to harmony and good works. It is at this Spring Equinox that man realizes that his "new birth" and attendant repentance and obedience to the Laws and Commands of God lead to harmony between God, man and the Earth. This harmony is accomplished where the rubber meets the road and by that I mean good works that establish and maintain harmony (Ma'at) and peace in the world and with your fellow man who is also created in the image of God. Man, following his new birth and being "born again" in the inner man finds his task to become "fertile" unto good works as witnessed to him by the awakening of Spring all around him. We saw that man was created and was "born again" to bring Heaven down to earth through his "good works". Now it is coming together like never before; we are to live out the Egyptian Spiritual Axon: **So Above (Heaven); So Beneath (Earth)!**

Matt 6:10 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Well what do you think now knowing that spiritual dogmas that we have been taught our whole lives like repentance, immersion, "born again", obedience to the Laws and Commandment of God, good works, being fruitful, living in harmony with Heaven, Earth, and our fellow man, etc., came from the study of the Heavens and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that some ancient calendars place the Vernal Equinox as the beginning of the year? Why is that? That is the way we ought to start each year with God and that is why Moses says to Israel that the time of the Passover, the Spring Equinox, is the "beginning" of months for Israel as it was literally their birth as a nation responsible unto God.

Speaking of the month of Nisan, the month of Passover:

Exod 12:2 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. (KJV)

Let us not forget in closing that it is in the Spring that lambs are born and begin to grow and flocks begin to

increase.

Answer for yourself: Should we not expect that Jesus, at this stage of the development of the "Jesus Story" would gain followers from the miracles that he performed? We should and we do!

Matt 8:1 1 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. (KJV)

Matt 9:35-37 35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; (KJV)

We need more "fishers of men" but they don't grow on trees. We have previously seen when studying the "Jesus Story" in relationship to Pisces that for man to become "fishers of men" as seen in the above verse that man has to feed himself the "Bread from Heaven" following being "Born from Above". We saw this message understood by the Ancients written in the stars and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac previously. We saw the necessity of a "Second Birth" in the House of Aquarius with its eternal duel between "light" and "darkness" for the mastery of man's Soul. We saw the need for man's Soul to "increase" as his flesh "decreases". We saw that such Spiritual Growth was manifested in man's repentance unto obedience and good works which is the reason for his creation.

Eph 2:10 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

Only by manifesting the works of God among mankind is man capable of being a "Living Sacrifice" as we saw in the House of Aries and man's fruitfulness which is in parallel with the fruitfulness of the Earth at this time of year. The symbolism of "lamb sacrifice" permeates all through the Age of Aries. We will see as we progress this same overlapping idea of "sacrifice" in the House of Taurus as the idea of "sacrifice" continues. This is naturally to be expected if we are dealing with Spiritual realities and not "literal-historical" stories.

This is a perfect time for mankind, having been "Born from Above", to continue his spiritual growth that manifests itself in good works and accomplishes for him his atonement. Sadly the New Testament calls obedience to these Laws and Commandments of God "death" and teach erroneously that this Law has passed away. One look at the world and our newspapers will tell you why the world is in such chaos; we have lost our fear of God and our love for His Laws and Commandments. But not so for Judaism nor for Ancient Egypt as they understood that it is obedience to these Divine Laws of the Cosmos given by God in the blackboard of Heaven which constitute our Covenant with the Creator.

Answer for yourself: So what should all of this mean to me? How am I to correctly understand the "Jesus Story"? Is it yet to be understood as if "literal-historical" or should it be understood as if "allegorical"? You should have the answer by now.

Now it should not be a surprise to us that Jesus, as the personified Sun, is now in the Constellation of Aries where he becomes the Lamb of God and as so an example for all mankind having showed us by his example what is expected out of us and the maturation of our Souls. In reality as you study more you will come to see that the whole of the nation's sun-gods, which at first can appear to be "pagan", can be seen in a deeper Spiritual Light to be an allegory for the growth and development of man's Soul in this life (Selah)!

Out of death, the death of a carnal lamb, the "old man", came "Spiritual Life". That is the message of God for all of us and the Ancient Spiritual Masters, who were labeled "pagans" and "heathens" by Rome knew this first and held onto these sacred truths since the beginning of time and have withstood all the evil efforts of Rome to

eradicate both them and their message even unto this day. Rome's burning the libraries of the world and exterminating millions of early Christian/Chrestian Gnostics could not eradicate these truths of which I write today. Alexander the Great was able to destroy Egypt but nobody has been able to destroy the Jewish Nation (the biological children of Egypt) or **Judaism which in my opinion preserves and protects God's original message to mankind better than any other in the world today.** Amen.

For those of you who will try to say that a lamb is not the same as a ram I remind you that a young sheep is a Lamb, and a male sheep is a Ram.

A few comments in closing are in order as a short summary. The coming Age of Aries was signified by the predominance of Mars over Venus. In other words, an economy and civilization based on war and the conquest of enemies as opposed to a more peaceful existence based on soil cultivation. The energy stored in the fixed sign of Taurus was activated through the cardinal male sign, Aries (by definition, a sign of immediate and direct self-expression), symbolized by the Ram. The polarity or opposite of Aries is Libra, the 'Scales'. Libra brings to this historical period a feeling for justice and the need to codify social behavior into distinct sets of laws and mores. Libra represents the Law and the prevailing moral structure in any culture. Hammurabi, the King of Babylon, drew up his famous Code of Laws around 1727 B.C.E, the earliest-known example of a ruler proclaiming publicly to his people an entire body of laws, arranged in orderly groups, so that all men might read and know what was required of them. Moses was soon to follow with his Torah.

The approach of the Age of Aries greatly affected the forms by which the Egyptian gods were represented. The cult of the Bull diminished and Amon-Re (the Sun god) became Ram-headed. The names of many of the major deities changed to illustrate the power of the cosmic forces at work in this new period. Mithra, the Persian solar deity, who used to be called "The Sacred Bull," now became "The Slayer of the Bull." Ashur, Sun god of the Assyrians and known as "The Great Bull," transformed into a Mars-like god of war. In Sumeria changes were made in the calendar and in the lists of the celestial stars, recognizing the ascendancy of the Age of the Ram. The culture of Aries flourished in the warring states of Greece and later Rome. During this period, Apollo, the Greek solar deity, became the patron of shepherds and flocks. The rise of the Zoroastrian religion in this period is also testament to the influence of Aries. The prophet Zoroaster instructed his followers to pray in the presence of fire, fixing their eyes upon it and thinking of justice and truth. This is symbolic of Aries, a fire sign. Instead of an image, the sacred centrepiece of Zoroastrian temples was an ever-burning fire. During this period (Exodus 1:8-14) Moses emerged from the house of Pharaoh to lead the Hebrews out of bondage and into the Promised Land. Moses embodied all the qualities of the sign Aries and combined them with the practical influence of Taurus. He not only expressed his desire for his people's freedom in an idealistic manner, but he also codified principles into what is now known as Mosaic Law. Through Moses the Ten Commandments were revealed. Thus we see the influence of Libra at work with Justice being created so the newly liberated pioneers of the desert would have a structure upon which to base their society. The story of the Exodus as it is related in the Old Testament clearly illustrates the transition from the Age of the Bull to the Ram. When Moses went up to the Mount, Yahweh appeared to him in the form of a burning bush (Aries is a fiery sign). Moses received the Ten Commandments (Libra) and brought them down the mountain to the people, where he found the Israelites worshipping the golden calf (a symbol of the previous age). **The transition to the next age was personified by the birth of Jesus (the name derived from the Aramaic Yeshua, meaning "saviour", and from the Greek word for "fish", ICQUS, which spells out an acronym standing for 'Jesus Christ Son of God Saviour'). Jesus was the Saviour of the Piscean Age but came to Earth through the Israelites, a people of the Age of Aries.**

In closing let me also say that Spring requires that we replace complaints with affirmations, despair with hope, stagnancy with movement, death with re-birth. When we don't do this, Spring becomes a difficult season to endure, because anything negative seems so out of synch, out of harmony, with the natural life-affirming characteristics of the season. Spring exacts from us renewed love of life, renewed optimism. It is, once again, another chance to come alive "spiritually", along with the animals birthing, the plants emerging, the earth re-warming, and the hours of sunlight lengthening. Hope spring eternal at this time or should!

Now we pick up our study to continue tracing the passage of the Sun through the Zodiac and noting parallels to

the life of Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament as the "Jesus Story" moves from Aries into the Sign of Taurus the Bull. And in so doing all we are doing is chronologically reading through the Gospels as God's Christ moves through the Sky and the Heavens symbolically as the Sun. This is simply amazing when you see it and understand the "Jesus Story" correctly.

[Let us continue our study in the next article in this series.](#)

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & TAURUS...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #6a

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In order to deal satisfactory with this very important Constellation and its relationship to the "Jesus Story" it will require more than one article.

Our study of the Constellation of Taurus and its relationship to the "Jesus Story" will be more involved than prior studies and it will necessitate two articles in order to adequately deal with the "Jesus Story" and its relationship to the Constellation of Taurus and the Precession of the Equinoxes.

Let me begin by saying that the language of the Bible and the New Testament has a way "at times" of leading unsuspecting readers into thinking it was recording human "historical events" when, in reality, it was referring originally to the "patterns of the stars and the path of the Sun in the Sky" which was to be understood and interpreted by the readers of antiquity in the form of an "allegory" which contained at its very core the very essence of God's "Divine Truths". Often the same or similar "stories" that we read in our Bibles today and which we interpret often as "historical-literal" today can be shown to not be understood in antiquity as "historical-literal" but rather as "allegories" that expressed God's metaphysical truths. The readers of today by being separated from the time of the origin of many stories in the Bible and their "original meanings" and being separated by a minimum of of 2,000 years or more from the "ancient" understanding of the stories that today make up our "Jesus Story" today find themselves, upon serious study of the the Bible, having lived most of their lives unequipped and lacking the necessary knowledge and "gnosis" to read these Ancient documents and interpret them correctly. Thus we find in our studies that for years when reading the Bible and the "Jesus Story" we didn't have a clue as to what we are reading and assumed incorrectly that these religious documents of yesterday were to be interpreted "historically" and "literally"; never for one second ever thinking that what we are reading are Ancient concepts of the Divine told through the medium of personification and anthropomorphism through the various lives of the personages on the pages of our Bibles. Reading the "Jesus Story" as if "literal-historical" could not be further from the real truth that lies behind the "Jesus Story" as these studies from Bet Emet Ministries are showing the reader.

If you have read the first 5 articles in this series then this "Allegorical Understanding" of the "Jesus Story" should be becoming very clear to you now as the evidence for an "Allegorical Interpretation" of the "Jesus Story" keeps mounting and in so doing proves at the same time to you that "Astrotheology" is at the very heart and core of the entire "Jesus Story". Surely as each piece of information and fact is accumulated, sifted, and properly analyzed it become very hard if not impossible to say that this mass of evidence being presented to you, that shows the very core of the "Jesus Story" has an "Astrotheological" basis, is a random "coincidence". At the bottom of all of these puzzle pieces contained in the "Jesus Story" is a "Divine allegory"

as shown in these articles and this knowledge has been hidden and kept from the vast majority of Christians down through history as well as today due to Rome and the writing of their ["Second New Testament"](#).

If you have studied our other sites, for example the [Egypt-Christian website](#), then you have seen for yourself that the [Bible's allegorical language reflects man's superstitious fear of darkness and the struggle between darkness and light](#) and it is this constant tension between "light" and "darkness" which makes for this dualism which is [symbolized in various ways throughout the Bible and in the lives of many of its characters including Jesus](#). This website and this article as well as the prior ones on this website and this series serves as a further introduction to our study of the Bible and the Astrotheology which lines it pages.

In prior articles up to now we have connected the Sun and its path through the Heavens and Sky with the progression of the "Jesus Story" from Jesus' birth to the early years of his supposed life and ministry as seen in his immersion and early ministry where we observed various miracles. [We now pick up the "Jesus Story" as the Sun moves from the Constellation of Pisces into the House of Taurus.](#)

We need to understand some things about the Constellation of Taurus before we start.

In the face of Taurus, there is a V-shaped group of stars called the [Hyades](#). The ancients knew this cluster as the "rainy stars," because their rising heralded the beginning of autumn and the onset of the rainy season. In Taurus the better-known group of "maidens" is the [Pleiades, or Seven Sisters](#), a small but very noticeable cluster of stars on the bull's shoulder. They were called the "sailing stars," for early Greek seamen would set sail only when they were visible. On a clear night a person can resolve six individual stars, and thousands of years ago it was likely that seven were visible. The constellation of Taurus, The bull, has the same meaning in every language which is a great beast, a bull or ox, with his head lowered and his horns pointed forward. He is untameable and irresistible, charging forth--rampaging, raging, head down and so to bring destruction to all who are in his way. Thus Taurus is seen as a symbol of the coming destruction of the wicked and likened to "the Christ/Karst" in his judgment.



Old and New Testaments and the "religious dogmas and rituals" that fill its pages because the Constellation of Taurus ruled the Vernal Equinox in Egypt's great Pyramid Age and its effects were felt well into the Age of Aries. [The transition from the Age of Taurus to the Age of Aries was very difficult and we need look nowhere else to see this except the Exodus which was precipitated by this "war of the Ages"](#). We will see as we study that many, if not most, of our cherished "religious dogmas" and "religious beliefs" found in Egypt, Israel and Biblical Judaism in the Old Testament and which will be later absorbed into Christianity and the "Jesus Story" come originally from the Ancient's observations of the Sun passing through the Zodiac and in particular the Constellations of Taurus and Aries. Our focus in this article is the Constellation of Taurus as well as its unique relationship to the Constellation of Aries which follows Taurus according to the Precession of the Equinoxes. [It is paramount to our studies that the reader understand thoroughly the Astrotheological concept of the Precession of the Equinoxes](#) before continuing to study this article so click the link right now before you continue your study.

[Behind these religious "rituals" that accompany the "religious dogmas and doctrines" of which we read in the Bible like the "new birth", being born again, repentance, immersion, good works, the immortality of the Soul, the resurrection of the dead, etc., are the observation of the Sun as it passes through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac and it is from this intense scrutiny of the Sun in its path through](#)

the Zodiac that Ancient mankind came to understand that God was speaking to all mankind from His throne in Heaven through the repeated "Cycles" and "Patterns" of the movements of orbs in His Heaven (Sky). They understood that God was speaking to mankind and they "heard" God through their observations of the "ordered patterns" and "ordered cycles" in the Sky and Heaven. When studied out we find that behind these "religious beliefs" and "dogmas" we hold today are a host of "eternal truths" regarding mankind and his Soul that originated by the Ancients and their observations of the movements of the orbs of Heaven. This means that the Bible or the "Word of God" was first written on the blackboard of the Sky before man rewrote in on paper.

Let me give you a great example. For example we can begin with the Hebrew Scriptures and move toward the New Testament and in so doing follow the "religious concepts" behind the stories we read. In The Book of Exodus (and in the film "The Ten Commandments") there is an account of Moses coming down from the mountain with the tablets containing the Ten Commandments and discovering that his people had made a **"golden calf"** and were worshipping "falsely" as the text infers. The texts reveals that Moses becomes very mad almost instantly at what he sees concerning this "calf". The text does not tell us why but mentions something very important that goes often overlooked. Let us see if you the reader catches it in the following verse.

Exod 32:4 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 32:5 5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. (KJV)

Even as a youngster when reading this passage I always had a problem because regardless of what "symbol" they used for God in their own understanding of the Creator ("[neteru](#)", bulls, [rams](#), etc.) **the object of their "worship" was not the bull in the text but "the LORD"**. But Moses was irate and Aaron it appears was not. Obviously something is missing in our understanding of these verses. I was missing something that would remain hidden for years until long after Seminary when my studies advanced to Egypt and Astronomy. **And then it came together for me in my studies when I began to study Egypt for hidden in this verse is the astronomical phenomena of the Precession of the Equinox.** The study of Astronomy will do more for your Biblical interpretation than can ever be imagined and until you do it for yourself you will never see what I mean. When you do however the "puzzle pieces" in the "Jesus Story" quickly come together.

Now a very important question Aries that must be answered.

Answer for yourself: Had using the motif of a "calf" or "bull" always been understood as a "false worship" and "idolatry" by mankind down through history or had something changed that the text appears silent concerning when reading that Moses is irate at the "golden calf" and Aaron seems not?

Answer for yourself: Could it be that the writers of the Old Testament, the custodians of Judaism, make it appear that "bull symbolism" is now a "false worship" when it had not been in the past? Did the writers of the Old Testament in preparing a place for the new emerging nation of Israel from Egypt with its "religious" emphasis upon "lambs/rams" and not "bulls" be hiding something in not explaining why such symbolism which was once accepted in the proper worship of God was NOW not "acceptable"? Why had the "lamb/ram" replaced the bull?



We know for certain that Moses grew up in Pharaoh's house and was familiar with Taurus symbolism that had been in vogue for over 2,160 years; ever since the beginning of the Age of Taurus. But now such "bull" symbolism was considered idolatrous and sinful. Let us never forget that Aaron made a golden image of a male calf in order that the people might **worship the "Lord" (not the calf) under this form and under this symbolism.** Take note again

that the people did not worship a "bull" or a "calf" but God, the LORD (YHVH), Whom was represented by such a symbol as the "bull" of Taurus.

Answer for yourself: Why did Ancient nations like Egypt and Canaan use a "bull" for the symbol of God? Why not use a "cricket" or "a parrot" or another animal or creature? Why select a "bull" and was there any connection with the time frame in Bible that this "sign" was used and then later not used? Now we really down to the "nitty gritty" of this issue and its implications for the later "Jesus Story" when we get to the study of the Constellation of Taurus and the Constellation of Aries which follows it according to the Precession of the Equinox.

The Age or time in which these events in Egypt concerning the Exodus transpired was in the time period called the Age of Taurus where the Constellation of Taurus ruled the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years. In fact it was the time of the "changing of the Age" from Taurus to Aries when these historical events concerning the Exodus actually happened. The feast held in connection with this worship mentioned in the text was a "festival to the LORD" (32:5).

Exod 32:5 5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. (KJV)

Strong's Concordance tells us:

3068 Yehovah (yeh-ho-vaw'); from 1961; (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God: KJV-- Jehovah, the Lord. Compare 3050, 3069.

Amazing what the writers of the Old Testament fail to tell the readers is that the concept of God as "YHVH" finds its origin in Egypt and not Israel so what we have here is a "festival" to the same God of Israel but only the name is "changed" for this same God. You see God reveals Himself to mankind continually and with each new Age and with each new revelation of God to man God was believed to have a "new name" that expressed this new understanding of God among men.

What you just read is terribly important. Hidden in the same Old Testament Scriptures is the fact that this "Appointed Time" connected to the "festival to the Lord" was referring to the Vernal Equinox and the "Passover" season in which we find that Moses led the "mixed-multitude" into the desert to worship God (called the festival to the LORD) and this event is just before the Exodus in the Biblical text. So we see that the Exodus is connected to the Vernal Equinox and according to what we have already learned according to the symbolism of the Vernal Equinox then the reader should understand and recognize that this is truly is a "new beginning" for not only mankind in general but for these followers of Moses and "the Aten". In this instance we see such a "new beginning" and a "new life" typified in the creation of a "new people"; the people of Israel who were followers of "the Aten" and who later "reinterpreted" God with the more familiar name of YHVH. Just following this Exodus at the Vernal Equinox we find the following verse:

Exod 12:1-3 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: (KJV)

It is the time for "new beginnings" which again we see stressed at the Spring/Vernal Equinox. Astronomically speaking we are speaking of a "celestial pass-over" where the Sun rises or moves into the northern hemisphere from the southern hemisphere in relationship to the Earth's equator. Thus it was called the "pass-over" (the movement of the Sun from the southern hemisphere [Winter Solstice] into the northern hemisphere [Spring/Vernal Equinox] at which time man received the "salvation of the Lord").

Answer for yourself: What was this "salvation of the Lord" to which I refer?

It was the fulfillment of God's promise witnessed at the Winter Solstice that Gods' Sun, the catalyst of Spring which renewed life upon the Earth, would be realized "literally" at the Vernal Equinox with the re-awakening of Mother Earth in the Spring. We are speaking about not only the "rebirth" of the Sun and its beneficent effects upon the Earth but the consequences of such a Celestial event as seen in the re-awakening of Mother Earth in the Spring at the "pass-over". Remember with me if you will that this same Sun had died "symbolically" previously at the Winter Solstice as it fell prey to the pangs of Winter.

But there is even more to this story and event than meets the eyes in the texts.

These events in Exodus occurred not only at the "pass-over" of the Sun at the Vernal Equinox but at the end of the Age of Taurus and the beginning of the Age of Aries. As you study Astronomy you see that there is always an "overlap" of Ages as one Age makes way for the other. **We are in the period of transition of the Age of Taurus to the Age of Aries in these Biblical texts we read surrounding the Exodus and the establishment of Israel as a sovereign nation. Historically speaking it is important to understand that there was at this time tension between supporters of Amun in the Age of Taurus and the supporters of Aten in the Age of Aries and this tension would later manifest itself in the Exodus led by Akhenaten/Moses where the followers of Aten left Egypt to establish their one nation "under Aten" ("under God" who was later called YHWH) by these same people.**

Answer for yourself: Have you ever read in your studies that at the time Moses led the children of Israel from Egypt, that the zodiac constellation Taurus the bull was leaving the Vernal Equinox in the Heavens and the constellation Aries the ram was in ascension? **Well this is the hidden truth behind what we read and explains all the "bull" and "ram" symbolism we find in the Bible from cover to cover.**

Answer for yourself: God, in the understanding of Akhenaten/Moses and Israel following the Exodus had instituted a new covenant at Mount Sinai where the sacrifice of rams and lambs substituted for sins as had the sacrifice of bulls previously. **This again is very, very important because of its connection with the Precession of the Equinox and the replacement of the Constellation of Taurus (bull symbolism) with the Constellation of Aries (lamb/ram symbolism) as seen in religious observances with Moses and Israel.**

Yet, when Moses was on Mount Sinai getting the 10 commandments, the people, the "mixed multitude" of Hebrews and Egyptians, having been previously conditioned to focus upon "bull symbolism" due to the ascendancy of Taurus at the Vernal Equinox for over 2000 years in Egypt reverted back to their prior worship of God and created a golden calf in their worship of "the LORD". The golden calf was nothing more than a symbol which recognized the zodiacal sign of Taurus which had ascendancy at the Vernal Equinox for the last 2000 or so years. Moses, in step with the changing of the Age, was irate that his people, who had come out of Egypt under the sign of the "New Age", the sign of the "lamb/ram" of Aries had so quickly reverted to the old worship of God.

Isa 43:18-19 18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?...(KJV)

It appeared to Moses that his "new people of God" preferred the old ways and the old message of God and not the "new message of God" given to them in their "new birth" as a nation.

The symbolism of Taurus ran deep in Egypt for over 2000 years and we must realize that this "bull symbolism" was a marker of sorts for Egypt's worship of God during the magnificent time of their greatest Pyramid building (4700 B.C.E. - 2500 B.C.E.). Included in this Age of Aries in Egypt was its Pyramid Age in the Old Kingdom. You could easily say it is hard to teach an "old dog new tricks" especially when these "tricks" were so glorious in Egypt's worship of God for thousands of years. We still see in the Old Testament, long after the

time of the Exodus, the residual effect of the Precession of the Equinox in regard to Taurus and Aries with the offspring of Egypt, Israel itself, when examining the division of the kingdom of Northern and Southern Israel where Jeroboam set up two **golden calves** in his kingdom, one at Bethel and one at Dan (1 Kings 12:28-29). This is why many "bulls" are seen in the Old Testament. The bulls of Baal and others are consistently seen in the Old Testament following the Exodus due to this strong "Taurus symbolism". It all has to do with the transition of the Age of Taurus to the Age of Aries (with bull symbolism in worship of God being replaced with lamb/ram symbolism in the worship of God). As we might expect many "bull" figurines have been found in the Early Israelite (Iron) period (c. 1200-1000 B.C.) and this is because of the influence of the Age of Taurus and its symbolic understanding of God for some 2000 or so years. I devote a more comprehensive understanding of the civil and religious war in Egypt over this split between Taurus and Aries and their important influences in Egyptian and later Judaism and even Christianity in our ["Egyptian-Christian" website](#) for those interested. It is a must study when you get the time if you want the "truth" behind the "Jesus Story" we have today.

I don't want to chase a rabbit now but I will leave you with one short question which we will address in later articles in this series for it is of major importance for our "Jesus Story".

Answer for yourself: How much do you know of Mithraism? Well it again is all about the "killing of a bull" and making room for the "lamb in the Heavens", or should I say "the Lamb of God" in the Heavens. This "Lamb of God" comes from the symbolism of the Constellation of Aries which takes the place of Taurus at the Vernal Equinox for the next 2,160 years or so. It does not take a rocket scientist to make the connection to the New Testament Jesus as "the Lamb of God" but we will get to that later. Let me say in putting this "rabbit" to bed for now that Mithraism was the greatest challenge and competitor to Christianity during the beginning of the Age of Pisces (think fish and the beginning of Christianity and its reinterpretation of "the Christ/Karast). **This again shows the very important symbolism of the Constellation of Taurus and its residual influences on mankind for thousands of years long after the Age of Taurus had ended and the Age of Aries had began and even later the Age of Pisces.**

So let us not forget that a calf is a young "bull", and the bull as we now know was the symbolic figure for the Constellation of Taurus that ruled the Vernal Equinox for some 2000 years. But even more it is the symbol for the later religion of Mithraism which flourished in "The Age of Taurus" as well as later. The bull is the astrological symbol for Taurus, and the Age of Taurus and its "bull symbolism" was followed by the Age of Aries and its "lamb/ram symbolism" but for that to happen the Constellation of Taurus had to "move" from the Vernal Equinox. Allegorically speaking Mithra was the "bull slayer"; thus making room for the ascendancy of the Constellation of Aries (lamb/ram) at the Vernal Equinox. But as well we see Mithraism (bull symbolism) followed Judaism because of the overlap of symbolisms of the Ages.

This is not a coincidence but rather an evolution of man's understanding of God and His message to mankind. Thus history and archeology will teach us that the **bull, a symbol of strength and fertility**, figures prominently in the mythology of nearly all early civilizations, from Sumer to India to northern Europe in a particular time period with mankind and that time period again was the Age of Taurus.

Now interestingly **Taurus is only the forepart of the bull; it appears to grow right out of Aries, the lamb.**

Answer for yourself: What should this mean to us? This means that the **bull is changing into the ram/lamb**. Of course we should expect this since these Constellations are adjacent in the Sky along the ecliptic (the path of the movement of the Zodiac and the planets as they appear to move through the Sky). I call this "path" the "highway in the Sky". In Capricorn, where we began the study of the "Jesus Story" we saw the **half goat** or "sea goat" which is a **half fish**, moving through the "water of Aquarius" only to give birth to **Fish symbolism (the Sun moving through Capricorn into Aquarius into Pisces) and corresponding in the "Jesus Story" the character of personified Sun in the form of "Jesus" moving from the manger of Capricorn (sea-goat) to John the Baptist (water) and immediately following we see the "fisherman" symbolism**

in the early ministry of Jesus. We picked up next with the "Lamb of God" symbolism in the New Testament only to move into the "sacrificial symbolism of Taurus" and this again follows exactly in chronological sequence in following the "Jesus Story" through the New Testament. Behind all of this I hope you see is the "personification of the Sun" told in anthropomorphic language (in the form of a man) as he, symbolized by the Sun, moves through Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, and Taurus. The "Jesus Story" so far follows in the New Testament with the proper symbolisms as applied to "Jesus" exactly along and parallel to the stories and symbolisms of each House of the Zodiac as the Sun passes through them. This again is not a coincidence but a parallel to the allegories of the Sun passing through the Zodiac having begun in the House of Capricorn at the Winter Solstice.

From an ordinary point of view, the affairs and issues of these opposing signs are diametrically opposite to each other—they are in conflict with each other. They each represent the antithesis of the other—two sides of the coin, each valid in its own right, but incomplete without the other side. The nature of these opposites of the zodiac reflects the very nature of reality itself—we only need to look out into the world for a moment to see opposing views, conflict and seeming contradictions in the world. Every viewpoint has its advocates and antagonists. The opposite constellation from Taurus is Scorpius (6 months later) which is called "the Scorpion", a symbol and picture of "Satan". This "Scorpion" engages in striking the left foot of Ophiuchus (The Serpent Holder) and being crushed with his right foot.

Answer for yourself: Does this sound familiar?

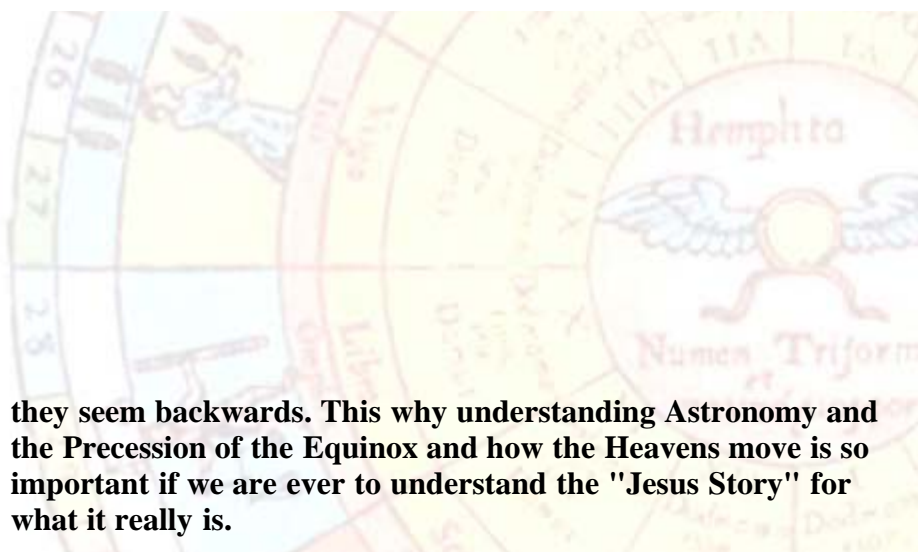
Gen 3:15 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (KJV)

This symbolism from the Constellations is told as a "Messianic Prophecy" in Genesis and applied to Jesus by New Testament Christians and amazingly it all came from the Stars and the Constellation; in particular the relationship of Scorpio to Taurus. Behind this all is the "sacrificial motif" connected to Taurus that we will see very dramatically when we get to Mithraism but understand right now in the displacing of the "bull of Taurus" in the Sky with the "lamb of Aries" the bull has to die to make way for "the lamb". Thus the "sacrifice" of the "bull of Taurus" and the "overlapping" sacrificial motif of the lamb which we see in the transition from Egyptian religion to Judaism and the beginning of Christianity (remember the Age of Pisces only began some 200 or so years before the time allotted for the "Jesus Story" is not an accident. Again this "sacrificial symbolism" is applied to God and His Christ/Karast down through history finally culminating with the "Jesus Story". The Ancients believed that when Christ (as Taurus) rises in His judgment, then Satan (Scorpius) that old serpent, the dragon, the devil -- will disappear into the bottomless pit. This reads like the New Testament to me.

Answer for yourself: Since our "Jesus Story" moves from Capricorn to Aquarius to Pisces to Aries and to Taurus then what is meant by my saying that Taurus yields to Aries? It appear backwards. It appears to be the reverse of the familiar order of the astrological Signs of the Zodiac. Why is this? Do I have it wrong? No.

This is because the Earth happens to "wobble" or precess in a way which moves its axis of rotation in a very, very slow circle that makes the constellations appear to drift in the opposite direction relative to the Earth.

This is why the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament move opposite to the movement of the Constellation in the Sky but yet when reading the "Jesus Story" and making the necessary correlations to the path of the Sun through the Zodiac we yet follow the Sun through these Constellations "in order" although



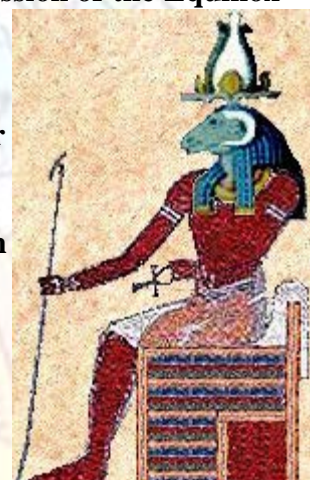
they seem backwards. This why understanding Astronomy and the Precession of the Equinox and how the Heavens move is so important if we are ever to understand the "Jesus Story" for what it really is.

In determining the astronomical Ages, we again see the "wandering stars" being used, as the Bible says in Genesis 1:14, **"for seasons"**. In this case, the "season" is a lot longer than the four climate-changing seasons caused by the revolution of the Earth around the Sun. This time for each Constellation to rule the Vernal Equinox is also a "season" of sorts but a time of 2,160 years which is caused by the much slower precession of the Earth about its axis. If you study ancient history, you will in time come to notice that there are **changes in the "world view" of mankind when an Age begins, such as the growth of Christianity when the Age of Pisces began, and the growth of Judaism when the Age of Aries began and the Age of Taurus in which Egyptian religion and Mithraism flourished. Each Age has a different understanding of God and His Christ/Karast and His unique message to mankind.**

An astronomical Age of about 2,100 years (2,160) is the time it takes for the Earth's axis to move one-twelfth of the way around in this circular motion (30 degrees), and the effect of this motion is called "the Precession of the Equinoxes". It can be marked by the Sign the Sun appears in at the Vernal Equinox, the first day of Spring. In our century, it is the constellation of Pisces which rises with the Sun at the Vernal Equinox, which means we are still in the Age of Pisces. The Age of Aquarius is still a century or so in the future for us.



In earlier ages the Vernal Equinox was located within the realm of the bull (the Sun in Taurus at the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years), roughly during 4,000 B.C.E. and this explains all the Egyptian "bull symbolism" as seen on the left. But after 2,160 years the bull, symbol for the Constellation of Taurus was replaced by the lamb, symbol for the Constellation of Aries, due to the Precession of the Equinox and this explains all the "bull symbolism" connected with the Age of Taurus and all the "lamb symbolism" connected with the Age of Aries. This explains the Exodus and the struggle within Egypt over God and the symbolisms used for Him in His worship and the division among the Egyptians themselves as to how to worship God and all of this "tension" comes to a head with Akhenaten/Moses in the 18th Dynasty and is the very cause of the Exodus. **It is amazing when you discover who Moses really is and why he led a "religious" war in Egypt that culminated in the Exodus and was responsible for the creation of a "new Egypt", called Israel which was founded upon a new understanding of God which was connected to the Constellation of Aries and no longer "Taurus" centered.**



Next as we have already seen the Constellation of Pisces took supremacy of the Vernal Equinox following Aries and because of this we find all the "Fish symbolism" in the New Testament as discussed in a [prior article](#).

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from this?

That our religious symbolism and typology as well as our religious rituals and religious dogmas and doctrines and many religious beliefs are highly influenced by the Cosmos, the Sky, and the Heavens and what we believe and often do and how we worship God today comes from primarily from the observations of the Ancients of the Heavens. Behind our religious symbols lie the Constellations of the Cosmos and their interrelationships with the Sun and its path through them (the Zodiac)!

Answer for yourself: But there is a major problem? And what is that?

Rome came along in the first 5 centuries C.E. and forcibly "reinterpreted" these Ancient understandings of God and persecuted not only the Jews but Gnostic Christians/Chrestians as well **and in so doing Rome changed and "reinterpreted" many of the intended meanings of these original religious ideas and understandings of God that had existed almost unchanged since the beginning of recorded time. So as you are seeing the Constellation that ruled the Vernal Equinox was not only important but for 2,160 years but highly influenced man's thinking about God and the worship of God and the rituals associated with such worship of the Creator.**

We just finished the **"pass-over" in Aries** and we now have move to Taurus. So we have also moved beyond the Spring of the year (the Passover) if you are keeping up. As the commencement of **harvest was integral to ancient cultures, the year began with Taurus for many nations.** The widely asked question about why Astrology begins with Aries, and not with the first month of the year, finds its answer in this tradition of the **year's first harvest being connected with Aries.** Remember that darkness was the greatest threat to mankind and with renewed light since the Winter Solstice the earth was both re-awakened and warmed and this was the catalyst for the harvests to come for both mankind and animals. The food chain so necessary for all life and man understood this and celebrated the Sun being "born again" whereby it also awakened Mother Earth and the Earth was again renewed. **Man understood this as being "saved" by God and His Sun!**

Answer for yourself: What will happen with this idea when it also later is "personified" and submitted to anthropomorphism? Well man is now saved not only by God and His Sun but by God's "Son". Read that closely.

But again what was once understood as but an allegory will later be "literalized" by Rome and these prior metaphysical concepts of God and His Cosmos and His salvation given to mankind will become obscured almost beyond recognition by the pens of Roman scribes and monks as they "literalize" the whole thing in the New Testament.

But this understanding of Taurus was not limited to Egypt or Israel. To the Greeks, Taurus is associated with Zeus and his transformation into a snowy "white bull". This he did as a means to abduct Europa, whom he lusted for. Thus, the Minotaur of Crete, result of this union of God and mortal, is also recognized as being associated with the second sign of the zodiac. **By these few examples we learn that many cultures across the world observed the constellation of Taurus at the Vernal Equinox and perceived it as a bull or similar animal.** The Egyptians gave great significance to the Sky cluster in both religion and astrology; the great starry bull of the Nile. Halfway around the globe, small tribes living along the Amazon river in South America, called this section of the night sky: Tapüra Rayoaba, the Jaw of the Ox. It is certainly a hard constellation to miss! As one of the densest groupings, there are, by varying accounts, between 120 and 190 stars within it, visible to the naked eye.

In the Mediterranean region, the Sun's entry into Taurus was celebrated as the Feast of Maya. We know it as **"May Day"**, the first of the month. The Sun was often represented by a white bull with a golden disc between his horns. This image was followed by a procession of virgins, exemplifying the **fruitfulness of nature which goes hand in hand with the idea of the**

awakening of Mother Nature following the Winter Solstice. This association of Taurus with the beginning of Spring, can be traced as far back as ancient Babylon. The Babylonians looked on the bull as the symbol of their greatest gods. The **bull was a sacred animal** in Phoenicia and Syria. Among the Semitic Canaanites the bull was the symbol of Baal. **It appears that the bull was in some way connected with the reproductive processes of plants and animals and with the Sun. It symbolized strength, vigor and endurance which was in keeping with the Earth's new birth following the Winter Solstice.** In Egypt, Taurus held an even greater importance, as it was believed that humanity was created while the Sun was passing through its borders.



Through Rome and their efforts, like centuries of Christian book burning like the destruction of the famous library in Alexandria, Egypt, mankind lost much of its accumulated knowledge of the Ancient truths and understandings of God handed down since the beginning of time. In trying to defend itself against attacks of its opponents who blamed Christianity for reinventing the mystery religions, Christianity of that time decided to remove all evidence of its plagiarism and burned the Alexandrian Library to the ground. If not burned then it would be easy to just go to the library and see these original "celestial concepts" allegorized down through time as told through the "sungods" which again was never to be understood as if "literal". **But more than that there existed a "metaphysical deeper understanding" of these Celestial events where mankind understood that God was speaking to them from Heaven and that these movements of these orbs or Heaven was also teaching them about the "maturation of the Divine Soul within matter or the flesh of all mankind. Again this understanding of God and His message to mankind about these Divine realities was almost destroyed out of existence and only in our century has archeology and historian been able to reconstruct this Ancient Wisdom which challenges the Roman understanding of history and religion to its very core.**

The final destruction of the library was carried out circa 390 C.E. by the early Christians. The Christian theology of the time disapproved of inquiry into worldly matters, and so such "pagan learning" like astronomy and astrology was prohibited. **Yet astronomical and astrological knowledge had been preserved by the Ancients who valued its message and saw in it the true voice of God.** Theophilus, Bishop of Alexandria, reputedly fanatically anti-pagan, ordered the Serapeum's (library) destruction. **We are blessed today not only for the finds of archeology (the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Nag Hammadi Library, etc.) that is piecing this knowledge back together for us but we are blessed that centuries of Christian book burning cannot erase the stars and their message above our heads. No man can forge God's blackboard in the Sky and in the Heavens.** When we study to recover these "keys of interpretation" then we can restore the true message of the Creator to us once again. Luckily for mankind Rome could not burn the Heavens to hide their plagiarism.

By looking at the Gospels through the eyes of an astronomer and astrologer, we can understand why the "Jesus Story" and the Gospels follow the same story outline of prior "sungods" since all of these stories came originally from the observations of the Sky and Heavens. As we are seeing and will continue to see as our studies progress the tale of Jesus takes place in the Heavens and Sky above within one Zodiac year. Amazingly breaking down the Gospels according to each of the twelve Zodiac constellations we can track Jesus as the "personified Sun" through references to each motif that the constellations correspond to as understood down through recorded history. As we study this "Jesus Story" we will see that astrological timetables are enumerated into twelve ages based on a great cycle spanning almost 25,920 years where each Age lasts 2,160 years (each House of the Zodiac that ruled the Vernal Equinox). Also we have seen and are learning that during each of these ages of 2,160 years a particular Constellation rose on the Vernal/Spring Equinox each year and as it slowly moved into the Vernal Equinox it would also slowly move out of this same celestial position of

this Equinox over the next 2,160 years when it would be replaced by the next constellation that followed it in the circle of the Zodiac.

Until recently, the Greek Hipparchus, was given the credit for discovering the Precession of the Equinoxes. This 25,920 cycle is the foundation for the 12 Ages of the Zodiac which by modern measurement puts each age as 2,160 years long. The precession causes the fixed stars to rise and set against the earth's solar years so that at the first day of spring, which is the Spring Equinox, will one time be centered in the Constellation of Aries but some 2,160 years later be centered at the Spring Equinox in the Constellation of Pisces as it does now. In contrast, the Egyptians started their year at the Summer Solstice when the constellation Orion rose with the Sun to mark the beginning of the flooding of the Nile but this was because of Egypt's unique seasons since they experience no winter or fall to speak of being a desert climate. But no longer does Hipparchus get such credit due to the archeological discoveries made in Egypt. With more insightful study of ancient myths and Egyptian temples, texts and myths, it now appears that **the Egyptians priests knew and measured the precession back to the old kingdom and there are hints that this knowledge went back to the Age of Gemini which ended somewhere near 6,140 BC.** Schwaller de Lubicz showed that the **Zodiac of Dendera in the Temple of Hathor** (around 100 BC) was actually a time clock measurement that marked the Precession of the Equinoxes from the Age of Pisces back to the Age of Taurus which started in 4380 B.C.E. by his calculations. Schwaller estimated the Age of Pisces to begin near 60 B.C.E. which is just prior to depiction of the birth of Jesus in the New Testament and the Age of Aquarius to begin at or around 2100 AD. Dr. Giorgio de Santillana, historian and author of Hamlet's Mill, traced all the ancient myths and legends around the world to show they had a foundation in the description of the Precession. Jane B. Sellers then extended Santillana's concept in The Death of the Gods in Ancient Egypt by analyzing Egyptian myth to show the consistent reference to the precession of the stars in their religious beliefs in the Osiris- Horus myths.

Answer for yourself: And why is this important for a "thinking believer" today? These observations of the natural and physical Sky and Heavens along with the path of the Sun in relationship to the Constellations and Zodiac were interpreted "Spiritually" by the Ancient Priests of Egypt and later and it is these "truths" seen in the Heavens that were understood as God "speaking to mankind" of "Spiritual Realities". "These Divine Truths" were captured for all

Eternity in the mode of myths and legends and it these same religious myths that were at the very center of their theology and ours as well today. Sadly Rome has done a to blur or destroy the original meanings but with the aid of archeology today and good scholarly books that are not found in your corner Christian book store you can learn the truth that Rome almost obliterated almost 1,700 years ago. It is these "Spiritual Truths" seen on God's blackboard of the Sky that empowered the pharaohs, and determined their death beliefs and practices and which yet shape ours today. From such observations we get the understanding of "Spiritual Concepts" like Eternal Life, the "new birth", the battle of light and darkness in man's Soul, immersion, spiritual growth, repentance, living lives in obedience and in harmony unto God's Laws of the Cosmos and His Commandments, fruitfulness, good works, etc. **And to think all this did not come from a book but from the Spiritual Gnostic Masters of antiquity and their observations of the Sky and God's Heaven and the movement of the orbs within it.**

Christians have been waiting for Jesus immediate return for 2,000 years little knowing that God's Christ makes an appearance in one form or another to introduce each Age and has done so for thousands of years. Thus this explains the variety of symbolisms associated with the symbolic representations of God and His "Karast/Christ" down



through the Ages.

Answer for yourself: Do you sense the importance of what you are studying? Is it just possible that the return of the Sun to the Vernal Equinox at the beginning of this new Age of Aquarius will be what has been misunderstood for so long spanning almost 2000 years; namely, the "Second Coming of the Sun/Son" or the "Second Coming of Jesus Christ" (personified as the Sun) as counted from the Age of Pisces?

Answer for yourself: Do you understand? The "Christian Christ" began with the introduction of the Age of Pisces and will return in another form or manifestation with the next Age according to the Precession of the Equinoxes. This "Jesus Christ" will be manifested anew at the Age of Aquarius with God's new message for mankind at this important time in mankind's evolution.

As Horus was the "Karast" of Egyptian Religion so Jesus was the "Christ" of Christianity.

Luke gives hope that God's Christ will return in the Age of Aquarius and now I hope this is beginning to add up to the perceptive reader. But our focus is in Taurus for this study so we much regress before going on.

We saw in the prior articles some pretty amazing things regarding Pisces and Aries that we never dreamed could be true. We saw that unknown to us that Christianity is full of astrological and astronomical concepts which has slipped our attention or recognition. It only makes you wonder how much more astronomical and astrological concepts lay hidden in our Christian dogmas and doctrines concerning "the Christ". This knowledge should make any "thinking believer" intent on studying at least Biblical Judaism to see how far Roman Gentile Christianity has deviated from the religious dogmas and doctrines held by its mother's faith concerning the Jewish Messiah and atonement. We have these articles and other such information available on our websites for those wishing to have the answers to those and similar questions that need to be sought out in order that they no longer be led astray by the antisemitism and errors of Roman Christianity as it developed over the early centuries of the emerging Christian Gentile Church.

So now we move on as does the Sun in its path through the Heavens and if our premise is correct and the pattern holds true then should fully expect that we should be able to follow the "Jesus Story" as we have before as we move through the other Houses of the Zodiac. For the next "Sign" or "House" of the Zodiac, Taurus, it would benefit us greatly to understand a little astronomy to see the picture clearly as it unfolds before us. We need to understand thoroughly the "Precession of the Equinoxes" and how this related to the moving of the constellations of the Zodiac and how they had been understood by the Ancients before we can understand the link to the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and its connection to the Zodiac.

Let us continue our study in the following article.

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THE PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES WITH EMPHASIS UPON TAURUS AND ARIES

Well it is hoped we learned a lot from the prior article dealing with the Precession of the Equinox as the Constellation of Aries replaced the Constellation of Taurus at the beginning of the Age of Aries. **This was a momentous time for all mankind as God was speaking from Heaven to all His creation and it would behoove us to understand what He is saying to mankind at this time.** Correspondingly the Sun is inching daily higher in the Sky as it moves toward the Zenith and the Summer Solstice. Along with this rise of the Sun in the Sky came days filled with more daylight, warmth, heat, and its influence upon Mother Nature. **The Harvest was on the way and with it mankind's continued salvation from God in a "natural sense".** Behind these Celestial events was always a "natural" influence upon the forces of Nature as well as the Earth but as well **hidden behind this natural manifestation of God's salvation for mankind was a "Spiritual" or "Metaphysical Message" from God of "Divine Realities" and a "Spiritual Intent" for mankind.** This "Spiritual Reality" was understood by the Ancients as concerning the very presence of God within all matter; in particular God in man's flesh as they understood that man was created in the Image of God seen in the Heavens as well as in Nature. We saw in the article on the **path of the Sun through the Constellation of Pisces that the Ancients' understood the Descent of the Soul into matter and got this understanding from the "cross" in the Heavens made by the intersection of the two fish of Pisces.** So again we see the Egyptian axiom **"So Above, So Beneath"** at work here. Said even more simply through the medium of "myth" and "legend" mankind captured these "Spiritual Realities" and God's "Spiritual Message" to them in the myths and allegories of their "sungods" as seen in the myths of Osiris, Horus, Isis, Set, Dionysus, Attis, Chrisna, Mithra, and even Jesus.

Answer for yourself: How did the Ancients understand their "sungod" stories and myths and did it reveal the hidden realities of God to them? Well you have the opportunity to understand them correctly right at your finger tips; for it is only a click away. Let me say it will take your breath away; especially in light of what Christianity has taught about all other religions of history being "pagan" and "heathen". Do yourself a favor, bless yourself, and **learn the truth about how the Ancients understood and interpreted these spiritual myths of their "personified sungods"** like those of Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Mithra, etc. It is not what you have been taught from a Christian perspective, let me assure you of that.

The above, as backdrop for where we are going, launches us into our new study where we pick up on the unique

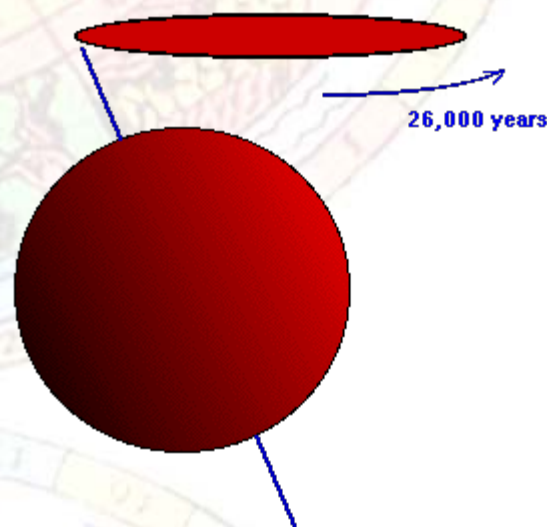
Spiritual realities that involve the Precession of the Equinox; in particular the Constellations of Taurus and Aries.

In antiquity it just so happened that the Spiritual Masters of yesterday noticed that it was in the month of April and May that the Sun passes through the constellation Taurus. Knowing this then let us see what we can find out about this special "Appointed Time" with God in order to learn correctly about what God wanted to teach mankind by moving the Sun through Taurus. For this to happen we need to draw upon a deeper understanding of both Taurus and Aries. Let us continue our study with a short summary and review.

The Earth's rotation axis is not fixed in space. Like a rotating toy top, the direction of the rotation axis executes a slow precession with period of **26,000 years for the entire ecliptic of our planetary bodies to travel around our Sun, a trip of 360 degrees. Each one of the 12 signs of the zodiac takes about 2,100 years for our Sun in our solar system to pass through them totally.** Every 72 years we actually move **backward 1 degree.** After 2,160 years or so we move out of one Age and into another Age (the Sun through one Constellation at the Vernal Equinox into another Constellation for the next 2,160 years). That means Gemini is followed by Taurus after 2,160 years only to be followed by Aries 2,160 years later which is then followed by Pisces 2,160 years later which is again followed by Aquarius again 2,160 years. Each of these constellation ruled the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years before they were replaced by the following constellation as the Heavens turned slowly. **The presence of each of these constellations had dramatic affects upon Ancient man and his understanding of the Cosmos and the Creator behind it.** We need look no further than Egypt for such proof as we shall see momentarily.

Astronomers tell us that the planet Earth itself wobbles as it turns and that the "spin" of our planet is not perfect as depicted in the image above at the beginning of the articles. As the earth spins on its axis, the earth is not stable. Like the center peg of a toy top, the axis of the spinning earth slowly wobbles in a circle, tracing out the surface of a double cone in space. As the earth's axis slowly shifts its orientation in space, it traces out the surface of a double cone in space. Because of the axial wandering, **the points where the celestial equator (the projection of the earth's equator onto the celestial sphere) intersects the ecliptic (the apparent path made by the Sun against the background of "fixed stars") move also, shifting clockwise around the ecliptic as seen by the northern hemisphere. This "intersection" of the plane from the Earth's equator and the plane of the path of the Sun against the background of "fixed stars" called the ecliptic forms a "CROSS" in the Heavens.** More on that later but you most likely know what is coming since the idea of a "cross" brings to mind a "crucifixion".

26,000 Year Precession Period



Answer for yourself: And what is this crucifixion? Well the **"First Crucifixion" of the Sun and the "personified Sun as 'the Son of the Sun'" take place in the Heavens and not on Earth! More on this later when we get to Mithra!**

It literally takes 25,920 years for the points of the intersection or this "Cross in the Heavens" to move all the way around the ecliptic. This motion of the earth's axis is called **Precession**, and it is, I believe, a major component of the causes long ago that led to the creation of Christianity as it has other great religions of antiquity. What we find when we study Comparative Religions without the benefit of bringing to such a study adequate knowledge of Astronomy and Astrology is a jumbled ball of endless facts and parallels of various "personifications" of the orbs of Heaven. **But if we do such a study of Comparative Religions with a prior knowledge of Astronomy and Astrology then we magically see that behind almost all of the world's great religions lies the "personification of the Sun" and associated "allegories" of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and it is these "allegories" of the path of these Heavenly orbs that frames the**

lives of the "sungods".

If you did not catch the meaning of the prior statement then understand that the "religious doctrines and dogmas" of these major world religions like those found in ancient Egypt, Greece, Mesopotamia, Judaism and even Christianity come from the movement of the Sun in relationship to the Constellations of the Zodiac over this 25,920 year period of time. Another name for this period of time is "The Great Cycle of the Sun, the Platonic Year" which is the same as saying the "Precession of the Equinoxes". Both are cited to be a time consisting of 25,920 years.

What we find in studying these myths and allegories taken from Astrology and Astronomy as told by the Ancients is that central to most if not all is a "central character" which is the object of the "personification" and "anthropomorphic" language used in these myths and allegories. This character was known in the beginning as the "Karast" in Egypt and associated with Horus and it only begins there for every Aryan nation "under the Sun" (forgive the pun) will have their own understanding of this Precession of the Equinox and will develop their own "unique Character" that is identified with that peculiar people. Not only that each nation will "interpret", or should I say "reinterpret" this "Message from God from His Heavens" through the evolution of their people and their nation. No greater example can be found than Israel and Judaism following their Exodus from Egypt in the time of the Hebrew Pharaohs and the 18th Dynasty.

This "allegorical character" which is the "personified Sun", with many names and identities down through history, evolves as the Sun passes through the sequential "Houses of the Zodiac" and along with this we find the establishment of various "religious beliefs" associated with this character as he moves through the Heavens as the "personified Sun". The Ancients understood the Egyptian axiom: *So Above So Beneath!*

Answer for yourself: Can you remember the examples up to now that we have studied? Well let me refresh your memory.

- The Sun In Capricorn: We saw the Winter Solstice spoke of "life from the dead" as seen in the path of the Sun in the sky whereby mankind understood that Eternal Life was a gift from God. Man knew that although he might die he will live again for God was teaching him this from the path of the Sun and the Precession of the Equinox. We also saw the need for a "new birth" following our natural birth; a "spiritual birth" if you would. Man must be "born again" Also we saw the eternal tension and war for mastery between "light" and "darkness"; not only on a natural level as observed in the Sky at the Solstices and Equinoxes but all of Heaven speaks of this "war" in the Heavens but in reality it is but a teaching tool for all mankind to show his need for God and God's new birth.
- The Sun in Aquarius: We saw from the path of the Sun that for this new birth to be accomplished that man had to die to his old self and practice repentance and obedience to the Laws of God's Cosmos. This was symbolized by going to the water and being immersed into a "watery womb" or "watery tomb" whereby man was "born again" allegorically speaking and awakened anew to the Spiritual reality that lives within him. This is Gnosticism at its very best. *Eph 5:14 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (KJV)* This is the "new birth" necessary for all mankind. Thus his "new man" following his "new birth" must "increase" as his "old carnal self" must "decrease".
- The Sun in Pisces: We saw that from the intersection of these two fish in the Sky that God was speaking to man that within him lives the very Spirit of God for truly man is the Temple of the Holy Spirit of God. *Col 1:26-27 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)* The "feeding miracles of Jesus" teaches us that we must be "fed from the bread of Heaven" not just the bread of the field for both our natural and spiritual man needs to be feed for God's ultimate life to be

experienced in this life. But hidden in these "fish stories" is the idea of Heaven and Earth's bounty and Harvests where the fruits of Heaven and Mother Earth come to sustain and nourish mankind...both naturally and spiritually. In Pisces we also saw the "cross" that showed us the intersection of the Divine into matter, the Descent of the Soul into matter and into mankind. We truly are the Temple of the Holy spirit created for "good works".

- The Sun in Aries: We saw so far that the Christ is in all of us since being the Temple of the Holy Spirit. That being so then the Ancients understood as the Sun entered Aries that this "Christ" in us was the "Lamb of God", the "Aries of God", which gives his life as a sacrifice for others in order that they might have life and life abundantly. This only emphasizes mankind's creation being for the manifestation of "good works" where we pour out our lives for the good of others as the Sun, symbolic for God, pours out its energy that man may have life and life abundantly. Such "good works" maintains and restores the harmony of God in Heaven as well as on earth: *"So Above, So Below"*. Spiritually speaking man, when fed the Bread of Heaven, should experience a Spiritual awakenings and produce "fruitfulness" in the Spirit and this is assured by his obedience to the Laws and Commandments of God where when obeyed produce "good works" that produce both natural and spiritual fruit as well as "harmony" in the world.
- The Sun in Taurus: We saw that as the Lamb of God in Aries is to die to self and live unto others as God's ambassador in this world the same applies to the Bull of God and his sacrifice as well.

Answer for yourself: And what is so very amazing about these above religious beliefs? Each one of these "religious doctrines" and "dogmas" are absolutely true since God spoke these from Heaven and they are taken from the Ancient Spiritual Masters as they studied the path of the Sun through the Zodiac.

And equally important in my opinion that Biblical Judaism today has preserved them down through history in their purest state.

These religious beliefs and doctrines above were understood as the will of God for mankind because God speaking and revealing them from Heaven. Men may forge books and have done so abundantly but no one can forge the path of the Sun and the movement of the Constellation in Heaven or the Sun's effects upon Mother Nature. God's Laws regarding cycles and patters both "above" and "below" are fixed and eternal. That is the beauty of it.

Answer for yourself: What should this information mean to me? It means simply that at on time on this planet man knew and understood the simplest and most correct understanding of God and His message to all mankind which was long before the forgery of religious texts and religious agendas began to surface after the Exodus and the rise of the nation of Israel in their subsequent separation from these earlier beliefs and understandings of God.

It should also mean that **God has ONLY ONE MESSAGE** and there is absolutely no room for any "competition" from others who deceitfully say "God told me this or that" and his message deviate from what God has spoken from Heaven for thousands and thousands of years. There is no room for "another gospel".

These allegories from the study of the personified "godman", which again came from the observation of the path of the Sun through God's Heaven, only were vehicles to bring these Divine and Heavenly principles and dogmas to Earth where mankind could better understand them and implement them as well as be blessed by them and correspondingly bless others in their lives. That is not to say that the "different" understanding of God by Moses/Akenaten was wrong, for example, only that it was a different perspective on God than others held at the time and properly understood it really only complemented the earlier understanding of God that had existed from the beginning of time even to the present day of Moses. Names for God were changed down through history as man received an enlarged revelation of the Creator but again this is not a real problem for that has been done since the beginning of time. The real problem comes when these "allegories" and "personified stories" of these characters are made "historical-literal" which was done with the "Jesus Story"

by Rome and then the world "damned" by Rome if you don't believe what their forged New Testament says.

As you might have guessed this same "personified character" of these prior "Spiritual Myths" become the "Literalized Jesus" of Rome's New Testament and replacement religion. The "Karst" of Egypt over time became the "Christ" or "Jesus" of Rome's new religion. Now instead of "allegories" teaching Divine Truths from God's blackboard in the Sky we have the "literalization of these allegories" and this "personified character" become a "real person" which we are told by Rome is worthy of our worship. In case you did not know this is a sin; namely, the sin of idolatry and blasphemy according to the Laws of Moses.

Time for more Astronomy. This "Christ", or "Jesus", was not born of a real virgin; rather, it was the product of an unstably rotating earth. If the earth's axis did not precess, the Christ or the "personified character" would never have been invented. Christianity as we know it would not exist had it not been for the tilt of the earth when rotating. Let me further explain.

As the earth's axis slowly shifts its orientation in space, it traces out the surface of a double cone in space as shown in the picture above. Because of the axial wandering, the points where the Celestial Equator (the projection of the earth's equator onto the celestial sphere) intersects the Ecliptic (the apparent path made by the Sun against the background of "fixed stars") move also, shifting clockwise around the ecliptic as seen by the northern hemisphere. It takes 25,800 or so years for the points of the intersection to move all the way around the ecliptic. These points or this "X" makes a "Cross" in the Heavens where God's Sun, the personified Christ, is crucified in the Heavens before the foundation of the world!

Answer for yourself: Could it be that the crucifixion of Christ have been an astronomical phenomena and only later "literalized" on the pages of the New Testament?

Answer for yourself: Was the "first crucifixion" of Christ in the Sky and in the Heavens and not on earth?

This is a great study but be prepared for the shock of your lives.

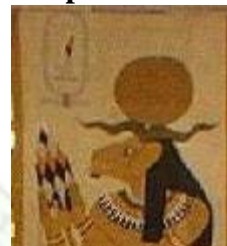
Answer for yourself: Why is this "backward motion" of the Zodiac as it is seen from earth important for our study? Simply because the Ancients, like the earliest Egyptians and Babylonians, understood the Heavens are moving and that one "House of the Zodiac" would move from its dominant position every 2,160 years or so. That explains why in the age of Egypt we find a "Taurus-centric religion" since Taurus was the Zodiac sign for the age in which Egypt found themselves in the glory of their Pyramid Age as they observed the Cosmos and the stellar movements above and reproduced what they saw in the Heavens on the ground. One only has to look at the Giza Plateau and the sacred geometry associated with the 3 pyramids to see what I mean.

Over the span of this 2,160 years the Egyptian priests noticed that Taurus was very slowly moving in the Heavens and was being replaced by the next constellation next to it in the Zodiac; namely Aries (ram/lamb). A quick look at the accompanying pictures demonstrates the influence of Astronomy upon the early Ancient Egyptians and their religion as we see the prominence of the Sun disk as well as the horns of a Bull (symbol for Taurus) in the depiction of Isis; in this case a symbol for the ruling constellation Taurus at the Vernal Equinox. This influence would last over 2,160 years and even later and would influence Egyptian religion and its Priesthoods to its very core. Later after Taurus has been replaced at the Vernal Equinox by



Aries, the Ram, we see the struggle for change in the emphasis of Egyptian Religion in the depiction of Amen with the ram horns. Amen's name means "The Hidden One." He was a local Theban god from earliest times, and was viewed (along with his consort Amenet) as a primordial creation-deity by the priests of Hermopolis.

Answer for yourself: Could this difference in interpretation of God and the Constellations which the Sun had traveled over two Ages, over 4,300 or so years be the reason why Egypt was resistant to change their prior understanding of God and could this have been one of the major reasons for the Exodus? It



sure was.

Here before us is proof positive of the influence of the Constellations upon the religion of Ancient mankind and we should expect no less when coming to Christianity which will be heavily influenced not only by Egypt but by the Sun and the stars as we have seen and will continue to see.

Now let us look at these myths and legends of the Ancients and their "sungods" closely to see 4,500 years of theology and as we do then let us look to see if we can find hidden "Sacred Theology" expressed beneath our "Jesus Story". And when we find parallels to the prior sungods then let us not jump to conclusions when we find that they often read exactly like the "Jesus Story" of today. Now you understand exactly what I mean and since now understanding this then the next time you see a picture of an Egyptian "god" or "goddess" (neteru) or read about them or read some Christian calling Egyptian religion "pagan" then know that behind these depictions are not real gods or goddesses as some form of perverted polytheism assumed erroneously by the critic of Egyptian religion but an Ancient understanding of God and His image and attributes as well as His unadulterated message to mankind as revealed to these Ancient Egyptians long ago which they expressed in the only picture of God they had...the Heavens and Sky above.



Answer for yourself: Who was responsible for the moving of the Heavens? It was God of course, the Creator, and he was given a rather strange name in this regard, namely, the "Kosmokrater" (mover-of the Heavens).

Prior to the Jewish dispensation when Moses was leading the children of Israel out of Egypt the Sun was moving out of the sign of Taurus and into the sign of Aries. The Egyptians and the Priests noticed over hundreds and even a couple of thousand years that the Sun had been and was passing through the sign of the Bull (Taurus) and beginning to enter into the sign of the Ram (Aries). Later, and because of this Precession of the Equinox, we see that Egypt and other nations would later develop a whole "ram/theology" or "shepherd theology" due to the ascendancy of Aries over Taurus at the Vernal Equinox and this is seen perfectly in the work and religion of Moses/Akhenaten and the Hebrew-Jewish follower of Moses in Egypt. It was these followers of Moses/Akhenaten in Egypt who were originally followers of the Aten that ascribed to the change in symbolism for God as connected to the changing of the Age from Taurus to Aries. Both Akhenaten/Moses and his Hebrew followers (shepherds) both recognized the ascendancy of the Constellation of Aries over Taurus which had been ruling the Vernal Equinox for the last 2,160 years. Egypt had been practicing a "Bull-symbolic" religion for over 2000 years and many among their Egyptian Priesthoods, like the Priests of Amun-Ra, did not want to change the "symbolism" for God which has been used for some 2,000 years or the "emphasis" of the Age where God has manifested Himself in a unique way for over 2,000 years. Therefore this explains why the Patriarchs did not wish to notify the Egyptian Pharaoh and others that they were "shepherds" (Aries centered believers).

Answer for yourself: What should "shepherds" bring to our minds?

It should make us think of sheep or the "lamb/ram" associated with the the Constellation Aries which was replacing Taurus at the Vernal Equinox in the time when these events in the Old Testament transpired.

Gen 46:31-34 31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; 32 And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. 33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? 34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians. (KJV)

We should not expect from reading the text of the Hebrew Scriptures that Egypt did not like sheep or lamb-chops but rather the symbolism of "shepherds" in the text had a hidden religious meaning connected to the Stars and the Heavens; in particular the Sun entering into the House of Aries at the Vernal Equinox.

Answer for yourself: Is it possible that these Hebrew followers of Moses and the Aten had already adopted the notion of Aries having replaced Taurus at the Vernal Equinox before they ever came to Egypt? Does this explain why history and tradition says Abraham was an astrologer-astronomer? It would appear so. Don't forget that other nations outside Egypt were able to see this Precession of the Equinox as well. That of course goes for Mesopotamia which is also known for their Astronomical knowledge and this is where the Old Testament tells us Abraham made his home. An old Arabic tradition maintains that Abraham had in his possession certain sacred writings of Adam, Seth and Enoch containing laws and promises from the Almighty as well as predictions of many events. **Arab writers say Abraham taught that astronomy and other sciences came down from Enoch. Thus Enoch, the righteous Priest-King and Great Teacher, passed into history as a personification of the Ancient Secret Tradition.**

Answer for yourself: Is this the hidden meaning we read of in the Hebrew Scriptures when we read that Jacob's family was afraid to tell the Pharaoh that they were "shepherds" which meant that their worship of God was "lamb/ram" centered as connected to the Constellation of Aries and not Taurus or "bull centered" or focused in their worship of God?

Answer for yourself: What should that teach us? It should teach us that the Hebrews, at this early time in their evolution as a "special people" already had a solar-religion at that time! As I have said before almost all of today's religions are "solar based" in one way or the other.

Now you can now see why the newly emerging people of Israel, recognizing that a Ram/lamb-centered religion was to replace a Bull-centered religion, would have a lamb-centered worship of God and not a bull-centered worship of God as had the Egyptians in the prior Age of Taurus.

So we have learned that the identification of an "Age" with an astrological sign is based on the Zodiacal position of the Sun during the Vernal Equinox of that age, as generally viewed in the Mediterranean region of the Northern Hemisphere. Before 2000 B.C., Taurus the Bull was prominent at the Spring Equinox, culminating with Scorpio at the Autumn Equinox as we mentioned before. **Due to the precession of the equinoxes, every 2,160 years (approximately) this position advances to the next Zodiacal division and over time the Ancients captured these truths in their art work.**

Answer for yourself: What do we learn from the iconography of Mithraism that helps us in our study of this material?

Well I don't desire at this time to get into Mithraism in detail but will reserve that right for the last article in this series. But a few things can be said now to give the reader an idea of what lays hidden behind the "Mithra Story".

The depiction of Mithra killing the bull of Taurus represents God, the Great Kosmokrator, the "Mover of Heaven", symbolically killing the Constellation of Taurus (the bull) which again teaches us of the Cosmic Principle of the Precession of the Equinoxes which causes the Heavens to appear to move in the Sky and repositions each sign of the Zodiac at the Vernal Equinox every 2,160 years.

Now we are equipped to better understand that the sin of the children of Israel in the wilderness which so aroused the anger of Moses when he descended from the mount of the Lord and found them falling down before the **golden calf**



(symbolic of the prior Age of Taurus which was passing away and which was yielding to the "lamb" of the Age of Aries). To Akhenaten/Moses many of his followers had reverted to a past and obsolete religion (Taurus-centered) which they should have left behind (since the Sun was now passing from the sign of Taurus into the sign of Aries in Egypt's 18th dynasty).

Isa 43:19 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?...(KJV)

Looking at Moses and his legacy we now understand how the Jewish dispensation itself was governed by the sign of Aries, the Ram, through which the Sun was passing for the next 2,000 or so years.

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us?

We should expect a "Ram/lamb" centered religion in Israel and we find exactly that all the way through the nation's history because Israel and "Judaism" was birthed at the beginning of the Age of Aries.

Answer for yourself: Where in Judaism do we find this "Aries" symbolism connected to the Precession of the Equinox and the Constellation of Aries? Well we need look no further than the Jewish idea of the "scapegoat" and we will momentarily.

Answer for yourself: When did the Age of Aries began?

The Age of Aries began around 2,500 B.C.E. and lasted until around 300 B.C.E. Let us not forget that this Age of Aries followed the Age of Taurus which lasted from around 4,700 B.C.E. to 2,500 B.C.E.

Now it helps to try to sort out all the Biblical history we can and factor in the Change of the Age of Taurus to the Age of Aries and the role this major change in Heaven played on the various Bible stories that have come down to us through history as well as the various "religious beliefs and doctrines" that accompany such stories down through history. This is very important not only because of the Bible stories we read but the "Biblical Doctrines" an "Biblical Religious Beliefs" that arose during this time period and this Age of Aries. Finding the true origin of these "religious beliefs" helps us tell the "truth" from "fiction" and this is so important in light of the forgery of so many "religious texts" that have come down to us from later Christianity. We can find out today which of these "conflicting" religious beliefs between Judaism and Christianity are true and which are false by determining which of them originated from Heaven and the movement of the Sun through the sign of Taurus and later Aries and which did not (THINK)!

Answer for yourself: Where do we find the "Taurus" symbolism in Israel? We don't for Israel did not become a nation during the Age of Taurus but was only associated with this "bull" symbolism during the time they lived in Egypt. If we recall the nation of Israel was told to hide from the Pharaoh the idea that they were "shepherds" when they first entered Egypt thus signifying in "code" that they were already familiar with the Precession of the Equinox before ever entering Egypt when the nation came down with Jacob upon Joseph's request. This is seen in their caution not to be recognized as "shepherds" which is a "code word" in the Bible

that points to the Celestial aspects surrounding highly volatile religious beliefs that will later fuel the Exodus in the 18th Dynasty of the "Hebrew Pharaohs".

Answer for yourself: Where do we find the "Aries" symbolism in Israel? We find symbolism of the change of the Age from Taurus to Aries in Israel in the appearance of the scapegoat in Jewish history (Yom Kippur, sacrifices, lambs offered in sin offerings, etc.).

But even before Moses we find that we have the Bible story of the "ram" caught in the thicket and all this was due to the influence of the passing of the Sun through the sign of the Bull and into the sign of the Ram, etc. Let us not forget that Abraham was born around 2000 B.C.E. which is again a time period in the Age of Aries so we should expect that it would be a "ram" and not "bull" caught in the thicket. This should also bring to mind the ancient traditions concerning Abraham and his knowledge of astronomy. Jews have been involved in astronomy from the very beginning of their history. Indeed, it was God Himself who called on Abraham to "Look towards heaven, and count the stars, if thou be able to count them." Then God promised Abraham that his seed would be as numerous as those stars.



More to the point what we find in this regard to Aries is that the "Ram-lamb" images of the Old Testament refer to the changing of the Zodiac due to the Precession of the Equinoxes and this celestial event influenced religions like Judaism and religious belief systems of other religions as well since it was God's Heaven and He was moving it around (Kosmokrator...which is later to be personified in the form of Mithra). A whole lot of religion can be created in 2, 160 years.

Answer for yourself: How should this knowledge impact us?

Our task is to understand this celestial event and any "Spiritual Message" that lays behind it that was the cause of later "religious beliefs" like those we see in Judaism and Christianity and understand them in their "earliest" and purest forms.

Heb 6:1-3 1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit. (KJV)

First of all notice that the above mentions the "doctrine of Christ" and not Jesus. Let us not forget that we are speaking in this verse of "religious beliefs" that find their origin among mankind thousands and thousands of years before any believed in a "historical Jesus" of the first century. I hope you are beginning to see that from the Heavens and the observation of the movement of the Sun through the Zodiac and associated Constellations that ancient mankind understood God was speaking from Heaven to all His creation His message to all mankind what was required from them to inherit "spiritual salvation." The study of astronomy, on a deeper "Spiritual level" will prove to us that the very religious doctrines mentioned above in Hebrew 6 plus others all came from man's observations of God moving His Heaven.

Think about that for a minute!

Some influence, emanating from the sign of the Bull and the sign of the Ram produced the symbology which conditioned the religious life of the people of those eras and this explains why we have the "bull" symbolism both in Egypt and Canaan; Egypt had their Apis bulls and Canaan their "Baals" as well as why later we have "lamb/ram" symbolism in Judaism.

Let us progress in our thinking. This "religious symbolism" reflecting the Sun in various Constellations becomes still more apparent when the Sun moved out of Aries into the next Constellation, the sign of Pisces the Fishes. We should later expect when the Age of Pisces replaces the Age of Aries that we would have again a change in "religious symbolisms" due to the change of the Age and the unique symbolisms that were representative of each Age which was associated with a "particular Constellation". Again this "religious symbolism" as applied to man's understanding of God changed every 2,160 years and along with that was man's understanding of God and His revelation and message. **The "path" intended for mankind's salvation was being written and elaborated upon by God in the blackboard in the Sky.**

As a different Constellation would rule the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years we find a different emphasis upon various "religious ideas" And that is what we find with the emergence of Christianity as well which arose in the Age of Pisces with its "fish symbolism" that surrounds **Pisces' own unique "personified character" of the New Age; that being "Jesus Christ". All we have here is a new symbol for the "Karast/Christ" but we have had that since the beginning of time with the original "Karast" as seen with Horus of Egypt. The comparisons of Horus, the Egyptian Karast, with Jesus, the Christian Christ are staggering when you see them; only the "symbolism" has been changed but the concepts behind these "symbols" are basically the same.** Think for a second and know that this "Horus symbolism" came from the Heavens.

Answer for yourself: What does this say for the unbelievable parallels with the "Jesus Story"?

This again explains why "Fish symbology" which runs so characteristically through the entire Gospel story (miracles of the fishes, call of fishermen, fishers of men, etc.) and why Christ's disciples were largely fishermen. The Sun had entered the Constellation of Pisces and it was time for a new "interpretation" of God and His "Karst" and we have it in the Christ of Christianity and its emphasis upon Christ's followers being fishermen and "fishers of men". It is written that the Christ performed the miracles with fishes and sent his apostles out after his death under the leadership of St. Peter with the injunction to be fishers of men. It is for this reason that the mitre (hat) which the Pope wears is the mouth of the fish.



Now, according to Astronomy mankind is currently transiting into the sign of Aquarius, the sign of the water-carrier, the sign of universality, for water is a universal symbol. It is recorded for us in the New Testament that prior to his death Christ sent his disciples out to find the "water-bearer" who led them to an upper room where **the communion service was instituted.** All this was in the text is the recognition by the Christ (personified as the Sun) of the coming New Age which would succeed his dispensation and into which we are at this time entering. Leonardo da Vinci's great picture of the communion in the upper room is the great symbol of the Aquarian age, for we shall sit down together under the loving direction of **Christ (the vehicle and agent (Logos) of Revelation of God to mankind)** when brotherhood will be established and



men will be banded together in the bonds of divine relationship. The old barriers between man and man and nation and nation will, during the next 2,160 years slowly disappear. Ironically this picture was known by the Ancients to have astrological connections as it represented again the Sun and the Zodiac "personified". Take a close look at the picture and how it has been divided by modern scholarship who is aware of its Astronomical Symbolism: 4 groupings of 3 disciples corresponding to the 2 Equinoxes and 2 Solstices, each containing groups of 3 reflective of the months in each time period separating the Equinoxes and Solstices.

Answer for yourself: Is this another coincidence?

These "Spiritual concepts" have been with mankind since the beginning of time and this explains

why in the worlds' religions we find unbelievable "common themes" and "overlap" of these "Celestial beliefs" at the heart of these various religions. And we should since mankind all sees the same things in the Sky and God's Heaven.

Understanding the above then we should know that regardless of attempts to make Mithraism the plagiarist of Christianity, the fact will remain that Mithraism originated long before Christianity and was well established decades before Christianity had any significant influence. If Christian apologists will not yield to the well-attested assertion that Christianity "borrowed" from Mithraism in specific, they simply cannot deny that both copied from Paganism in general, from one or more of the numerous religions, cults and mysteries of the pre-Christian world. Hence, the effect is the same: **Christianity took its "godman" and religious beliefs and religious tenets attached to him from prior Nations and their understanding of the Precession of the Equinoxes as it was later "personified" and "allegorized"!**

Answer for yourself: So why again is this important to know? The Ancients understood that the Creator was responsible for His Heavens and the orbs within them and was equally responsible for their movements. In these movements of the orbs of Heaven the Ancients saw and heard a message from God and interpreted what they saw "allegorically" and understood this as the very voice of God to them as He wrote upon the blackboard of the Sky principles and concepts that had an undercurrent or "Spiritual Nature" for mankind. These we already saw are called the "Doctrine of Christ". As man witnessed and pondered these movements in the Heavens and the Zodiac over time they developed myths and legends of "personified characters", or sungods, that captured these deeper Spiritual Truths that they came to understand from the movement of God's Sun and stars in the Heavens. In time they came to make parallels to these same Eternal and Divine Concepts in the Heavens with the same concepts that operated in Mother Nature around them as well. God was speaking from Heaven the same message that Ancient mankind came to hear around them in Mother Nature: **So Above, So Below!** It is for us to understand this "message" today if we ever hope to separate out the truth of God's message to mankind from the blurred echoes shouting from man's competing and conflicting religions today.

I guess it is time for a quick review.

Answer for yourself: And what is God teaching from Heaven again as seen from the observation of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac along with the ordered "cycles" and "patterns" in Heaven which were later handed down through the myths and legends of the "sungods" like Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Mithra, Attis, and yes, even Jesus?

From Capricorn we learn that God is teaching through the Winter Solstice that all mankind the necessity of a "2nd birth" or a "new birth", a 2nd birth that is symbolized by immersion in water accompanied with repentance which is the fruit of the eternal tension between "light" and "darkness" and their fight for mastery over all existence. As the Sun rises from the greatest darkness at the Winter Solstice so is the Soul of man to rise daily in Spiritual light throughout our lives whereby we reflect the light of God and His image which is symbolized by the moon which has no light in it but that which is reflected from the light of God (the symbolic Sun). From Aquarius we realize that this "new birth" is realized through the mikvah where as the Rabbis teach man "receives the Soul that comes down from Heaven". This is symbolic language for the "Descent of the Soul" into matter where the Divine becomes flesh and tabernacles within mankind as the zenith of His creation. Being "born again" we are to "increase" and our birth nature "decrease" which is the message of Aquarius and this is effected through the doctrine of repentance unto good works. We learn that for this to happen in our lives our "Inner Man" must be nourished as is our "natural man" and this requires we eat the "Bread of God", the "Word that comes down from Heaven". We learn from Pisces that within mankind are "two natures" as we find in the "two fish" and making an intersection in the Sky we likewise come to see that within us these "natures" merge and dominance is dependant upon which we feed. Thus the symbolism in the "feeding miracles" of the Christ where all mankind, both Jews and non-Jews, are to be fed this "Bread" from Heaven symbolized in the miracle. Until we feed ourselves we will not be able to "feed others" and realize our potential and goal to be "fishers of men" whereby we share freely with them the real Message of God. From Aries we learn as the Sun moves higher and higher toward God that we all are to be the "Lamb of God" and become "living sacrifices". This, exemplified at the Spring Equinox, is realized at the Vernal Equinox whereby we

celebrate the "new birth" and let our lives be examples of the harmony manifested in Aries whereby through our good works and fruitfulness we manifest to all humanity that we have realized within us "life from the dead" for truly this is the harvest of God. It is through our good works in obedience to the Laws and Commandments of God which frame our Covenant with God that we achieve the purpose of being a living sacrifice; namely, atonement for our sins which is the purpose of realizing in our lives that we become the "lamb of God". Judaism, unlike Christianity, teaches that man can make himself acceptable to God through repentance and good works thereby effecting atonement for his sins. Unlike today it originally was at this time of the year, both physically and spiritually, that atonement was once connected with the "Passover" at the Vernal Equinox. Through the later efforts of Ezekiel this theme of "atonement" would be separated from the historical event of the [killing of the Egyptian Messiah who was killed and hung on a tree at the eve of the Passover in Egypt around 1,350 B.C.E. \(the Pharaoh Tutankamun, the son of Moses\) to the fall of the year as we find today at Yom Kippur](#) but as I said that was not always the case.

It is my personal belief as an "ex-Pastor" of the Christian faith that it is the responsibility of all enlightened Children of God to reach all mankind with the true message of God as we become fishers of men, live a life of order that reflects "Ma'at" or the Divine Order in Heaven and the Cosmos as well as Mother Nature. This Divine Order is achieved through obedience to the Laws of God as taught in Egypt in the "42 Negative Confessions" and which later the Jewish religion calls their Torah. Within these laws we find the Covenant of God with the [non-Jew and the 66 Laws of Noah which frame his Covenant with God](#).

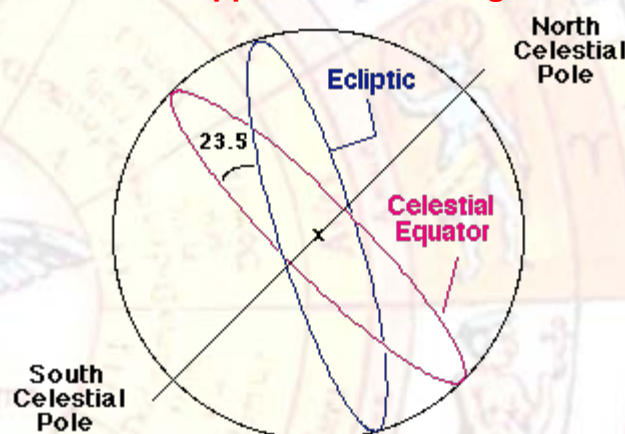
This is the message that God has consistently spoken to mankind from Heaven since the creation of the Universe. [Man is to reflect this Cosmic Order of Heaven by following and implementing the same Divine Patterns and Cycles that operate "Above" and bring them into being "Below". So Above, So Below!](#)

Answer for yourself: And how is this done? It is accomplished by man submitting to and emulating these Divine Patterns "Above" and manifesting them "Below" in this world through submission to God's Laws and Commandments, living out these Laws through the doing of good works and deeds, whereby our actions literally bring Heaven down to Earth: [So Above, So Below!](#)

Now let us go on discussing the associated Doctrine of Christ concerning "sacrifice". As mentioned above [central to the message of God in both Aries and Taurus is the theme of "sacrifice"](#). Let me explain and in doing so we need a little more Astronomy.

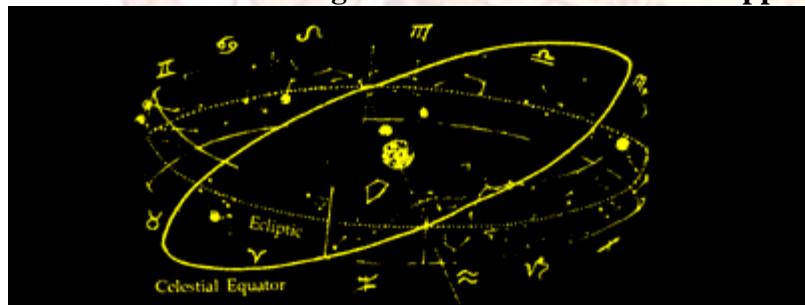
Answer for yourself: Where did this sacrifice originally take place which was a "pattern" for mankind? Could it have been in Space and in God's Heaven and can we find the very first "crucifixion" taking place in Heaven and not on earth as we have assumed? Now here comes the astronomy.

Viewed from the earth, the universe of stars seemed to the ancients to be attached to the great "celestial sphere" which had the earth as its center. The ["celestial equator" is the projection of the earth's equator upon the inside of the sphere](#). The [circle of the ecliptic is the path which the Sun appears to follow against the background of "fixed stars."](#) The intersection of the "celestial equator" and the plane of the "ecliptic" forms a "X" or a "Cross in the Heavens" as projected upon the Celestial Sphere. This "Cross in the Heavens" is a mark in the Heavens which the Sun just so happens to move over twice a day; at the Vernal Equinox and the Autumn Equinox. Of course it is at the Vernal Equinox when the "Earth awakens from the dead of Winter" that is most prominent for the Sun was believed to be "on the Cross" at this time and in awakening the Earth once again from her death at the Winter Solstice the Sun "died on the Cross" as it "poured out His live for mankind" so that might be "saved" and have "life abundantly". Surely this sounds familiar,



especially if you are a Christian.

The Zodiac is a belt of Sky, extending 9 degrees above and below the ecliptic, which can be divided into twelve zones of equal size, each characterized by the presence of a particularly prominent constellation. **The moon and visible planets all appear to move within the confines of the zodiacal belt.** The Zodiac is the band of 12 constellations that lie on the ecliptic. The mythological origins of the zodiac constellations and the glyphs that represent them hark back to the beginnings of human culture. They might have first been grouped together as the constellations through which the Sun and Moon appeared to move. For this reason they were originally



called houses or Lunar Mansions. The equinoctial points are two places where the **Earth's equator intersects the ecliptic**, at an angle of approximately 23.5 degrees. The first sign of the Zodiac is, by definition, **the constellation that appears behind the Sun on the March or Vernal equinox.** Two thousand years ago this constellation was Aries and it was designated the First House of the Zodiac. Now as you can see in a Planisphere the Equinox falls at the

end of Pisces or beginning of Aquarius. This is the reason why the dates of the signs of the Zodiac no longer correspond to constellations of that name. **But understand the religious dogmas and doctrines created thousands of years ago from man's scrutiny of the Cosmos corresponding to the Sun and the Zodiac in the Ages of Taurus, Aries, and Pisces are with us today (selah) and are the backbone of major world religions as well today.**

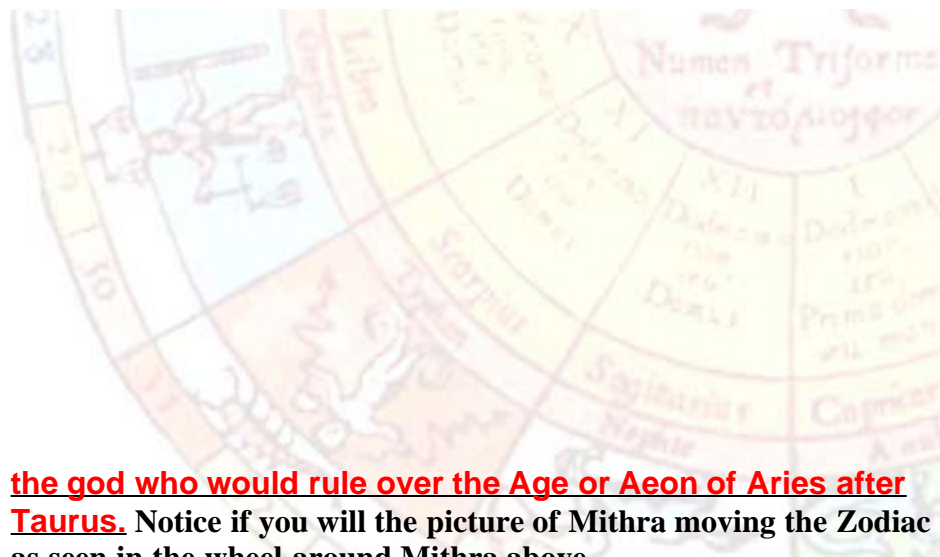
Around 128 B.C.E., Hipparchus of Rhodes discovered that the position of the Equinoxes was not constant but honestly that was known as far back at Ancient Egypt. **He determined that the Vernal (spring) Equinox had once been in the constellation Taurus but had, by his day, moved ("precessed") almost all the way through the constellation of Aries. At the beginning of the Christian era, the Vernal Equinox moved into Pisces.**

Answer for yourself: What should we have realized from this above statement? That in every Age there has been a new revelation and message for God and **each Age expressed this new and evolving message from God as a "new religion" of sorts.** For example in the Age of Taurus we find the great Egyptian religion which was followed in the Age of Aries with the religion of Judaism and which again was followed in the Age of Pisces by the religion of Christianity.

Answer for yourself: Is this a coincidence?

Each new Age has a new revelation of God or should I say a "new religion". We can only wonder at the new religion that will surface with the Age of Aquarius when it arrives.

Because the earth wobbles as it spins on its axis, the north and south poles of its axis do not always point to the same spots on the celestial sphere. As a consequence, the equinoctial points become displaced with respect to the so-called fixed stars - including the stars forming the twelve zodiacal constellations. When Hipparchus discovered that the Vernal Equinox had been displaced from Taurus into Aries, he or some of his disciples felt that they had detected the labor of a hitherto unknown god **(even he knew the Creator was moving the Heavens and it was His doing).** Many Greeks felt that each natural phenomenon or physical force was actually the working of a particular god ([neteru](#)). **For Astrological reasons, this new god was identified with the ancient Persian god Mithra. The mystery religion known as Mithraism thus was born. Mithra was installed as a Time-Lord or chronocrat.**



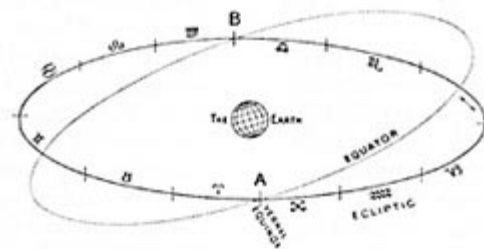
the god who would rule over the Age or Aeon of Aries after Taurus. Notice if you will the picture of Mithra moving the Zodiac as seen in the wheel around Mithra above.

By the time Hipparchus and his Stoic colleagues understood that the Vernal Equinox had moved from Taurus into Aries, the Equinox was almost out of Aries as well. **Very soon it would move into Pisces, and a new Time-Lord would be needed.**

Now what is said next is very, very important.

Just as movement of the equinox out of Taurus had been symbolized as the sacrifice of a bull, so too, the movement out the equinox out of Aries would come to be symbolized by the sacrifice of a lamb. Sacrifice would be a theme shared by both the Age or Taurus and the Age of Aries.

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us? It should teach us that central to the Age of Taurus and the Age of Aries as connected to their "religious doctrines" is the idea of "sacrifice"; in particular "sacrifice for sin" and that is what we find.



Answer for yourself: Did this sacrifice of some mythological or allegorical "godman" which was never real actually bring "atonement" to man for his sins? Of course not so we are missing something here that lays hidden in the motif of "sacrifice for sins".

Answer for yourself: What is "this sacrifice" that makes atonement for sin?

We spoke above and in an earlier article of a **"living sacrifice"** and we found out that **this "Heavenly Idea" was understood to apply not to just one person who was believed to be the "only Christ" but to every man, woman, and child born of flesh in God's Cosmos in which "God's Christ" resides.**

Col 1:26-27 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

Contrary to the misinterpretation in the Age of Pisces of this "Heavenly Doctrine" where this "Christ" is the possession of only one supposed person we find this religious doctrine accurately understood

in both the Age of Taurus and the Age of Aries and expressed accurately by both Egyptian religion and Judaism since the beginning of recorded time as it is applied to ever Child of God. God lives within every man, woman, and child as "the Christ" and this has been the understanding of the "Descent of the Soul" into matter since the beginning of time. It is when we come to Roman Christianity that we lose the truth behind this Heavenly Idea of each person being a "living sacrifice" who is able to procure his own atonement of sin. Judaism has taught this and yet teaches this for the last 3,500 years and Egypt since the beginning of recorded history.

Roman Christianity in the Age of Pisces reinterpreted this "living sacrifice" and does so erroneously on purpose rejecting the prior understanding and revelation given by God to all mankind from His Heaven for over thousands and thousands of years where all mankind are to be "living sacrifices" unto God and their fellow man whereby the "Above" is manifested "Below" through the actions and obedience of mankind to God's Laws and Commandments. This is God's atonement and man's way to make himself acceptable to God. This explains why Egypt taught the 42 negative confessions and Moses the 613 Laws of God and why the Tanakh is very clear on how man is gain atonement from his sin. Rome changes this prior "religious belief" with their reinterpretation of "the Christ" as a single historical person when in fact this religious concept had been understood as an indwelling principle of the Divine within all matter for thousands of years before Rome. Instead of "the Christ" being in all people "asleep" waiting to be "awakened" with the 2nd birth Rome rolls the whole concept in to supposedly one historical person in time-line of their choosing; again the product of their "reinterpretation" of "the Christ" of Pisces.

Eph 5:14 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (KJV)

This idea of a "living sacrifice" just so happened to affect one' atonement for his sin. It is again this theme of the "sacrifice" of the bull of Taurus and the lamb of Aries that spoke to man that likewise they are to be a "sacrifice" unto God as well. So Above, So Below!

Answer for yourself: Is this just another coincidence and we not know it? If you think it is I challenge you to follow in order the Sun through the Zodiac and the "religious doctrines" that emerge in order as the Sun moves through the consecutive Houses of the Zodiac and tell me that this is not in step perfectly with the "birth" of the Soul in mankind and its evolutionary development and maturation and maturity in mankind.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever read the articles from Bet Emet Ministries dealing with [God's true atonement and how atonement actually worked in Judaism?](#)

If not the let me say that you have to for until you do you will not understand how atonement was actually procured and the true role of "blood" in the atonement process but also how one man cannot effect atonement for anyone other than himself according to Judaism and the Laws of Moses. As a Christian I had been completely misled concerning atonement and never knew it correctly because of my New Testament had misrepresented it through the life of the New Testament Jesus but that all changed when I began a serious study of Judaism for almost 5 years and it was then I learned what the Jewish people and Rabbis have known all along; namely, that the depiction of the death of one man for a world full of sin is impossible according to the religious doctrines of Judaism which by the way gave us the texts in the Old Testament that teach atonement in the first place. Once you see how Rome has altered this Biblical Doctrine in the New Testament then you can see how no one person, even some Jesus who supposedly lived 2,000 years ago, could not have been an atonement for anyone other than himself and his own personal sins. Ironically however when correctly understood one can learn from the message of "the Christ" in the New Testament how to achieve true Biblical atonement but that comes with such studies as the ones we are doing now.

Now let us move on as we finish this article. The first symbol of the new-age religion, the religion reigning in the age of Pisces, significantly, would be the fish. If you recall we found a "cross" associated with the intersection of the two fish of Pisces and the Anciens understood that this was symbolic of the intersection of "spirit" and

"matter", the two natures in the human kind. True as it is this is but a "minor" cross for the cross that plays a major role in all later "theology" is the intersection of the "celestial equator" and the "plane of the ecliptic".

The cross, apparently, was originally the Greek letter chi (X) which reminds us of the intersection of the celestial equator with the ecliptic at an acute angle. This will later again be personified as "the cross of the Zodiac which will give rise to the later theology of the 'Sun on the Cross'" as the Sun sets on this "cross" or "intersection of the ecliptic and equator" which forms a CROSS! This is later called the "cross of the Zodiac". It is not surprising that in the oldest epitaphs and inscriptions it is actually two fish that were used to symbolize the New-Age cult - making the symbol of Christianity identical to the astrological symbol for Pisces, in obedience to the fact that Pisces is plural: the fishes.

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen? We have spent a rather long time on Precession of the Equinoxes as it relates to Aries and Taurus and other signs of the Zodiac to explain their importance in theology of world religions. But more to the point of this article on how the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than the personification of the Sun as it passes through the constellations of the Zodiac we must remember that the Sun passes through Taurus, the Bull, April 20-May 20 on its way to enter the House of Gemini. But before our "personified Jesus" can get to the next House of the Zodiac some things have to happen.

As the Sun move through the Zodiac then we should expect to find following next in the New Testament texts and the "Jesus Story" the calling of Jesus "12" disciples and their defining of their mission. We saw this in the House of Pisces earlier when Jesus was to make his 12 followers "fishers of men".

Matt 4:18-23 called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. 23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (KJV)

With this information and becoming familiar with the typology used in the "Jesus Story" as the "personified Sun" then we should expect that as the Sun is rising in the Sky to new heights in its ascent to the Summer Solstice that our Jesus should ascend to a similar height himself and we are not disappointed for we find the Jesus teaching this "Message from God" from on high as well in the famous "Sermon on the Mount" upon a high mountain. Notice this occurs right after the "calling of the 12" fishers of men.

Answer for yourself: What do we see here? The Sun keeps inching itself northward in the Sky from House to House in the Zodiac. From the calling of the 12 disciples, symbolic for the 12 Houses of the Zodiac, we find Jesus being his "preaching" and "feeding" the flock and we saw this in the "feeding miracles". Next we followed the "personified Jesus" into the Houses of Aries and Taurus where we found the theme of "sacrifice"; the theme of being a "living sacrifice" for atonement for sin. Such "spiritual concepts" are masterfully portrayed the the Sermon on the Mount following the calling of the 12.

Matt 5:1-2 1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,... (KJV)

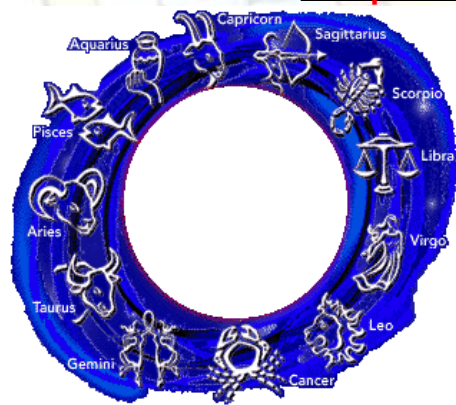
Notice that we follow the text of the New Testament as well as the path of the Sun. Following the calling of the fishermen we move to the mountain in the Sky for the continued message of God and the preaching of God's

Christ to men.

Men pass, mountains remain. Little wonder, why mountains are a sign of solidity and stability. They tower over us, touching the sky, sometimes through clouds ... they convey a sense of mystery. In fact, **philosophers say that the mountain is the point where heaven and earth meet.** Mountains, therefore, are considered holy in many faiths. They are believed to be the abode of gods, even a place where one can find salvation. Christian literature reveals the symbolic role of mountains. In the Old Testament, God was depicted as God of the mountains. Mountains also provided the backdrop to many key events in the unfolding story of the Bible. From the days of the flood to the days of the prophets, the mountains continued to be important points of spiritual contact or revelation. It was also on Sinai — the holy mountain where Moses was taking care of the sheep and goats of his father-in-law Jethro — that Moses received his call from God in the burning bush to deliver his people from the cruelty of their Egyptian masters. Sinai was also the mountain where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

Mountains were also places for testing spiritual strength. One of the temptations of Jesus reported in the Bible is that the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness, saying: "All this I will give you if you kneel down and worship me".

The Sun waits for no man and continues its trek through the Houses of the Zodiac. In doing so on its way to the House of Gemini the **Sun passes across the Milky Way which is that starry band that lies like a lake**



across the night Sky, between the Constellations of Taurus and Gemini (around May 21-June 4). In ancient Egypt, the Milky Way was called **"the Nile in the Heaven"**. For them it was a river of stars in Heaven. At that time, if you looked in the south from somewhere near a pyramid, the Milky Way looked as if it had been connected to the Nile. **The Milky Way has been likened to a river all over the world.** It has been called **"the River in the Heaven"**, "the Ganges in the Heaven," and "the Silver River". Modern scholars have noticed in readings of ancient texts--both Egyptian and non-Egyptian--that the **Milky Way is often referred to as the great celestial**

waterway . . . a river in the sky. So we again in our symbolism of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac find the traveling "personified Sun" crossing not only 12 Houses of the Zodiac as it ascends to the "Mount in the Sky" but that the Sun in its path through the Zodiac will soon cross a large body of "water" in the Sky upon leaving the Constellation of Taurus as it moves into the House of Gemini. This "river" in the Sky of course is invisible in the daylight. Now we again turn to the "Jesus Story" to see more parallels.



According to our symbolism and according to the position of the Constellation of Taurus in the Heavens then we can now expect and do find that Jesus now moves again to a great body of water in the progression of his ministry in keeping with the typology of the "Nile in the Sky". You see the Milky way, that great river and body of water in the Sky lies behind the Constellation of Taurus and Gemini (the adjoining House next to Taurus).

Matt 8:18-24 18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side (sea of Galilee). 19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. 21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. 23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples

followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. (KJV)

In keeping with the typology we find the Sun personified as "Jesus" now crossing a large body of water and we find this exactly in the chronological study of the "Jesus Story". Jesus is made to **cross the sea of Galilee**. In April the Sun passed through Taurus and in early May the Sun passes across the Milky Way which is that starry band of stars that lies like a lake across the night sky. At this time in the "Jesus Story" we have the allegorical story of **Jesus quieting the storm** and the water as he "crosses" to the other side of the sea (Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25; John 6:16-24).

Matt 8:23-28 23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! 28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. (KJV)

Mark 4:35-39 35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. 36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence that Jesus "crosses the sea" as the Sun crosses the sea in the Sky, the Milky Way, which is the backdrop to both the House of Taurus and Gemini, the next House which the Sun must enter in its path through the Zodiac?

Again early in the ministry of Jesus the Gospel of Mark gives the same account but differently in some regards as we shall see.

Mark 6:43-48 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. 44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. 45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. 46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. 47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. 48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them; and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. (KJV)



Notice if you will that right after the "feeding miracles of Pisces" we find the crossing of the Sea of Galilee once again but told differently in this Gospel. But what I direct your attention toward is that Jesus, as the personified Sun is made to be "walking on the water". If you look at the Sun the rays of the Sun appear to be on top of the water and this is where we get the notion that the Sun walks upon the water. It is a small step from the Sun, allegorically walking upon the water to Jesus, as the "personified Sun" walking on the water. To hide the notion that the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" is the "personified Sun" later Gospel writers will omit that Jesus is "walking on the water" and place him in the boat. **Thus not all the Gospel accounts mention Jesus**

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After the Sun crosses the Milky Way and moves out of the Constellation of Taurus it moves into the constellation Gemini, the twins of Castor and Pollus. Think with me for a second if you will. It always bothered me why Jesus, the assumed Messiah, would "walk on water" when he stresses in the Gospel of John that he has not come to seek his own glory but reveal the glory of his Father God. But yet we find him doing some cheap circus trick as walking on water which brings only him glory and not the Creator. This is a huge paradox that is troubling until you come to find out the the **"Jesus Story" is astronomical and never occurred on earth.**

Again this is but an allegory for the path of the Sun in the Heavens as it crossed the Milky Way known as the Nile in Heaven or the Silver River in Heaven with its band of millions of stars. It is not a coincidence that after choosing 12 disciples as "fishers or men" that the personified Christ should move to a lake and that is exactly what we find recorded in the New Testament. We find in the "Jesus Story" that Jesus crosses "the lake" as does the Sun in the Sky as it moves from Taurus into Gemini.

But the similarities do not stop here. We have seen the Sun move to the water in Aquarius in the form of John the Baptist, and the later symbolism of fish for Pisces and Jesus' selection of the 12 to be "fishers of men". We then noticed that in the Spring it is time for the lambs to be born in Aries and the flocks increase as does Jesus' followers from 2 to 12. With the rains of Spring come the abundance of crops and the need for a harvest. Jesus will say:

Matt 9:37-38 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. (KJV)

Notice please again that we are moving chronologically through the New Testament texts "in order" as the Sun follows in order its path through the Heavens and the Sky.

Answer for yourself: Can this be some cosmic coincidence or is it the "Jesus Story" the personification of the Sun through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac?

It is the time of the year that the fields need plowing and tilling before the harvest can be gathered.

Answer for yourself: What should this make us think of? The domestication of animals like the ox or bull! Again we have "Taurus" symbolism for it is impossible to feed yourself let alone others and be "fishers of men" without the strength and energy of a large animal like the ox or bull to help you produce the "food" necessary (both physically and spiritually).

The Ancients used bulls to till and plow the fields so the analogy applies to Jesus' disciples being his labors and his "bulls" so to speak. After **choosing his 12 disciples (symbolic of the 12 constellations in the Zodiac) in Matthew 10**, Jesus sends them forth with his message of "salvation".

Matt 10:1 1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against

unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What happens next? Strange that such good news should get a warning of persecution (Matthew 10:16-23) and resistance but it does.

Matt 10:16-23 16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. 21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Who would not want to be "saved"?

This strange "opposition" to the light shared by Jesus and his 12 is again but another allegory of the struggle of light overtaking the darkness of the night as the Sun endeavors to reach its zenith in the Sky and bring maximum light to mankind as understood by the Ancients as man's salvation. If you study the message of the preaching of Jesus in the New Testament he taught Judaism and repentance which was already the message of Judaism. He did not teach later Roman Christian doctrine which would have been a problem to the Jews then as it is today so again this indicates that something lies behind this account we miss. It is an allegory of the tension and conflict between "light" and "darkness" endured by the Sun as it climbs in the Sky to its Zenith.

But there is another passage we must look at now.

Matt 10:34 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: How are we to understand Jesus' saying in the Gospels that this supposed "prince of peace" has only come to bring a sword?

Again we find the allegory of the Cosmic dualism of the struggle of darkness versus light depicted in the Sun's struggle to reach the Summer Solstice where the Harvest can come and man receive his "salvation" from God in the earth. This struggle of the Sun climbing the Sky toward the Summer Solstice is depicted again through the imagery of a sword.

Answer for yourself: What are we to make of the later statement attributed to Jesus when he asks "who is wise? This is a rather ironic reference to the dichotomy that exists between the "inner and outer mysteries" of the "Jesus Story". On one level the lay people are given a "literalized" account of the "Jesus Story" but the initiates into the inner mysteries receive the truth hidden from the masses. One of the aspects of the mysteries we can glean is that their rites and myths were presented first on a 'superficial' level, which the mind of the initiate could supposedly grasp more easily: a viewing of sacred objects, or a tale like that of Jesus Christ being crucified and descending to the lower world to fight the "dark-evil" or the "devil". Such things, with minimal explanation, were presented as the Outer Mysteries to beginning initiates. Later, if the initiate progressed further, such things would be perceived and explained according to the secret, mystical meanings, allegories for deeper truths which the rites and myths only symbolized. These constituted the Inner Mysteries. The essence of Gnosticism, too, was the penetration to that deeper meaning, and the knowledge (gnosis) it bestowed

on the believer, a knowledge about the nature of the self and the world which made salvation possible.

The Sun is on his way to the Summer Solstice where its light is maximized and brings the salvation needed to mankind. This will come on June 22 when the Sun enters the next constellation. There is much work to be done and Sun's struggle to regain mastery over the darkness has been hard as it has fought darkness and climbed northward in the Sky and the Sun needs his rest. We find that in keeping with our Bull-symbolism Jesus is made to say:

Matt 11:28-30 28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: To what extent did Paul preach the equivalent of Outer and Inner Mysteries?

Gnosticism always focused on scripture (principally Genesis) as the allegorical embodiment of a higher truth. Even Philo (a mystic certainly, though not a Gnostic by any meaningful definition of the term) interpreted the Jewish scriptures as an allegory for a Platonic world view and a mystical understanding of and attainment to God. This insight Philo and others before him claimed had ultimately proceeded from Moses! **Here there is always a strong dichotomy between what scripture says or seems to say, and what it is actually saying in regard to true reality.** But that strong a dichotomy in Paul is not so evident. Despite what he says (1 Corinthians 2:11-3:3) about those who think or have capacities on a 'sarkic' (flesh) level and those more 'pneumatic' (spiritual) people who are possessed of the Holy Spirit, this may refer only to a graded level of capacity for understanding (which is to say, willingness to accept Paul's own doctrines), and not to two different levels of teaching on Paul's part, as though he tells of Christ one way to beginners or those of more limited intellect, and in a quite different way to his more Spirit-enabled listeners. **Besides, the dichotomy in full-blown Gnosticism is based on the 'scriptural' tale of Jesus in the Gospels: presented as a seeming historical tale on the simpler level (the Outer Mysteries) and as merely allegorical on the higher level (the Inner Mysteries).** But Paul didn't know the Gospel tale. That only appeared after him in the Gospel of Mark (which the authors acknowledge), and thus he hadn't those two layers of material and meaning to present in his preaching. It is more than interesting that second century Gnostics like Valentinus and Marcion claimed Paul as their teacher and that he did teach their full-blown Gnostic doctrines. Certain aspects of Paul might better be styled "proto-Gnostic." The bottom line to all of this is that Paul and his 7 authentic epistles never taught a "historical and fleshly Jesus Christ" but rather an "allegorical Christ Jesus" as found in the personification of Divine Principles as I am sharing here. Only later with the Roman forgery of much our current Pauline epistles are words put into Paul's mouth that support a "fleshly Jesus Christ". Paul's Christ was the "Christ within" which was the "Cosmic Christ" as the Divine expression of God in man.

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen in this article? Well a whole lot. We saw that the Sun passes into the constellation of Taurus at the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years. Therefore the Age of Taurus, as you would now expect, became very important for mankind's theology during those years; especially as it is connected with the idea of "sacrifice" as was the House of Aries before it. Taurus played a key part in the development of much of the world's theology during those 2,160 years as mankind it seems had consciously advanced in areas of Astronomy and Astrology around the globe. We now understand better why Aaron made the rebellious people a "golden calf" when they had left Egypt since this was shortly after the changing of the Equinox to Aries from Taurus. The word translated "calf" in the narrative refers more specifically to a young bull. Thus the choice may well have related to the practice of bull symbolism in the worship of God, which was prevalent in ancient Egypt and Canaan. Fearsomely strong, notoriously quick-tempered, bulls were revered throughout much of the ancient world as symbols of strength and fertility. The bull appears in the art and sacred texts of Syria, Mesopotamia, and Egypt. Early records from Memphis, in Egypt, reveal that the Egyptians worshiped a live bull known as Apis as symbolic of God. The animal was thought to be a manifestation of the city's patron deity, Ptah, creator of the universe. Apis became identified with Osiris, legendary god of the Sun and of immortality and later was "reinvented" in the "Jesus Story" as Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Egypt's goldsmiths turned out finely wrought effigies of Apis-Osiris and of his wife, Isis, represented by the head of a cow. When an Apis bull died at Memphis, its body was mummified. It was entombed in splendor during a period of mourning that

lasted 70 days. In later centuries, the Apis bull became more closely linked with Osiris, so that after the conquest of Alexander the Great, Osiris-Apis was transformed into Serapis. In this new Hellenistic form, the ancient Egyptian bull-god became a prominent deity. In Mesopotamia, bulls were long venerated as symbols of majestic strength and potency. Savage wild bulls, called aurochs, once roamed the region, some weighing up to 3000 pounds, and colossal stone images of these beasts were set up to guard the entrances to the temples and palaces of Babylonia. In later years, the Assyrians adopted the bull-god as their guardian, often adding wings and a human face. When the Israelites reached the Promised Land in the 13th century B.C., the bull cult was already ancient there. Canaanite temples were sometimes built with images of bronze bulls in their foundations. It was perhaps for this reason that the Israelites in moments of doubt were tempted by bull cults. **Behind all of this though let us not loose sight that these bulls were symbolic of the "Invisible God" of the Cosmos who was being worshiped!**

But more importantly we also saw that key teachings attributed to and about Jesus in the "Jesus Story" amazingly follow in chronological sequence along with Sun's passage in the Sky into next sign of the Zodiac (from Aries to Taurus). As we should expect Jesus in the "Jesus Story", as the personified Sun, which is now in Taurus to be connected with "bull symbolism" we find exactly that. We saw that allegory and symbolism connected with the Sun and its struggle to climb into the Sky and opposition to such a rise to prominence also depicted in allegorical form in the continuing story of "Jesus Christ" as he travels through Israel as the opposition to Jesus from others steadily mounts daily. Parallel to this is the rise of the Sun from House to House in the Zodiac as well as the pages of our New Testaments reveal but in allegorical terms in the "Jesus Story". Darkness is approach the Sun and will take control of the seasons once again at the soon coming Winter Solstice. **This "allegory" has lost its meaning to us today since being taught by our spiritual fathers to interpret the "Jesus Story" in a literal fashion instead of understanding it allegorically as the path of the Sun through the Heavens which is God's message of the metaphysical development and maturation of he Soul within mankind.**

Now we pick up our study to continue tracing the passage of the Sun through the Zodiac and noting parallels to the life of Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament as the "Jesus Story" move now from Taurus into the Sign of Gemini.

Now let us continue in the next and final article in the Aries-Taurus series.

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THE LATER MITHRAIC RELIGION....TAURUS IS REPLACED BY ARIES AT THE VERNAL EQUINOX

By now the reader is familiar with the Celestial Concept of the Precession of the Equinox as well as the allegorical representation of it in the "Jesus Story" as seen on different levels of interpretation:

- **Historical**...(myth taught through the medium of a "literal" and "presumed historical character" to serve as an example to be emulated by all mankind)
- **Mythically**...(personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and the 4 seasons of the year)
- **Mystically**...(expressing a hidden metaphysical teaching, a secret wisdom, given under strict and exacting conditions to approved candidates by the Masters of Wisdom regarding the descent of the Soul/Logos into matter as well as its intended development during the life of a person, ie., mankind).

Paul speaks of this last interpretation:

Col 1:26-27 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Why is this "Mystical" interpretation of the "Jesus Story" so very important?

From our studies we are seeing conclusively that behind what we once thought was a "literal-historical" story of a man named "Jesus" in the New Testament is a "Metaphysical and Mystical" teaching of secret wisdom describing the Descent of the Soul (God) into matter; in particular "flesh". From beginning to end the Ancients studied the Sky and Heavens, the home of God, and over time came to understand "Spiritual Concepts" that lay behind the movement of the orbs of Heaven, in particular the Sun and its path through these Heavens. Developing a "pattern" of understanding that God was speaking to man of the "pattern" for all existence, that being *"So Above, So Below"*, Ancient mankind came to understand that the Creator was speaking to all of His Creation through these movements of these Celestial orbs and from this understanding the Ancient Spiritual Masters came to understand that God was teaching man by example in the Sky deeper "truths" concerning not only about the very life that had been imparted to him physically, but "Spiritually" as well. **It is very important you understand this concept for it underlies all our religious doctrines and dogmas in**

Judaism and Christianity in one way or another; sadly however existing today in various degrees of adulteration down through history from its simplest and most accurate representation as found in Ancient Egypt.

Tracing this evolution of the "Divine's descent into the "physical" and "Matter" by following the path of the Sun through the Zodiac we have discovered that when "personified" and "allegorized" this "Spiritual Understanding" of movement of the Sun through the Heavens parallels "exactly" the story of former "sungods" and in particular the "Jesus Story" from beginning to end! Out studies have shown and continue to show that the stories of the prior sungods that have existed since Egypt on down through history can be found duplicated in the "Jesus Story" as well.

Answer for yourself: What should that teach us? The overwhelming evidence amassed teaches us that behind the "Jesus Story", which has come down to us down through history which we have approached first as a "historical - literal" reality is not that at all, but rather a "Gnostic" or allegorical depiction of the intersection of the "Divine" into "matter" in a physical sense in Creation. Said another way, **properly understood it is the "blueprint" not only for the "pattern" of man's physical creation (birth, life, death, and rebirth) but the "Spiritual development" of the Soul in mankind along with its evolution and maturation through life as taught by the medium of "personification" and the use of "anthropomorphic language" which we see in the depiction of a representative righteous human example of whom Christians know today as Jesus in the "Jesus Story".** We have seen that prior nations had their own examples of this "Christ Within"; names were changed but the story was the same and interestingly and not to be missed is that every nation from the beginning of time understood these "representatives" of God in matter only as "allegories" of deeper "Spiritual Concepts" which were again vehicles expressing Divine Concepts that often defied exact understanding and transmission of Metaphysical realities. One such "example" that we touched on in an earlier article was the example of Mithra.

We only touched on the religion of Mithra in the earlier article and made mention that **behind the "Mithra Story" is the same hidden revelation as behind the "Jesus Story"; namely, God speaking His message of the maturation of the Divine in matter to all mankind through allegory and personification which is applied to the Precession of the Equinoxes.** We spent a lot of time on the Precession of the Equinox, in particular from Taurus to Aries in the prior articles and mentioned just briefly in passing the religion of Mithra. We need to look at this in more detail with special emphasis upon the **sacrifice** of Mithra in this article.

Mithra was a Persian savior, whose cult was the leading rival of Christianity in Rome, and more successful than Christianity for the first four centuries of the "Christian" era. Roman Mithraism was a mystery religion with **sacrifice and initiation as its core doctrines.** Like other mystery cults, there is little recorded literary evidence. What we know comes mainly from Christian detractors and archaeological evidence from mithraic temples, inscriptions, and artistic representations of the god and other aspects of the cult.

The theory that Roman Mithraism had its roots in Zoroastrianism was first put forward by Franz Cumont, a Belgian scholar in 1896 and 1899. Cumont compiled a catalogue of every known mithraic temple, monument, inscription, and literary passage relating to Mithras and claimed on the basis of his study of this body of evidence that Roman Mithras was, ultimately, Zoroastrian Mithra. Cumont argued by extension that if Roman Mithras had Iranian roots, the cult of Mithraism must have originated in the eastern provinces of the Roman empire and spread westward with legionaries in the Roman army, merchants from eastern provinces (often lumped under the broad misnomer "Syrians"), freedmen in the imperial bureaucracy, and slaves. For many years Cumont's theory was accepted but today it is questioned because of the work of David Ulansey.

In The Cosmic Mysteries of Mithras, David Ulansey says the main problem with basing Mithraism on a Zoroastrian cult is that there is **no evidence that the Mithra of the Zoroastrians practiced bull killing**, the central aspect of Roman Mithraic iconography. An image of Mithras killing the bull holds pride of place in each



mithraeum (cave-like temple for the worship of Mithras). Ulansey believes the images of Mithras slaying the bull are actually **astronomical star maps**. In support of this he points out that all the figures represented in the iconography have a place in the Constellations (Taurus, Canis Minor, Hydra, Corvus, and Scorpio). He says that the other iconography and even the initiation ceremonies are consistently astronomical.

The place of Mithras as bull-slayer has cosmological significance because, if Ulansey is right, Mithraists attribute to their god the ability to shift the Equinox from the Constellation of Taurus to Aries:

"The killing of the bull symbolizes the supreme power of Mithras -- namely, the power to move the entire universe, which he had demonstrated by shifting the cosmic sphere in such a way that the Spring Equinox had moved out of Taurus the Bull."

The movement of the Sun out of the Constellation of Taurus into the Constellation of Aries at the Vernal Equinox explains the later appearance on earth of the Mithraic mysteries which centered around the sacrifice of the sacred Bull (the killing of the Cosmic bull to remove the constellation Taurus in the Heavens so Aries and the Cosmic Ram-lamb could take its place at the Vernal Equinox for the next 2,160 years).

Eclipsed as it was in later centuries by the faith of Christ, Mithraism – or rather, its Romanised form **Sol Invictus – was the first 'universal religion' of the Greco-Roman world**. By the Roman legionnaires, Mithra was called **"the divine Sun, the Unconquered Sun."** He was said to be **"Mighty in strength, mighty ruler, greatest king of gods! O Sun, lord of heaven and earth, God of Gods!"**

Most of the Roman cults of Mithras shared the same rituals and organization. The initiates were divided into seven classes, and were supposed to work their way up through them. **This ascension through the various levels in the religion of Mithra represented metaphysically the rising of the Soul after death**. This is very important to know for behind what might appear "pagan" to the Christian's thinking is really "Divine Concepts" portrayed as "allegory". Meetings were generally held in subterranean caves, most of which would hold no more than a few hundred worshippers. Within the cult there appeared to be no particular hierarchy: all of the full members were apparently equal. Initiations involved baptism, purifications, chastisement, and a community meal. **One of the main tenets of Mithraic theology is that the Soul of man descended from Heaven through the realms of the seven planets, taking on vices at each level. The goal of the individual is to liberate his Soul from these vices and thus ascend to the realm of Heaven and the stars.**

Mithraism anticipated Christianity in all major respects bar one, and enjoyed a 'reign' of at least five centuries. It peaked around the year 300 A.D. when it became the official religion of the empire. At that time, in every town and city, in every military garrison and outpost from Syria to the Scottish frontier, was to be found a Mithraeum and officiating priests of the cult. **Mithraism, an ancient Hellenistic religion, based on worship of a "personified godman" (similar to Jesus) called Mithras** who apparently was derived from the Persian god Mithra and other Zoroastrian deities. Mithraism is best documented in the form it had acquired in the later Roman Empire. It was an initiatory "mystery religion," passed from initiate to initiate, like the Eleusinian mysteries. It was not based on a supernaturally revealed body of scripture but **rather a supernatural revealed observation of the Heavens and the path of the Sun through the Constellations of the Zodiac**. Thus very little written documentary evidence survives. Soldiers appeared to be the most plentiful followers of Mithraism, and women were apparently not allowed to join.



Mithras' **rock tomb** (and place of re-birth) – the '**petra**' – was central to each Mithraeum. The rock connection was later re-worked into the legend of Saint Peter.

Matt 16:18 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

Legionaries took the cult with them into Palestine and back to Rome itself. Several hundred Mithraic monuments have been found in Rome (Coarelli, 1979). **Adapted for Roman taste, the most popular Romanised form of Mithraism was Sol Invictus, the Unconquerable Sun, whose re-birth was celebrated as the climax of the mid-winter Saturnalia, on 25th December (the Winter Solstice). If you recall we have seen this celestial concept attached to every "dying/rising" god since the beginning of time and again these "myths" and "legends" are attempts to express the Divine Concept of "life after death".**

The **theology of Mithraism was centered upon the "dying/rising" Mithra**, emerging fully grown from the 'virgin dawn' or rock. The association of gods with rocks or stones is not surprising: fiery rocks falling from the sky (meteorites) and even sparks released by colliding stones would equally strike the simple mind as 'evidence' of a godly presence within "matter". This is what I have been reiterating for a long time now; namely, **the awareness of the Ancients that the very "Energy" or "Presence" of God dwelled within all matter including them as "fleshly creations".**

Mithras's supposed creation had occurred in a 'time before men', a cosmic creation in a celestial heaven. **At no time was it believed that he had lived as a mere mortal and trod the earth unlike the later re-invention of Mithra in the form of the New Testament Jesus.** Mithraism's failure to have anthropomorphized its god into a man – something which was to be accomplished so successfully by Christianity – weakened the cult's appeal to the uneducated and opened the door to the competition.

The cult of Mithras was actually of very ancient lineage, traceable in one form or another through at least two thousand years. **In origin it was the primordial sun-worship – the father of all religion.** Iconography showed Mithras, in Phrygian cap and cloak, riding his fiery chariot across the sky. In antiquity, the sun-god was represented as the driver of a fiery chariot who wore a crown of thorns or fiery rays. The chariot was the sun which was pulled through the sky above the clouds by four horses that represented the four seasons. He was later depicted as a key figure in the Mithraic mystery religion that was a key competitor with early Christianity. The sun was the most powerful astrological body in the ancient world and was worshipped as the image of God in almost every nation, especially in ancient Greece.



The Neo-Pythagorean philosophers believed that **God, called "The One," whose image was the Sun, talked to Man through the divine medium of geometry, arithmetic, words, signs, symbols and even the letters of their alphabet through the power of**

gematria! In ancient Egypt, the astrological symbol consecrated to the sun god Ra was a circle with a dot in the middle, which was also the symbol for the number "1," named "Divine Unity." He is shown on a relief in the Mithraeum under St. Prisca in Rome. In early Christian art, Jesus was sometimes represented as an incarnation of Helios such as in a fresco in the necropolis beneath St. Peter's in Rome.



In Christian imagery the lamb was the usual figure on the cross because Jesus is the new sun-god who supercedes the sign of Aries. **The killing of the lamb of God, the Logos under the sign of Aries, was a repetition of the prior understanding of Mithras slaying the Bull of God in Taurus.** In every zodiacal cycle of 2,160 years the sun assumes the role of that particular sign of the zodiac as the **Logos or Messiah**. That is why in mythology we find that the new sun-god always murders the old sun-god. But when the alleged historical life of Jesus was in danger of being forgotten amongst the plethora of Messianic sun-gods in most countries it was **essential for survival of the Church to invent a god who was unique in the form of the physically crucified Jesus.** So we see the **theme of "killing" or "sacrifice" in both Houses of Taurus and Aries as related to the Spring Equinox where we find that "X" cross and intersection of the "celestial equator" and the "ecliptic". This again is the "Cross in the Heavens"!**

For centuries the cross was the symbol of Christ and was addressed as if it were a living thing.



Crucifixes have been found in Christian Churches before the 4th century with a human figure nailed to in the conventional way but the figure was not of Jesus but of the Greek god Orpheus. In the earliest representations of Christ a cross is missing although there was a dove by the cross which represented the form of the Holy Spirit.

The Gnostics rejected the literal images of the Christian story which the priests emphasized as the wounded body of Jesus on the cross. **Christ was the rising sun of the new Age and he reflected the glory of the Sun in all its imperial splendor.** **The eastern Churches deplored the Roman tendency to glorify the image of the body to the neglect the spirit.** They preferred the superiority of invisible power to that of a physical form. In the beginning no one dared to show a humiliated Jesus on the Cross even though he was adored for his self sacrifice. **The Roman Church put the symbol Christ's suffering love on the Cross when the memories of the Roman atrocities were dimmed. Several hundred years elapsed before the image worshipers won the day.**

At the time of Constantine in the 4th century Christianity becomes the state religion and necessitates new forms to show its power and glory. The impact of Jesus' life on the Roman concept of power is reflected in their changing portrayal of Jesus by the artists of the time. The transmutations of the face of Jesus through the history of western art respond to the changing religio-political pressures as they represent rituals like baptism and the Eucharist. The cross now appears as both emblem and object but scenes of the Passion and the Crucifixion are conspicuously absent as is the any version of the last Judgement. Just as both Caesar and Augustus drew upon the Roman traditions of divine right, Constantine positioned himself at the center of his

new Christianized Imperial Rome. When Julian forced the empire to sever its ties with Christianity in his short three year reign he opposed this militant and authoritarian Jesus in the name of classical philosophy. But already Rome was worshipping Jesus in the form of Helios, the sun god, across whose face Constantine had seen the cross. That Jesus replaced the divine physician Aesculapius is testimony to the extraordinary ability of Christianity to maintain the double image of Jesus as both the only son of the supreme God and the savior of each individual. Later 5th century artists portrayed Jesus next to the cross as a lamb of God slain for the sin of the world. Then they threw caution to the wind and Jesus was finally portrayed on the cross in the 6th century in a long tunic with only hands and feet bare to show the nails. Jesus was shown aware and triumphant with a crown on his head. The first 10th century Greek representation of Jesus suffering on the cross was condemned as blasphemy before the Roman Church succumbed to the idea. Medieval piety demanded a more human Christ which could identify with the trials and tribulations that they could relate to in their short suffering lives. Artists then freely depicted Jesus in his agony on his cross with deep wounds and blood. It was then that the Lord Jesus is shown naked to graphically impress on the faithful the full extent of his suffering for them.

More needs to be said of Jesus being worshipped in the form of Helios. The similarities between Jesus and the previous Mithra are staggering. Mithra was also an eastern religion, reaching the Roman world from India via Persia. Traditional hostility with Persia did not favour Rome adopting a religion of its enemies. This changed however in the 60s B.C. when Pompey's legions first entered Syria. Mithraism had so well established itself in the Commagene, Armenia and eastern Anatolia that whole dynasties of kings had called themselves 'Mithradates' ('justice of Mithra'). Rome's troops took to the 'machismo' faith, with its ceremonies of male-bonding and triumph over death, of self-control and resistance to sensuality. The precursor to later Christianity had just come to Rome as we see in Mithra's (the Christ for the Age of Taurus) later re-interpretation by Rome (the Christ for the Age of Pisces).

Central to Mithraism is the Tauroctony where the "bull of God" was slain (the theme of "killing" the bull (the Constellation) as a "sacrifice"). Acolytes were required to descend into a pit, which was then covered by boards filled with holes, and the blood of a sacrificial bull above would shower onto them. Thus sanctified they could re-emerge from the pit 'reborn' in Mithras having been "washed in the blood of the bull".

Answer for yourself: Can you guess how this phrase was changed with the Age of Aries? They were "washed in the blood of the lamb"!

Answer for yourself: What should this information about the tauroctony teach us? Simply that this sacrament, the 'taurobolia,' was the Mithraic forerunner of the Christian baptism where initiates were baptized "in Jesus" as had been the previous initiates "in Mithra".

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence?

The most important icon in the mithraeum was the tauroctony, a depiction of Mithras in the act of killing a Bull (symbolic for the constellation Taurus being "killed" and moved out of the way in the Heavens thus making room for the Constellation of Aries). The tauroctony was either painted or depicted in a sculptural relief, sometimes on the altar. This killing is shown as occurring inside a cave, much like the mithraeum, where it is the central decoration. In the absence of any Mithraist scripture, all we know about Mithras is what can be deduced from his images in the mithraea that have survived. He is depicted as a man, sometimes



in the act of killing the Bull,
sometimes being **"reborn, rising
from a rock"** (typically with a snake wrapped around it). It is

commonly believed that the cave in Mithraism imagery represents the Cosmos, and the rock is the Cosmos seen from the outside; hence the **description of this god as 'rising from the dead'.**

Central to the mythos is that Mithra sacrificed himself to redeem mankind. Descending into the underworld, he had conquered death and had risen to life again on the third day.

Answer for yourself: Does this not remind you of a former "myth" of Osiris and the "resurrection" after 3 days being dead at the Winter Solstice? Again from the path of the Sun we find Divine Concepts taught by the God of Heaven of "sacrifice" and "life after death".

Answer for yourself: Since Mithra was associated with "rebirth from the dead" and the "Sun" then when should we expect to worship this icon? This holy day for this sungod was, of course, **Sun-day.**

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the earliest "Chrestians" and "Christians" continued to follow the Jewish Sabbath until the fourth century?

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us? **Namely that God sanctified the Sabbath and not Sunday as another of His "Appointed Times" as He did the Equinoxes and Solstices!**

Mithra had many titles which included 'the Truth,' 'the Light,' and 'the Good Shepherd.' For those who worshipped God through Mithraic symbolism, invoking the name of Mithras healed the sick and worked miracles. Mithras could dispense mercy and **Mithras could grant immortality**; to his devotees he offered hope. **By drinking his blood and eating his flesh (by proxy, from a slain bull) they too could conquer death (the Eucharist). On a Day of Judgement those already dead would be raised back to life.**

All this may surprise modern Christians but it was very familiar to the Church Fathers [Justin, Origen, Tertullian], who filled their 'Apologies' with dubious rationales as to how Mithraism had anticipated the whole nine yards of Christianity centuries before the supposed arrival of Jesus – 'diabolic mimicry by a prescient Satan' being the standard explanation. Pagan critics were not slow to point to the truth: **Christianity had simply copied the popular motifs of a competitive faith.**

Mithra was also deemed **"the mediator" between heaven and earth**, a role often ascribed to the god of the Sun. Interestingly in one of the known forged Pauline epistles we find the clumsy attempt of later Roman monks and redactors to hide the fact that the real Paul was Gnostic and never believed that "Jesus Christ" was a human but only an allegory for the "Christ Within". Note if you will in this forgery the mention of "the Christ" being a human being which is assumed to be a tenet of the historical Paul but actually is not since Paul wrote only 7 authentic epistles and they are all "Gnostic" in tone.

1 Tim 2:5 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

(KJV)

Regarding Mithra, Bryant states: Some make a distinction between **Mithras, Mithres, and Mithra: but they were all the same Deity, the Sun,** esteemed the chief God of the Persians.

In his letter to Laeta, Jerome relates the levels of Mithraic initiation as "Raven, Bridegroom, Soldier, Lion, Perseus, Sun, Crab, and Father." Like the bull, these initiation degrees have been determined to **represent Constellations, as part of the Mithraic "star map,"** as demonstrated most recently by David Ulansey. In an article excerpted from his book, The Origins of the Mithraic Mysteries: Cosmology and Salvation in the Ancient World, Ulansey says: "For the Constellations pictured in the standard tauroctony have one thing in common: namely, they all lay on the celestial equator as it was positioned during the epoch immediately preceding the Greco-Roman 'Age of Aries.' During that earlier age, which we may call the **"Age of Taurus," lasting from around 4,000 to 2,000 B.C.,** the celestial equator passed through Taurus the Bull (the spring equinox of that epoch), Canis Minor the Dog, Hydra the Snake, Corvus the Raven, and Scorpio the Scorpion (the autumn equinox): that is, precisely the constellations represented in the Mithraic tauroctony...."

He goes on to say:

"...In this 'Age of Taurus' the celestial equator passed through Taurus, Canis Minor, Hydra, Corvus, and Scorpio: precisely the constellations pictured in the Mithraic bull-slaying icon.....Thus all of the figures found in the tauroctony represent constellations that had a special position in the sky during the Age of Taurus. **The Mithraic tauroctony, then, was apparently designed as a symbolic representation of the astronomical situation that obtained during the Age of Taurus"**

Mithra's slaying of the Bull was an act that became as central to Mithraism as was the crucifixion to Christianity. The Cosmic Bull of Taurus represented **rebirth, fertility and fecundity, with his blood corresponding to the wine of the mysteries.** The most common scenes show Mithras being born from a rock, Mithras dragging the bull to a cave, plants springing from the blood and semen of the sacrificed bull, Mithras and the sun god, Sol, banqueting on the flesh of the bull while sitting on its skin, Sol investing Mithras with the power of the Sun, and Mithras and Sol shaking hands over a burning altar, among others. These scenes are the basis for knowledge of mithraic cosmology. There is no supporting textual evidence. **The sacrifice of the bull was reenacted in the Mithraic baptism, a mystery rite in which the initiates were splattered with the blood. The initiate was then said to have been "born again."**

Concerning the Mithraic ritual, Halliday says:

Naturally enough, **the baptism of bull's blood came to be interpreted in a more spiritual sense** than that of its originally magical purpose. **The bath of bull's blood cleansed the initiate from sin; its performance was regarded as the day of his spiritual birth...; he was reborn into eternity...**

Answer for yourself: Now should we expect to find the same religious ideas later transferred to the changing of the Age from Taurus to Aries? Then should we be unsuspecting that some 2,160 years later we find that the "blood of a lamb" cleansed from sin?

Rev 7:14 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
(KJV)

Rev 12:11 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and
(KJV)

Indeed, **in slaying the Heavenly Bull, Mithra is essentially "sacrificing himself, in order to**

save the world": The bull appears to signify the earth or mankind, and the implication is that **Mithra, like Christ, overcame the world; but in the early Persian writings Mithra himself is the bull, "the god thus sacrificing himself, which is a close approximation to the Christian idea"**.

This bloody sacrifice, also a baptism, occurred in many non-Mithraic cultures, with both human and animal victims. During this ceremony, participants would cry, to the effect, **"Let his blood be upon us and our children!"** -- a ritual response designed to provide expiation, forgiveness of sin and fertility. Bulls were particularly favored in this ritual because of the copious amounts of blood.

Answer for yourself: Ever heard that phrase before in the New Testament?

Although it may not be found in Persian iconography or literature, the bull sacrifice was "frequently represented" and abundantly practiced in Asia Minor where the followers of Jesus were first called "Christians". **This should not be surprising since Christianity was the later "reinterpretation" of Mithra.** This ritual can also be found abundantly in the culture from which Christianity purportedly sprang.

Thus the same Jewish sacrifice and blood baptism are reflected at Exodus 24:6-8 when Moses took the blood of oxen:

And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient. And Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

As you can see Moses was in "transitions" due to the process of the Precession of the Equinoxes as he at times **uses the blood of bulls and later the blood of lambs.**

The purpose of this rite is not only to perform ritual magic that provides future abundance or the **cleansing of sins**, but also to intimidate the people through gore into obeying the priesthood. In the Epistle to the Hebrews, this bloody sacrifice is addressed, as the author usurps it with the sacrifice of Christ (9:22). Concerning Hebrews, Weigall says:

...in the Epistle to the Hebrews...Christ is described as the High Priest who, to put away sin, sacrificed Himself. Similarly, Mithra sacrificed a bull, but this bull, again, was himself sacrificed...

The sprinkling of blood finds its way into the New Testament at Hebrews 12:24, and 1 Peter 1:2, the latter of which refers to the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. (KJV)

1 Pet 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. (KJV)

This bloody practice is clearly pre-Christian and thus not copied by Paganism from Christianity; indeed, the opposite is the case, with **a substitution of the "Lamb of God" for the Bull and Jesus Christ for Mithra.**

If one were to do serious study in these areas one would see that existing information that is very damaging to a "literal interpretation" of Christianity, such as the important **correspondences between the "lives" of**

Mithra and Jesus, as well as identical symbols such as the cross, and rites such as baptism and the Eucharist. In fact, Mithraism was so similar to Christianity that it gave fits to the early Church fathers, as it does to this day to apologists, who attempt both to deny the similarities and yet to claim that these (non-existent) correspondences were plagiarized by Mithraism from Christianity. There are several problems with this argument, the first of which is that the god Mithra was revered for centuries prior to the Christian era so it is not Mithraism that copied from Christianity but Christianity that copied from Mithraism.

Furthermore, by the time the Christian hierarchy prevailed in Rome, Mithra had already been the official cult, with pope, bishops, etc., and its doctrines were well established and widespread, reflecting antiquity. **Mithraic remains on Vatican Hill** are found underneath the later Christian edifices, which **proves the Mithra cult was there first**. In fact, while Mithraic ruins from the first and second centuries are abundant throughout the Roman Empire.

In theory, ritual and practise Christianity parodied and duplicated Mithraism, and its central religious ideas:

- the birth of Mithra and of Christ were celebrated on the same day;
- Mithra (also spelled Mithras), a Graeco-Persian invention, was born of a virgin on the Winter Solstice - frequently December 25th in the Julian calendar;
- tradition placed the birth of both in a cave;
- both regarded Sunday as sacred;
- in both the central figure was a mediator who was one of a triad or trinity;
- in both there was a sacrifice for the benefit of the race;
- in both we find the purifying power of blood from the sacrifice was, though in different ways, a central idea,
- in both we find regeneration or the second birth was a fundamental tenet;
- the conception of the relationship of the worshipers to each other was the same -- they were all brothers;
- both had sacraments, which baptism and a common meal of bread and the cup were included;
- both had mysteries from which the lower orders of initiates were excluded;
- both set aside the day of the Sun or "Sunday";
- ascetic ideals were common to both;
- the ideas of man, the soul and its immortality, heaven and hell, the resurrection of the dead, judgment after death, the final conflagration by which the world is to be consumed, the final conquest of evil, were quite similar.
- Being a solar deity, Mithra was worshipped on Sundays.
- After Mithra had become amalgamated with Helios, he was depicted with a halo, nimbus, or glory around his head as we find in later Christian art when depicting Jesus and other Christian saints. In some cases it has been difficult to tell if ancient images were intended as depictions of Mithra or Jesus.
- The leader of the cult was called a pope (papa) and he ruled from a "mithraeum" **on the Vatican Hill** in Rome.
- A prominent iconographic feature in Mithraism was a large key, needed to unlock the celestial gates through which souls of the deceased were believed to pass. It would appear that the **"keys of the Kingdom"** held by the popes as successors to "St. Peter" derive from Mithra, not from a Palestinian messiah.
- The Mithraic priests wore miters, special headdresses from which the Christian bishop's hat was derived. (The Latin name for this Phrygian/Persian hat was mitra - which also was an acceptable Latin spelling for Mithra!)
- The Mithraists consumed a sacred meal (Myazda) which was completely analogous to the Catholic Eucharistic service (Missa, or Mass).
- Like the Christians, they celebrated the atoning death of a savior who was resurrected on a Sun-day.
- A major center of Mithraic philosophy was at Tarsus - St. Paul's hometown - in what now is Southeast Turkey.

Answer for yourself: Since we have seen that the "Mithra Story" has come from the Precession of the Equinox and this is an uncanny parallel to the "Jesus Story" as seen above then what chance is there that the "Jesus Story" is not taken from the Precession of the Equinox as well or is not as well the personification of the Sun as it passes through the Houses of the Zodiac? Well for a "thinking believer" not much!

Mithraism and Christianity have their origins in Astrology and Astronomy!

The Church Fathers, having received the oral tradition of a "historical Jesus", were themselves astounded at the resemblances, and could explain them only by the theory which has so often been applied in the history of the contact of Christianity in its missions to the pagan world -- observances of Mithraism were the cunning parodies devised by Satan. Christians copied many details of the Mithraic mystery-religion, explaining the resemblance later with their favorite argument, that the devil had anticipated the true faith by imitating it before Christ's birth. Some resemblances between the two are so close that even St. Augustine declared the priests of Mithra worshipped the same deity as he did (Salomon Reinach, Orpheus, p. 73)

What we must never lose sight of is that like the vast majority of the ancient gods, Mithra was never a "real person." In actuality Mithra was originally represented by non-human forms, following the Persian abhorrence of "idols," as related by Herodotus, until Mithra was personified or anthropomorphized after his migration to Asia Minor as would be the Christian Christ later.

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from this?

The similarities between Mithraism and Christianity should teach us as well that **Jesus, like Mithra, was never a "real person" but the personification of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac; in particular for our study here the Sun moving through the Constellation or House of Taurus into the House of Aries.**

Mithra as the Mediator is unquestionably a concept that predated Christianity by centuries, and the deliberate **reference to Christ as the Mediator at Hebrews 9:15 is an evident move to usurp Mithra's position.** Concerning the **Mediator**, CMU relates:

"The next dogma we shall notice is that of the Saviour, or Mediator. This is evidently derived from the Christna of the Hindoo trinity, who, as the Redeemer of the human race, was the most important of the three. **This personification of the sun** seems to have been adopted by the Persian lawgiver, Zoroaster, under the name of Mithra (which still meant Mediator), when he founded the religion of the Mithraics, or worshippers of the sun. According to Plutarch, Zoroaster taught that there existed two principles, one good, and the other evil; the first was called **Oromazes, "the ancient of days," being the principle of good or light; the other, Ahrimanes, was the principle of evil, or cold and darkness.**

Answer for yourself: So what do we see here? Again and again we see the various different yet similar contrasts of "light" vs "darkness" in its many forms (good vs bad, etc.) and methods which finds its ultimate motif with the Sun vs the Darkness (Sun-set, or Satan). This fits in perfectly with the path of the Sun through the Solstices (greatest darkness at the Winter Solstice and greatest light at the Summer Solstice).

Between these two personified principles, we find Mithra, the personified Sun, who, as the source of gentle heat and life, annually redeems the human race from the power of evil, or cold and darkness of winter. From this beautiful allegory of the sun is derived the Christian dogma of the Saviour, of which proof may be found even amongst the fathers. (See Tertullian, Adv. gentes.)..."

As Weigall says: ...December 25th was really the date, not of the birth of Jesus, but of the sun-god Mithra. Horus, son of Isis, however, was in very early times identified with Ra, the Egyptian sun-god, and hence with Mithra as well".

Another correspondence is that the Mithraic "Lord's Day," like that of other solar cults, was celebrated on Sunday, adopted by Christianity from Paganism. Robertson elucidates various other Mithraic-Christian correspondences:

"From Mithraism Christ takes the symbolic keys of heaven and hell and assumes the function of the virgin-born Saoshyant, the destroyer of the Evil One. Like Mithra, Merodach and the Egyptian Khonsu [Khonsu], he is the Mediator; like Horus he is grouped with a divine Mother; like Khonsu he is joined with the Logos; and like Merodach he is associated with a Holy Spirit, one of whose symbols is fire"

Robertson further asserts that the Mithraic mysteries included the "burial and resurrection of the Lord, the Mediator, and Savior (buried in a rock tomb and resurrected from that tomb)," as well as the bread-and-water communion and the "mystic mark" upon the forehead. Like the death and resurrection of Osiris, these mystical Mithraic rites were practiced and represented anterior to Christianity.

Lundy describes Mithra's death and resurrection:

"Dupuis tells us that Mithra was put to death by crucifixion, and rose again on the 25th of March (Spring Equinox)".

Answer for yourself: Have we not already learned that the Sun, because of it sinking in the Sky along with the increased darkness daily as Winter advance was the reason that the Ancients believed that the Sun had died? The good news is that this "same" Sun, which was "born" or "reborn" on December 25th, following the Winter Solstice (the birth of personified sun-gods following the Winter solstice on Dec. 25th), was to later celebrate his "birth" at the Spring Equinox when the Earth was once again in bloom and exhibited its "fruitfulness"? This "new birth" or "rebirth" was actually realized not in the dead of winter but was manifested at the Spring Equinox when the Sun "passed-over" the "X" or "Cross in the Heavens" (the intersection of the plane of the Earth's celestial equator and the ecliptical orbit of the Earth around the Sun) and when the Earth burst forth in new "greenery" and foliage. We should have already seen these concepts if we have done our studies on our websites. This "same Sun" that died was reborn and this idea of "sameness" led man to understand that these "Divine Laws" and "Divine Principles" that operated in the Heavens above and in Nature all around was a "pattern" that would happen to mankind as well. This "same" body or person which would die will be, like the stars and Sun above and plants in Nature, the "same body/person" who will live again.

Answer for yourself: Why is this important? It is from this "same Sun" being born from the dead that the Ancients reasoned that God was speaking to them from Heaven that "life does not end in death"; but rather that "life" continues after "death". From these celestial observations Ancient mankind reasoned the Spiritual Concept of "Eternal Life" and "resurrection from the dead". These "Spiritual Concepts" were captured for all time by mankind in the various myths and legends of the "dying" and "rising" allegories attached to various "sungods" and "sungod-men", and although never to understood as if "literal-historical" they were to be understood as Divine Truths that operated in the Spirit realm.

In such a way the Sun, again personified as the "Son of the Sun" was understood to be "on the cross" and his resurrection or "rising" from the southern hemisphere to the northern hemisphere at this time occurred at this time, the Vernal Equinox, or Spring Equinox. This is the "sacrifice on the Cross" that plays such a large and important part in the "Jesus Story". This special time of the year, the Spring Equinox, was dated to occur on the 25th of March which just happens to be the date given for the "resurrection" of Mithra and later applied to Jesus as occurring in and around this same time of the Vernal Equinox (March 21st).

Answer for yourself: Then are we to understand that the "resurrection" of the sun-gods like Dionysus, Attis,

Mithra, and even Jesus are but "allegories" of Celestial events that occur in the Cosmos? Important to remember is that these stories of these "sungods" might not be "literal-historical" but the Spiritual Concepts that they teach are very real and understood as being the very messages to all mankind from the God of the Cosmos.

In the Persian Mysteries the body of a young man, apparently dead, was exhibited, which feigned to be restored to life. By his sufferings he was believed to have worked their salvation, and on this account he was called their "Saviour". His priests watched the tomb to the midnight of the vigil of the 25th of March, with loud cries, and in darkness; when all at once the light burst forth from all parts, the priest cried, O sacred initiated, your God has risen. His death, his pains, and sufferings have worked your salvation.

Other elements found within Mithraism that are paralleled in (and copied by) Christianity include the miter or mitre (see the [article on Pisces](#)), the bishops' headdress; the mizd, or "hot cross bun," which was shaped like the sun with a cross in the middle; and the mass. Another remnant of Mithraism within Christianity can be found in the phrases "soldiers of Christ" and "putting on the armor of Christ."

Moreover, the initiate into the Mithraic mysteries was considered the **"son of Mithra," who became one with Mithra; he was also the "son of the Pater Patrum" ("Father of Fathers")**. During the Mithraic mysteries, the initiate was often blindfolded, to be suddenly blinded by a great light, which represented the "moment of revelation," when the initiate became one with God. Obviously, Paul's conversion experience with the blinding light is a wink and a nod towards other initiates in the mysteries, who would certainly recognize it.

Answer for yourself: Have we forgotten that all this "theology" and "ritual" came from the path of the Sun as it moves through the Zodiac and the 12 Constellations as observed by Ancient mankind?

According to some accounts, Mithras died, was buried in a cavernous rock tomb, and was resurrected. Some commentators, inspired by James Frazer's theories, have labeled Mithras a life-death-rebirth deity, comparable to Isis, the resurrected Jesus Christ or the Persephone/Demeter cult of the Eleusinian mysteries.

Mithra's genesis out of a rock, analogous to the birth in caves of a number of gods, including Jesus, was followed by his adoration by shepherds, another motif that found its way into the later Christianity. In The Christ Myth, Evans says:

...early writers, including several of the [Church] Fathers, decided upon a cave as the true place [of Christ's birth], a decision exactly in accordance with the legend of a virgin, in a cave, on the 25th of December, symbolizing the [renewed birth of the Sun after the Winter Solstice](#).

Mithra was born on December 25, called "Birthday of the Unconquered Sun," which was finally taken over by Christians in the 4th century A.D. as the birthday of Christ (John Holland Smith, The Death of Classical Paganism, p. 146; John Campbell, The Mythic Image, p. 33) Some said Mithra sprang from an incestuous union between the sun god and his own mother, just as Jesus, who was God, was born of the Mother of God. Some claimed Mithra's mother was a mortal virgin. Others said Mithra had no mother, but was miraculously born of a female Rock, fertilized by the Heavenly Father's phallic lightning (Amaury de Riencourt, Sex and Power in History, p. 135). Regarding the birth in caves likewise common to pre-Christian gods, and present in the early legends of Jesus, Weigall relates:

...the cave shown at Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus was actually a rock shrine in which the god Tammuz or Adonis was worshipped, as the early Christian father Jerome tells us; and its adoption as the scene of the birth of our Lord was one of those frequent instances of the taking over by Christians of a pagan sacred site. The propriety of this appropriation was increased by the fact that the worship of a god in a cave was commonplace in paganism: Apollo, Cybele, Demeter, Herakles, Hermes, Mithra and Poseidon were all adored in caves; Hermes, the Greek Logos, being actually born of Maia in a cave, and Mithra being "rock-born."

Weigall further states that the "swaddling clothes" motif in the gospel story is taken from the story of Hermes, who was likewise wrapped and placed in a "manger," which in the original Greek referred to a basket. Furthermore, Dionysus and Ion, the father of the Ionians, were each born in a cave and placed in a basket/manger.

Unlike various other rock- or cave-born gods, Mithra is not depicted as having been given birth by a mortal woman or a goddess; hence, it is claimed that he was not "born of a virgin." However, a number of writers over the centuries have asserted otherwise, including Robertson and Evans. In Pagan Origins of the Christ Myth Jackson states: "Mithra, as 'the Personified Sun', a Persian sun-god, was virgin-born, in a cave, on December 25. His earliest worshippers were shepherds, and he was accompanied by twelve companions. In Pagan and Christian Creeds, Carpenter relates: "The saviour Mithra, too, was born of a Virgin, as we have had occasion to notice before; and on Mithraist monuments the mother suckling her child is not an uncommon figure". Carpenter's assertion is backed up by John Remsburg in The Christ Myth (ch. 7), in which he relates that an image found in the Roman catacombs depicts the babe Mithra "seat in the lap of his virgin mother," with the gift-bearing Magi genuflecting in front of them. Such iconography was common in Rome as representative of Isis and Horus, so it would not be unexpected to find it within Mithraism". As noted, Robertson maintained that Mithra was a virgin-born god: "...It seems highly probable that the birth-legend of the Persian Cyrus was akin to or connected with the myth of Mithra, Cyrus (Koresh) being a name of the sun, and the legend being obviously solar...."

Answer for yourself: And where do we find the imagery for this "virgin birth" from our prior studies? From the Constellation Virgo. Again we find "Astrotheology" at the heart of the Mithra-Jesus-Osiris stories!

As the "rock-born," Mithras was called "Theos ek Petras," or the "God from the Rock." As Weigall says: "Indeed, it may be that the reason of the Vatican hill at Rome being regarded as sacred to Peter, the Christian 'Rock,' was that it was already sacred to Mithra, for Mithraic remains have been found there". Mithra was 'the rock,' or Peter, and was also 'double-faced,' like Janus the keyholder, likewise a prototype for the "apostle" Peter. Hence, when Jesus is made to say that the keys of the kingdom of heaven are given to "Peter" and that the Church is to be built upon "Peter," as a representative of Rome, he is usurping the authority of Mithraism, which was the official Roman cult at the time, precisely headquartered on what became Vatican Hill".

Mithra's birth was witnessed by shepherds and by Magi (wisemen) who brought gifts to his sacred birth-cave of the Rock (Homer Smith, Man and His Gods, p. 129; S.H. Hooke, The Siege Perilous, p. 85; Franz Cumont, The Mysteries of Mithra, p. 131). Mithra performed the usual assortment of miracles: raising the dead, healing the sick, making the blind see and the lame walk, casting out devils. As a Peter (son of Petra) he carried keys to the kingdom of heaven (Homer Smith, Man and His Gods, p. 129). His triumph and ascension to heaven were celebrated at the Spring Equinox (Easter), when the sun rises toward its apogee.

Answer for yourself: Does this not parallel the resurrection of Jesus as the Spring Equinox and Passover? Could this "Jesus Story" be again nothing more than an allegory of the Celestial events that occur at the Spring Equinox?

The theme of the teaching god and "the Twelve" is found within Mithraism, as Mithra is depicted surrounded by the 12 zodiac signs on a number of monuments and in the writings of Porphyry, for one. Regarding the Twelve, Robertson says: "On Mithraic monuments we find representations of twelve episodes, probably corresponding to the twelve labors in the stories of Heracles, Samson and other Sun-heroes, and probably also connected with initiation". As they have been in the case of numerous sun gods, these signs could be called Mithra's 12 'companions' or 'disciples'. Furthermore, the motif of the 12 disciples or followers in a 'last supper' is recurrent in the Pagan world, including within Mithraism":

[Mark] gave Jesus a last supper with twelve followers, identical in every way with the last supper of the Persian god Mithra, down to the cannibalisation of the god's body in the form of bread and wine:

Mark 14:22-26 22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them,

and said, Take, eat: this is my body. 23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. 24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. 25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. 26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. (KJV)

Before returning to heaven, Mithra celebrated a Last Supper with his **twelve disciples, who represented the twelve signs of the zodiac**. In memory of this, his worshippers partook of a sacramental meal of bread marked with a cross (S.H. Hooke, The Siege Perilous, p. 89; Franz Cumont, The Mysteries of Mithra, p. 160). This was one of the seven Mithraic sacraments, the models for the Christians' seven sacraments (E.O. James, The Ancient Gods, p. 250).

Answer for yourself: Do you know what this "sacramental meal" was called? **It was called mizd, latin missa, English mass.**

Mithra's image was buried in a rock tomb, the same scared cave that represented his mother's womb. He was withdrawn from it and said to **live again** (Homer Smith, Man and His Gods, p. 130, 201). **Obviously, the Last Supper with the Twelve predates Christianity by centuries.** It would therefore be a mistake to contend that Mithraism copied Christianity, rather than inheriting this motif from earlier Pagan religions.

What began in water would end in fire, according to the Mithraic eschatology. **The great battle between the forces of light and darkness** in the Last Days would destroy the earth with its upheavals and burnings.

Answer for yourself: Could this battle between "darkness" and "light" be an allegory of the path of the Sun through the Heavens; from the Winter Solstice to the Summer Solstice, and back again? From this "pattern" then was this understanding enlarged later to include "ethical concepts" that affect the Soul of man and the battle between "flesh" and "spirit"? You bet it was.

Virtuous and righteous ones who followed the "path of light" and teachings of the Mithraic priesthood would join the spirits of light and be saved. Sinful ones who followed the "path of darkness" and other teachings would be cast into hell with Ahriman and the fallen angels. The Christian notion of salvation was almost wholly a product of this Persian eschatology, adopted by Semitic eremites and sun-cultists like the **Essenes**, and by **Roman military men** who thought the rigid discipline and vivid battle-imagery of Mithraism appropriate for warriors. Under emperors like Julian and Commodus, Mithra became the supreme patron of Roman armies (Franz Cumont, The Mysteries of Mithra, p. 87-89).

The sprinkling or splashing of the bull's blood is to be likened and considered a baptism, especially since it is designed to convey immortality. Like this bloody rite, baptism with water, whether by immersion or sprinkling, is found in numerous pre-Christian religions/cults, dating back to ancient times. **Baptism or lustration for the removal of evil or sins** is also found in the Sumerian culture, 2,000 or more years before the Christian era. Originally it was the life-giving waters that neutralized, expelled or absorbed the malevolent influences and so freed those who had come into contact with evil from its contagion because being the substance out of which the universe was created it was endowed with all its creative potentialities. The location of the ancient city made it the natural cult centre of the god of the waters whose function was that of "washing away," purging, or in some way removing evil. Moreover, the **Baptism by water to remove sins is also an ancient Egyptian motif**: "Osiris takes upon himself 'all that is hateful' in the dead: that is, he adopts the burden of his sins; and the dead is purified by the typical sprinkling of water". **This baptism for the remission of sins** was "in vogue" in the 5th and 6th Dynasties of Egypt, 2,400 or so years before the Christian era. Such baptism doubtlessly existed in the neighboring Canaanite culture as well; it certainly was practiced in Palestine prior to Christ's purported advent, as Lundy relates: "The sacred annual bathing of Palestine pilgrims in the river Jordan is the same now as it was in John the Baptist's time; and precisely the same as it is and always has been in the sacred rivers of Hindustan. It is a custom far older than Christianity, and

universally prevalent. John the Baptist simply adopted and practised the universal custom of sacred bathing for the remission of sins".

Another of these pre-Christian doctrines found in Paganism in general and Mithraism in specific is the **Eucharist, Last Supper or Holy Communion**. From early ages, the Mithraic Eucharist, which was said **bestow immortality upon the participants**, has been recognized to parallel that of the Christians. In reality, the rite is likewise very old and certainly did not find its way into Paganism from Christianity. The Catholic Encyclopedia concedes that the Eucharist is pre-Christian: "**Mithraism had a Eucharist**, but the idea of a sacred banquet is as old as the human race and existed at all ages and amongst all peoples. The Eucharist includes the "doctrine of transubstantiation," which claims that the wine or water and bread of the sacred meal are mystically and magically transmuted into the blood and body of the god, which, it is believed, creates union with the god." At the Mithraic ceremony, the following was said: "***He who will not eat of my body, nor drink of my blood so that he may be one with me and I with him, shall not be saved***" (**Mithraic Communion**, M J Vermaseren, **Mithras, The Secret God**).

Obviously, as is the case with the Eucharist itself, this ritual line is not original to Christianity. It was, in fact, part of the pre-Christian mysteries. Concerning the last supper and transubstantiation, Weigall elucidates: "The ceremony of eating an incarnate god's body and drinking his blood is, of course, of very ancient, and originally cannibalistic, inception, and there are several sources from which the Christian rite may be derived if, as most critics think, it was not instituted as an actual ceremony by Jesus; but its connection with the Mithraic rite is the most apparent".

The "last supper" can be found within the Egyptian religion, again, as part of the mysteries. Furthermore, the Eleusinian Mysteries included the sharing of the Goddess Ceres's "body" (bread) and the God Dionysus's "blood" (wine), centuries before the Christian era. The Eucharist is found also in Syria, an area in which Mithraism flourished. Indeed, the pre-Christian Essenes, some of whom became Christians, participated in not only baptism but also a "sacred meal".

As we have seen above Mithra presides over the changing of the seasons and the movement of the heavens themselves (the Zodiac). In the ancient cult Mithra was represented by the constellation Persus, who changes the position of the celestial sphere by "slaying" the constellation Taurus (the bull). The Bull Slaying was the central icon within the Western form of Mithraism and was present within every Temple. Here all the mystery of this tradition comes together, showing its **Persian origins and the incorporation of Roman astrology and Greek mythology**, giving rise to a esoteric path that must have had an everlasting impression on those who were prepared to follow its path. The scene shows Mithras facing away from the Bull (looking at the constellation moving to take Taurus' place) with one foot on the back of the bull, one hand holding the Bull's head and other hand stabbing the bull in the neck where blood pours forth.

Answer for yourself: What should we have learned so far? Christianity was derived as much from Mithraism as from Judaism. Understanding the origin of Mithraism is crucial to understanding the origin of Christianity. The mystery religion to which early Christianity seems most closely related is Mithraism.

Another more widely accepted interpretation takes its clue from the writer Porphyry, who recorded that the **cave pictured in the tauroctony was intended to be "an image of the cosmos."** According to this view, the cave depicted in that image may represent the "great cave" of the Sky. **Interesting that apparently in early Christianity the story sometimes had it that Jesus was born in a cave, and at the end of the story he dies in a cave, to be resurrected 3 days later.**

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from this?

We should learn that the "Jesus Story" is circular, like the year or the path of the Sun through the Sky in a solar year. This interpretation was supported by research by K. B. Stark in 1869, with astronomical support by Roger Beck (1984 and 1988), David Ulansey (1989) and Noel Swerdlow (1991). This interpretation is

reinforced by the constant presence in Mitraic imagery of heavenly objects — such as stars, the moon, and the Sun — and symbols for the signs of the Zodiac.

In light of this interpretation, it has been suggested in recent times that the Mithraic religion is somehow connected to the end of the astrological "age of Taurus," and the beginning of the "age of Aries," which took place about the year 2000 BC. It has even been speculated that the religion may have originated at that time (although there is no record of it until the 2nd century B.C.).

The identification of an "Age" with an astrological sign is based on the Zodiacal position of the Sun during the Vernal Equinox of that age, as generally viewed in the Mediterranean region of the Northern Hemisphere. Before 2000 B.C.E., Taurus the bull was prominent at the Spring Equinox, culminating with Scorpio at the Autumn Equinox. Due to the Precession of the Equinoxes, every 2,160 years (approximately) this position advances to the next Zodiacal division. The depiction of Mithra killing the bull of Taurus represents this Precession of the Equinoxes which moves the Heavens and repositions each sign of the Zodiac through the Vernal Equinox every 2,160 years.

Now we can better understand that the sin of the children of Israel in the wilderness which so aroused the anger of Moses when he descended from the mount of the Lord and found them falling down before the golden calf was that they had reverted to a past and obsolete religion (Taurus-centered) which they should have left behind (since the Sun was now passing from the sign of Taurus into the sign of Aries historically in Egypt's Pyramid Age and 18th dynasty. Looking at Moses and his legacy we now understand how the Jewish dispensation itself was governed by the sign of Aries, the Ram, through which the Sun was passing for the next 2,160 or so years. Then we should expect a "Ram/lamb" centered religion in Israel and we find it in the appearance of the scapegoat in Jewish history (Yom Kippur, sacrifices, lambs offered in sin offerings, etc.). But even before Moses we find that we have the Bible story of the ram caught in the thicket and all this was due to the influence of the passing of the Sun through the sign of the Bull and into the sign of the Ram, etc. The "Ram-lamb" images of the Old Testament refer to the changing of the Zodiac due to the precession of the equinoxes and this influenced religion since it was God's Heaven and He was moving it around (Kosmokrator...which is later personified in the form of Mithra). A lot of religion can be created in 2,160 years.

Something apart from the findings of academic astrology, which even at present only touch a very few people, produced these natural reactions. Some influence, emanating from the sign of the Bull and the sign of the Ram produced the symbology which conditioned the religious life of the people of that era. This becomes still more apparent when the Sun moved out of one constellation into the next constellation, the sign of Pisces the Fishes. We should later expect when the Age of Pisces replaces the Age of Aries and do find at the appearance of "Jesus Christ" fish symbology which runs so characteristically through the entire Gospel story (miracles of the fishes, call of fishermen, fishers of men, etc.). His disciples were largely fishermen. He performed the miracles with fishes and sent his apostles out after his death under the leadership of St. Peter with the injunction to be fishers of men. It is for this reason that the mitre (hat) which the Pope wears is the mouth of the fish.



Now, according to astronomy we are transiting into the sign of Aquarius, the sign of the water-carrier, the sign of universality, for water is a universal symbol. It is recorded for us in the New Testament that prior to his death Christ sent his disciples out to find the water-carrier who led them to an upper room where the communion service was instituted. All this was indicative of the recognition by the Christ (personified as the Sun) of the coming new era which would succeed his dispensation and into which we are at this time entering. Leonardo da Vinci's great picture of the communion in the upper room is the



great symbol of the Aquarian age, for we shall sit down together under the loving direction of Christ (the Revelation of God) when brotherhood will be established and men will be banded together in the bonds of divine relationship. The old barriers between man and man and nation and nation will, during the next 2,160 years slowly disappear. Ironically this picture was known by the Ancients to have astrological connections as it represented again the Sun and the Zodiac "personified". Take a close look at the picture and how it has been divided by modern scholarship who is aware of its astronomical symbolism.

Regardless of attempts to make Mithraism the plagiarist of Christianity, the fact will remain that Mithraism was first, well established decades before Christianity had any significant influence. If Christian apologists will not yield to the well-attested assertion that Christianity "borrowed" from Mithraism in specific, they simply cannot deny that both copied from Paganism in general, from one or more of the numerous religions, cults and mysteries of the pre-Christian world. Hence, the effect is the same: Christianity took its godman and tenets from Paganism.

Answer for yourself: So why again is this important to know? The Ancients understood that the Creator was responsible for His Heavens and the orbs within them and was equally responsible for their movements. In these movements they saw and heard the message and voice of God to them as He wrote upon the blackboard of the Sky. It is for us to understand this "message" today for it contains:

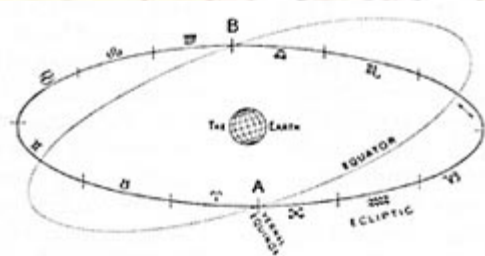
The necessity for a new birth

TIME FOR A LITTLE MORE ASTRONOMY AND A LOT OF THEOLOGY

Views from the earth, the universe of stars seemed to the ancients to be attached to the great "celestial sphere" which had the earth as its center. The "celestial equator" is the projection of the earth's equator upon the inside of the sphere. The circle of the ecliptic is the path which the Sun appears to follow against the background of "fixed stars." The zodiac is a belt of sky, extending 9 degrees above and below the ecliptic, which can be divided into twelve zones of equal size, each characterized by the presence of a particularly prominent constellation. The moon and visible planets all appear to move within the confines of the zodiacal belt. The equinoctial points are two places where the equator intersects the ecliptic, at an angle of approximately 23.5 degrees. Around 128 B.C.E., Hipparchus of Rhodes discovered that the position of the equinoxes was not constant. He determined that the vernal (spring) equinox had once been in the constellation Taurus but had, by his day, moved ("precessed") almost all the way through the constellation of Aries. At the beginning of the Christian era, the Vernal Equinox moved into Pisces.

Because the earth wobbles as it spins on its axis, the north and south poles of its axis do not always point to the same spots on the celestial sphere. As a consequence, the equinoctial points become displaced with respect to the so-called fixed stars - including the stars forming the twelve zodiacal constellations. When Hipparchus discovered that the Vernal Equinox had been displaced from Taurus into Aries, he or some of his disciples felt that they had detected the labor of a hitherto unknown god (even he knew the Creator was moving the Heavens and it was His doing). Many Greeks felt that each natural phenomenon or physical force was actually the working of a particular god. For astrological reasons, this new god was identified with the ancient Persian god Mithra. The mystery religion known as Mithraism thus was born. Mithra was installed as a Time-Lord or chronocrat, the god who would rule over the Age or Aeon of Aries.

By the time Hipparchus and his Stoic colleagues understood that the Vernal Equinox had moved from Taurus into Aries, the equinox was almost out of Aries as well. Very soon it would move into Pisces, and a new Time-Lord would be needed. Just as movement of the equinox out of Taurus had been symbolized as the sacrifice of a bull, so too, the movement out of Aries would come to be symbolized by the sacrifice of a lamb. The first symbol of the new-age religion, the religion reigning in the age of Pisces, significantly, would be the fish. The cross, apparently, was originally the Greek letter chi (X) which reminds us of the intersection of the celestial equator with the ecliptic at an acute angle. This will later again be personified as "the cross of the Zodiac which will give rise to the later theology of the 'Sun on the Cross'" as the Sun sets on this "cross" or "intersection of the ecliptic and equator" which forms a CROSS! This is later called the "cross of the Zodiac". It is not surprising that in the oldest epitaphs and inscriptions it is actually two fish that were used to symbolize the New-Age cult - making the symbol of Christianity identical to the astrological symbol for Pisces, in obedience to the fact that Pisces is plural: the fishes.



The Magi mentioned in the second chapter of Matthew's gospel were Mithraic astrologer-priests, probably scouts looking for the new Time-Lord who was to rule the "new age" of Pisces. This should startle you to know that the simply Magi in the Gospel accounts were Mithraic Priests from Iran and not Israel! The Mithraic clergy involved actively in the astrology of the cult were known as Magi (Greek magoi), and are depicted as wearing Phrygian (pseudo-Persian) caps such as Mithra is supposed to have worn. These Magi, realizing that the age of Mithra was drawing to a close (the Equinox would move into Pisces from Aries some time during the first century C.E.), would have left their cult centers in Phrygia and Cilicia, in what is now East and Southeast Turkey, from cities such as Tarsus to go to Palestine to see if they could locate not just the King of the Jews, but the new Time-Lord, the ruler of the new age of Pisces.

Answer for yourself: Should we expect some relationship between Tarsus, the home of Paul, and his theology later written concerning "the Christ" and its overlap with Mithra? Well that is another study. Just let me say if you study Mithra and compare its "theology" with the theological doctrines of Paul's "Jesus Christ" you might be amazed at what you see. Many believe that Christianity is nothing more than a later adaptation of Mithraic religious beliefs.

Pisces was considered to have especial connections with the Jews. It is significant, I believe, that early depictions of the Magi's visitation of the Christ Child (including one in a church at Bethlehem) showed them wearing Phrygian (Mithraic) caps.

No written works of Mithraism are known, since like other mystery cults, it centered around a secret known only to persons initiated into its rites. Most of our knowledge about it is derived from the iconography of its temples. A Central element in them was the depiction of Mithra sacrificing a wild bull (Taurus) as depicted above.



"...By far the most important icon in the Roman cult was the tauroctony. This scene shows Mithras in the act of killing a bull, accompanied by a dog, a snake, a raven, and a scorpion; the scene is depicted as taking place inside a cave like the Mithraeum itself. This icon was located in the most important place in every mithraeum, and therefore must have been an expression of the central myth of the Roman cult." - David Ulansey, The Cosmic Mysteries of Mithras. "This, I propose, is the origin and nature of Mithras the cosmic bull-slayer. His killing of the bull

symbolizes his supreme power: namely, the power to move the entire universe, which he had demonstrated by shifting the cosmic sphere in such a way that the spring equinox had moved out of Taurus the Bull." - David Ulansey, The Cosmic Mysteries of Mithras.

The Taurobolium "A central feature of the ceremonial associated with Mithras was the taurobolium, the ritual slaughter of a bull which commemorated and repeated Mithras' primeval act. The initiate was baptized in its blood, partaking of its life-giving properties. It may be noted that this part of the ceremonial closely resembled the ritual of the cult of Cybele, the Great Mother of Asia Minor, which had been brought to Rome three centuries before Christ.." - Ninian Smart, The Religious Experience of Mankind.

In time the Ancients saw and understood that they were approaching the end of the Age of Taurus. As the intersection of the celestial equator during the Spring Equinox moved to the constellation of Aries, the Age of Taurus came to an end - an event symbolized as the death of a Bull. Mithra has done a good job in killing Taurus thereby moving the bull out of the way for the coming of the Ram of Aries.

There is abundant symbolism connected with Mithra. The cloak of Mithras is the night sky with stars and the signs of the zodiac surround the whole scene. The symbols of the seven planets are present. The two torch bearers of Mithras stand at either side of the bull slaying scene. The central mystery represents the constellation Persus (Mithras), Taurus (Bull), Canis Minor (dog), Hydra (snake), Corvus (raven), Scorpio



(scorpio). The wheat is the star Spica (the brightest star in Virgo). The blood is the Milky Way. The two torchbearers Cautes and Cautopates symbolize the equinoxes; Cautes torch is pointing upward - the spring equinox, while Cautopates torch is pointing down - autumn equinox. The meaning of the this star story lies within the procession of equinoxes.

The whole Bull slaying scene is therefore the representation of the 'heavens' as we moved from Age of Taurus to Age of Aries. That is, the constellation Persus, which is positionally above constellation Taurus, leads to the image of Mithras killing the bull, bringing an end to Age of Taurus by moving the entire universe. In

a time when magic and science was based on a geocentric cosmos, with earth fixed in space and everything going around it, the procession could only be understood as a movement of the entire cosmos rather than earth.

Mithras therefore became the Kosmokrator (cosmic ruler). The slaying of the constellation Taurus by the constellation Persus is perhaps one of the greatest star maps left to us. Mithras presides over the changing of the seasons and movement of heavens themselves.

Answer for yourself: Can you explain this changing of the cosmos astronomically as it ties to the precession of the equinox?

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen? We have spent a rather long time on precession of the equinoxes as it relates to Aries and Taurus and other signs of the Zodiac to explain their importance in theology of world religions. But more to the point of this article on how the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than the personification of the Sun as it passes through the constellations of the Zodiac we must remember that the Sun passes through Taurus, the Bull, April 20-May 20 on its way to Gemini. It doing so on its way to Gemini the Sun passes across the Milky Way which is that starry band that lies like a lake across the night Sky, between Taurus and Gemini (around May 21-June 4). In ancient Egypt, the Milky Way was called "the Nile in the Heaven". For them it was a river of stars in Heaven. At that time, if you looked in the south from somewhere near a pyramid, the Milky Way looked as if it had been connected to the Nile. The Milky Way has been likened to a river all over the world. It has been called "the River in the Heaven", "the Ganges in the Heaven," and "the Silver River". Modern scholars have noticed in readings of ancient texts--both Egyptian and non-Egyptian--that the Milky Way is often referred to as the great celestial waterway . . . a river in the sky. As the Sun crosses the Milky Way then we should expect to find following the calling of the New

Testament accounts of Jesus calling his 12 disciples and their defining of their mission that we find the Sun personified crossing a large body of water and we find this exactly in the chronological study of the "Jesus Story". Jesus is made to **cross the sea of Galilee**. In April the Sun passed through Taurus and in early May the Sun passes across the Milky Way which is that starry band of stars that lies like a lake across the night sky.



At this time in the "Jesus Story" we have the allegorical story of Jesus quieting the storm and the water as he "crosses" to the other side of the sea (Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25; John 6:16-24).

Matt 8:23-28 23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! 28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. (KJV)

Mark 4:35-39 35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. 36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence that Jesus "crosses the sea" as the Sun crosses the sea in the Sky, the Milky Way?

After the Sun crosses the Milky Way it moves into the constellation Gemini, the twins of Castor and Pollux. It always bothered me why Jesus would "walk on water" when he stresses in the Gospel of John that he has not come to seek his own glory but reveal the glory of his Father God but yet we find him doing some cheap circus trick as walking on water which bring only him glory and not the Creator. This is a huge paradox that is troubling until you come to find out the the "Jesus Story" is astronomical and neve occurred on earth.

Again this is but an allegory for the path of the Sun in the Heavens as it crossed the Milky Way known as the Nile in Heaven or the Silver River in Heaven with its band of millions of stars. It is not a coincidence that after choosing 12 disciples as "fishers or men" that the personified Christ should move to a lake and that is exactly what we find recorded in the New Testament. We find in the "Jesus Story" that Jesus crosses "the lake".

But the similarities do not stop here. We have seen the Sun move to the water in Aquarius in the form of John the Baptist, and the later symbolism of fish for Pisces and Jesus' selection of the 12 to be "fishers of men". We then noticed that in the Spring it is time for the lambs to be born in Aries and the flocks increase. With the rains of Spring come the abundance of crops and the need for a harvest. Jesus will say in Matt 9:37-38 37

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. (KJV)

The fields need plowing and tilling before the harvest can be gathered. The Ancients used bulls to till and plow the fields so the analogy applies to Jesus' disciples being his labors and his "bulls" so to speak. After **choosing his 12 disciples (symbolic of the 12 constellations in the Zodiac) in Matthew 10**, Jesus sends them forth

with his message of "salvation".

Answer for yourself: What happens next? Strange that such good news should get a warning of persecution (Matthew 10:16-23) and resistance but it does. Who would not want to be "saved"? This again is but another allegory of the struggle of light overtaking the darkness of the night as the Sun endeavors to reach its zenith in the Sky and bring maximum light to mankind as understood by the Ancients as man's salvation. **The Sun is on his way to the Summer Solstice** where its light is maximized and brings the salvation needed to mankind. This will come on June 22 when the Sun enters the next constellation. There is much work to be done and Sun's struggle to regain mastery over the darkness has been hard as it has fought darkness and climbed northward in the Sky and the Sun needs his rest. We find that in keeping with our Bull-symbolism Jesus is made to say:

Matt 11:28-30 28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (KJV)

But there is another passage we must look at now.

Matt 10:34 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: How are we to understand Jesus' saying in the Gospels that this supposed "prince of peace" has only come to bring a sword? Again we find the allegory of the Cosmic dualism of the struggle of darkness versus light depicted in the Sun's struggle to reach the Summer Solstice where the Harvest can come and man receive his "salvation" from God in the earth. This struggle of the Sun climbing the Sky toward the Summer Solstice is depicted again through the imagery of a sword.

Answer for yourself: What are we to make of the later statement attributed to Jesus when he asks "who is wise? This is a rather ironic reference to the dichotomy that exists between the "inner and outer mysteries" of the "Jesus Story". On one level the lay people are given a "literalized" account of the "Jesus Story" but the initiates into the inner mysteries receive the truth hidden from the masses. One of the aspects of the mysteries we can glean is that their rites and myths were presented first on a 'superficial' level, which the mind of the initiate could supposedly grasp more easily: a viewing of sacred objects, or a tale like that of Jesus Christ being crucified and descending to the lower world to fight the "dark-evil" or the "devil". Such things, with minimal explanation, were presented as the Outer Mysteries to beginning initiates. Later, if the initiate progressed further, such things would be perceived and explained according to the secret, mystical meanings, **allegories for deeper truths which the rites and myths only symbolized**. These constituted the Inner Mysteries. The essence of Gnosticism, too, was the penetration to that deeper meaning, and the knowledge (gnosis) it bestowed on the believer, a knowledge about the nature of the self and the world which made salvation possible.

After extensive contact with Mithraism, Christians also began to describe themselves as soldiers for Christ; to call their savior Light of the World, Helios the Rising Sun and the Sun of Righteousness; to celebrate their feasts on Sun-day rather than the Jewish Sabbath; to claim their savior's death was marked by an eclipse of the sun; and to adopt the seven Mithraic sacraments. Like Mithraists, Christians practiced baptism to ascend after death through the planetary spheres to the highest heaven, while the wicked (unbaptized) would be dragged down into darkness. (See, Franz Cumont, The Mysteries of Mithra at 144-45) Mithra's cave-temple on the Vatican Hill was seized by Christians in 376 A.D. (See, John Holland Smith, The Death of Classical Paganism at 146) Christian bishops of Rome preempted even the Mithraic high priest's title of Pater Patrum, which became Papa, or Pope. (See, Homer Smith, Man and His Gods at 252) Mithraism entered into many doctrines of Manichean Christianity and continued to influence its old rival for over a thousand years. (See, Franz Cumont, Oriental Religions in Roman Paganism at 154) The Mithraic festival of Epiphany, marking the arrival of sun-priests or Magi at the Savior's birthplace, was adopted by the Christian church only as late as 813 A.D. (See, H. Pomeroy Brewster, Saints and Festivals of the Christian Church at 55)

Answer for yourself: To what extent did Paul preach the equivalent of Outer and Inner Mysteries?

Gnosticism always focused on scripture (principally Genesis) as the allegorical embodiment of a higher truth. Even Philo (a mystic certainly, though not a gnostic by any meaningful definition of the term) interpreted the Jewish scriptures as an allegory for a Platonic world view and a mystical understanding of and attainment to God. This insight Philo and others before him claimed had ultimately proceeded from Moses! **Here there is always a strong dichotomy between what scripture says or seems to say, and what it is actually saying in regard to true reality.** But that strong a dichotomy in Paul is not so evident. Despite what he says (1 Corinthians 2:11-3:3) about those who think or have capacities on a 'sarkic' (flesh) level and those more 'pneumatic' (spiritual) people who are possessed of the Holy Spirit, this may refer only to a graded level of capacity for understanding (which is to say, willingness to accept Paul's own doctrines), and not to two different levels of teaching on Paul's part, as though he tells of Christ one way to beginners or those of more limited intellect, and in a quite different way to his more Spirit-enabled listeners. **Besides, the dichotomy in full-blown Gnosticism is based on the 'scriptural' tale of Jesus in the Gospels: presented as a seeming historical tale on the simpler level (the Outer Mysteries) and as merely allegorical on the higher level (the Inner Mysteries).** But Paul didn't know the Gospel tale. That only appeared after him in the Gospel of Mark (which the authors acknowledge), and thus he hadn't those two layers of material and meaning to present in his preaching. It is more than interesting that second century gnostics like Valentinus and Marcion claimed Paul as their teacher and that he did teach their full-blown Gnostic doctrines. Certain aspects of Paul might better be styled "proto-gnostic." The bottom line to all of this is that Paul and his 7 authentic epistles never taught a "historical and fleshly Jesus Christ" but rather an "allegorical Christ Jesus" as found in the personification of Divine Principles as I am sharing here. Only later with the Roman forgery of much our current Pauline epistles are words put into Paul's mouth that support a "fleshly Jesus Christ". Paul's Christ was the "Christ within" which was the "Cosmic Christ" as the Divine expression of God in man.

Answer for yourself: So what did we see? We saw that the Sun passes into the constellation of Taurus at the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years. Therefore the Age of Taurus, as you would now expect, became very important for mankind's theology during those years. Taurus played a key part in the development of much of the world's theology during those 2,160 years as mankind it seems had consciously advanced in areas of Astronomy and Astrology around the globe. We now understand better why Aaron made the rebellious people a "golden calf" when they had left Egypt since this was shortly after the changing of the Equinox to Aries from Taurus. The word translated "calf" in the narrative refers more specifically to a young bull. Thus the choice may well have related to the practice of bull worship, which was prevalent in ancient Egypt and Canaan. Fearsomely strong, notoriously quick-tempered, bulls were revered throughout much of the ancient world as symbols of strength and fertility. The bull appears in the art and sacred texts of Syria, Mesopotamia, and Egypt. Early records from Memphis, in Egypt, reveal that the Egyptians worshiped a live bull known as Apis. The animal was thought to be a manifestation of the city's patron deity, Ptah, creator of the universe. Apis became identified with Osiris, legendary god of the Sun and of immortality and later was "reinvented" in the "Jesus Story" as Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Egypt's goldsmiths turned out finely wrought effigies of Apis-Osiris and of his wife, Isis, represented by the head of a cow. When an Apis bull died at Memphis, its body was mummified. It was entombed in splendor during a period of mourning that lasted 70 days. In later centuries, the Apis bull became more closely linked with Osiris, so that after the conquest of Alexander the Great, Osiris-Apis was transformed into Serapis. In this new Hellenistic form, the ancient Egyptian bull-god became a prominent deity. In Mesopotamia, bulls were long venerated as symbols of majestic strength and potency. Savage wild bulls, called aurochs, once roamed the region, some weighing up to 3000 pounds, and colossal stone images of these beasts were set up to guard the entrances to the temples and palaces of Babylonia. In later years, the Assyrians adopted the bull-god as their guardian, often adding wings and a human face. When the Israelites reached the Promised Land in the 13th century B.C., the bull cult was already ancient there. Canaanite temples were sometimes built with images of bronze bulls in their foundations. It was perhaps for this reason that the Israelites in moments of doubt were tempted by bull cults.

We also saw that key teachings attributed to Jesus in the "Jesus Story" amazingly follow in chronological sequence along with Sun's passage in the Sky into next sign of the Zodiac (from Aries to Taurus). As we should expect Jesus in the "Jesus Story", as the personified Sun, which is now in Taurus to be connected with "bull

symbolism" we find exactly that. We saw that allegory and symbolism connected with the Sun and its struggle to climb into the Sky is depicted in allegorical form in the continuing story of "Jesus Christ" as he travels through the Zodiac as well as the pages of our New Testaments. This "allegory" has lost its meaning to us today since being taught by our spiritual fathers to interpret the "Jesus Story" in a literal fashion instead of understanding it allegorically as the path of the Sun through the Heavens.

Now for some final thoughts. Taurus represents the material establishment of a civilization. It is a fixed-earth sign and as such, its vibrations produce the need to settle and identify man's consciousness within a given geographical context. In essence, this entailed merging the resources of the people with the resources of the land. Thus we establish the concept of a national home, transcending tribal differences, the foundation for the creation of a civilization. Taurus is the sign associated with the tilling of the soil, the production of an agricultural society, and a sense of determination in the face of obstacles. It is ruled by the planet Venus, the patroness of the arts, an influence which imparts a great sensuality and creative inspiration to the cultures under its rays. Scorpio is the polar opposite to Taurus. It is associated with death, sex, rebirth, occultism, and great secrecy. These two signs were the primary astrological forces behind the creation of the most fascinating of all ancient civilizations: Egypt. One of the best known traditions of the Egyptians, one that tied together the two signs of the age, was their preoccupation with building gigantic temples and tombs to house the body after death. Cults of the Bull were the most popular form of religious worship during the Age of Taurus. Taurus is, of course, the sign of the Bull, and the veneration of this animal was extremely important. Students of hidden history have no doubt encountered the mysteries of Egypt in the course of their studies. The national deity was Osiris, god of the Dead and the Underworld. During the Age of Taurus, Osiris was often depicted as a man with a bull's head. Later this changed to the head of the Ram when the age changed to Aries. In Egypt the pyramid symbolized the structure of society. The Pharaoh was the capstone of the social edifice, while the people were stratified according to rank. He represented the Spirit of Egypt – the incarnation of the Divinity in the body of man. Pharaoh was the personification of the collective Mind of Egypt, the unifying force of the country (which, by the way, had been divided into Upper and Lower Egypt, a leftover from the duality of the previous Age of Gemini, the 'twins'). The power of Taurus gave the people of Earth a long period of stability and peace. It was in the Age of Taurus we find the important concepts that Egypt developed in religious thought – monotheism. In the history of the ancient Hebrews we find the transition period between two ages. The prophet Moses leads the Hebrews out of bondage to the land (Taurus) through the wanderings in the desert of Sinai (the cusp of the ages) to pioneer in a promised land (Aries). Here, the further evolution of God's Christ will gestate until revealed through Jesus of Nazareth in the later Age of Pisces.

Now we pick up our study to continue tracing the passage of the Sun through the Zodiac and noting parallels to the life of Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament as the "Jesus Story" move now from Taurus into the Sign of Gemini.

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & GEMINI...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #7

GEMINI & JESUS: MAY 21-JUNE 21

We ended the last article looking at the correlations between the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac, in particular the constellation Taurus as it parallels the depiction of the "Jesus Story" taken chronologically throughout the New Testaments' depiction of Jesus Christ. We have traced the "Jesus Story" not only through the Heavens as it parallels the path of the Sun through the Zodiac when "personified" and "allegorized" but have seen the genius of the Creator to inscribe upon the Heavens above His will for mankind and their "Spiritual Evolution". We have traced the Sun through the previous Houses of the Zodiac and when "personified" and with the aid of "anthropomorphic" language we have seen how the "Evolution of the Soul in matter" has been told through the "myths" and "legends" of sungods. The irony of this whole thing is that the "Jesus Story" is the story of the birth, life, growth, and death of the Soul in this physical realm we call "life". This "Jesus Story" is a "plan-o-gram" for mankind to follow and emulate as were many of the prior "sungod" stories as well. We have seen beginning with Capricorn that man was born into this physical world with the necessity of a "2nd birth" which is symbolized as we move to the House of Aquarius where we find the symbolic immersion into a "watery womb" or a "watery tomb" in baptism where as Judaism teaches man receives the "Soul that comes down from Heaven" and is "born again". We saw that this imagery of being "born again in water" is accompanied with "repentance" as seen in the immersion of John the Baptist and his "baptism of repentance". We saw that the language of John is very important as he lays out the desired growth of man's Soul; for it must increase as the power of his flesh decreases. We immediately move from this even in our spiritual growth to a full-blown war with our soul as we must fight the "darkness" within seen in the allegory of "Jesus' Temptation" with the Devil. This is but a picture of the Sun and its eternal battle with "darkness" again symbolized in the "Jesus Story" in Jesus' temptation where the "spirit" and "flesh" battle continuously. The Soul is intended to increase in strength over our flesh as we live out our lives and continually reflect more of the light of God daily as does the Sun in it new ascending path in the Heavens. We saw as we moved to Pisces that as we grow "spiritually" we must feed ourselves "the bread that comes down from Heaven" before we can feed others and become "fishers of men". Thus the symbolism of Pisces which stresses again the need for this bread due to the "intersection" in Heaven of these "two fish" or "2 natures in man; spiritual and fleshly". As we live a life of repentance unto good works we accomplish such a goal when fed the true "manna" of God. We then followed God's Sun into the Constellation of Aries where we first met up with the idea of "sacrifice" in relationship to the Lamb of God. We learned from this that God was teaching us that we are to become "living sacrifices", holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service while at the same time we are not conformed to this world continue to be transformed by the renewing of our minds in order that we might prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2...KJV). We next found ourselves at the Spring Equinox where we learned that this is a special time with God and man which speaks God's Harmony and peace to all Creation. We also learned that this is the Harvest time when the Earth brings forth her fruit. We made note of the need for our fruit in our lives that comes through good works

and obedience to the Commandments of God were according to Judaism we find and receive our atonement. As living sacrifices according to the Hebrew Scriptures we accomplish our own atonement. As we moved with the Sun into the Constellation of Taurus we saw the repeated emphasis upon "sacrifice" and continued fruitfulness on a large scale; a scale large enough to reach the world with this true message of maturation of man's Soul. We camped a little while here as we contrasted the Houses of Aries and Taurus for parallels between them and the unbelievable similarities between the "personified Sun" as "Mithra" and as "Jesus" in the New Testament. We must move on with the Sun as it never sleeps and move with it into the House of Gemini and learn the next "Spiritual Lesson" that God has for us as we learn of the maturation of the Divine within matter; ie., our Souls.

Now we continue to go more deeply as we trace the Sun in its {short description of image} path through the Zodiac as it leaves Taurus and enters the constellation of Gemini. We by now are familiar with the astronomical concept that the Sun goes on a journey through the Zodiac during the 12 months of the year. We have been following this journey of the Sun and we have seen how uncannily the path of the Sun through the Zodiac matches up with the chronological depiction of "Jesus" and the journey that Jesus takes during his life and ministry as depicted by the writers of the New Testament. We have seen that according to the writers of the Synoptic Gospels that Jesus' ministry is said to last a year. We have also seen that the Sun completes its circuit of the Zodiac in a year. This is not a coincidence. We now look at the constellation Gemini to see the continuing struggle of the Sun against the darkness and note the parallels to the depiction of Jesus and his ministry as recorded in the New Testament.

The constellation of Gemini has been seen as twin figures by cultures throughout the world, back into prehistory. The 'Two Stars', referring to its very bright stars, which the Greeks recognized as Castor and Polydeuces, were named for the younger and elder forms of the god Horus by the Egyptians. To the Romans they were Hercules and Apollo. Often perceived as twin boys, the lore sustains that they were placed in the night sky by Jove to honor and exemplify the fidelity of their brotherly love. In other instances they were seen as a sister and brother or two angels, then within later Christian traditions, as Adam and Eve.

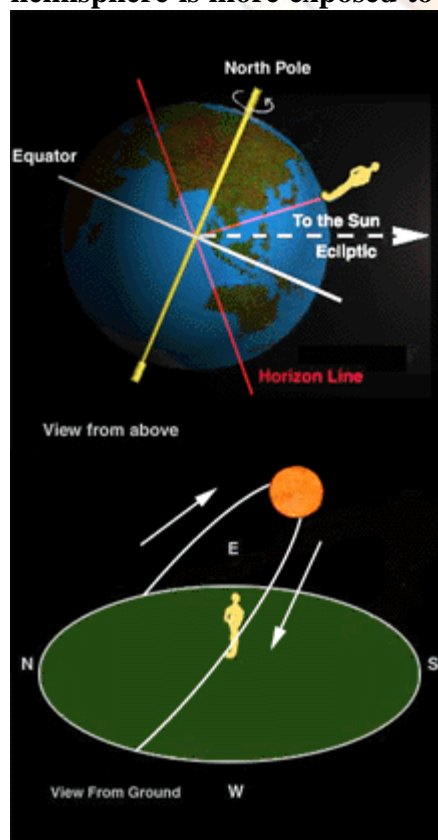
Stories of hero twins are also related throughout the world. For the Greeks there was Castor and Polydeuces, also known as the Dioscuri, or Heavenly Twins. They were the children of Zeus and Leda, queen of Sparta (yes...you may call them: 'sons of the swan.'), thus also the brothers to the infamous Helen, late of Troy. The exploits of these twins are many, and all heroic. In their youth they sailed with Jason to retrieve the Golden Fleece. To the Romans, who knew them as Castor and Pollux, the twins were invoked on the field of battle to assure victory. For centuries beyond they were held as guardians to sailors on extended or risky voyages.

LETS LEARN SOME ASTRONOMY BEFORE WE LOOK AT THE THEOLOGY

We have not up to this time spent a lot of time with the Summer Solstice but our time has come as we find the Sun struggling to rise to the zenith of its path across the Heavens where it will eventually reach the apex of its path which is the Summer Solstice. Let us not forget the Sun, since raised from the dead at the Winter solstice has been ascending in the Sky on its way to its zenith. Associated with this path of the Sun across the Sky is the constellation Gemini. The constellation Gemini is traditionally depicted as two men (the twins). The two brightest stars in Gemini, Castor and Pollux (north of the bright star Procyon in Canis Minor), are two of the brightest stars in the sky and were identified by the Greeks with two children, in most accounts the twin sons of

Zeus and Leda. As indicated by the "twins of Gemini" this is a time of increasing or doubling as the Sun reaches onward to its zenith. This path of the Sun to its zenith in the Sky ends on the Summer solstice when days are the longest and nights the shortest. It is at this time that the Sun is at the peak of its strength. In the northern hemisphere the Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year (near June 22) when the Sun is farthest north. The Summer solstice is the longest day of the year, respectively, in the sense that the length of time elapsed between sunrise and sunset on this day is a maximum for the year. **It is the time of the greatest light.** The dates of maximum tilt of the Earth's equator correspond to the Summer solstice and Winter solstice, and the dates of zero tilt to the Vernal equinox and Autumnal equinox. People around the world have observed spiritual and religious seasonal days of celebration during the month of June. Most have been religious holy days which are linked in some way to the Summer solstice. On this day, typically Jun 21, the daytime hours are at a maximum in the Northern hemisphere, and night time is at a minimum. It is officially the first day of summer.

Let us not forget that the seasons of the year are caused by the 23.5° tilt of the earth's axis. Because the earth is rotating like a top or gyroscope, the North Pole points in a fixed direction continuously -- towards a point in space near the North Star. But the earth is also revolving around the Sun. During half of the year, the southern hemisphere is more exposed to the Sun than is the northern hemisphere. During the rest of the year, the reverse is true. At noontime in the Northern Hemisphere the Sun appears high in the sky during summertime, and low during winter. As mentioned above the time of the year when the Sun reaches its maximum elevation occurs on the Summer solstice -- the day with the greatest number of daylight hours. On the Summer Solstice, which occurs on June 21, the Sun is at its highest path through the sky and the day is the longest. Because the day is so long the Sun does not rise exactly in the east, but rises to the north of east and sets to the north of west allowing it to be in the sky for a longer period of time. After the Summer solstice the Sun follows a lower and lower path through the sky each day until it reaches the point where it is in the sky for exactly 12 hours again. This is the Fall or Autumn Equinox. Just like the Spring Equinox, the Sun will rise exactly east and set exactly west on this day and everyone in the world will experience a 12 hour day. After the Fall Equinox the Sun will continue to follow a lower and lower path through the sky and the days will grow shorter and shorter until it reaches its lowest path and then we are back at the [Winter Solstice](#) where we started.



The Summer solstice typically occurs on, or within a day or two of, Jun. 21 which is the first day of summer. The lowest elevation occurs about Dec. 21 and is the Winter solstice which is the first day of winter, when the night time hours reach their maximum. We get the **word "Solstice", from the Latin for "Sun stands still"**, in astronomy, either of the two points on the ecliptic that lie midway between the equinoxes (separated from them by an angular distance of 90°). **For several days before and after each solstice the Sun appears to stand still in the sky, i.e., its noontime elevation does not seem to**

change from day to day. At the solstices the sun's apparent position on the celestial sphere reaches its greatest distance above or below the celestial equator, about 23 1/2° of arc. At the time of Summer solstice, about June 22, the Sun is directly overhead at noon at the Tropic of Cancer.

Now that the technical information is out of the way we now focus on the fact that in pre-historic times, Summer was a joyous time of the year for those Ancient people who lived in the northern latitudes. The snow had disappeared; the ground had thawed out; warm temperatures had returned; flowers were blooming; leaves had returned to the deciduous trees. Some herbs could be harvested, for medicinal and other uses. **Food was easier to find. This is the time of the first harvest, which usually consisted of the herbs planted during the Vernal Equinox.** Other crops had already been planted and would be harvested in the months to come. **Although many months of warm/hot weather remained before the fall, they noticed that the**

days were beginning to shorten, so that the return of the cold season was inevitable. Midsummer has been one of the important solar events throughout the evolution of humankind. It was an indicator that the year was about to begin waning, thus winter would be again returning. Although not all the ancients were as precise in the calculations from an astronomical point, you can be sure that they were keenly aware of the Sun's progression, and did most assuredly know when Solstice was upon them, as the Sun appeared to stand still in its northern progression.

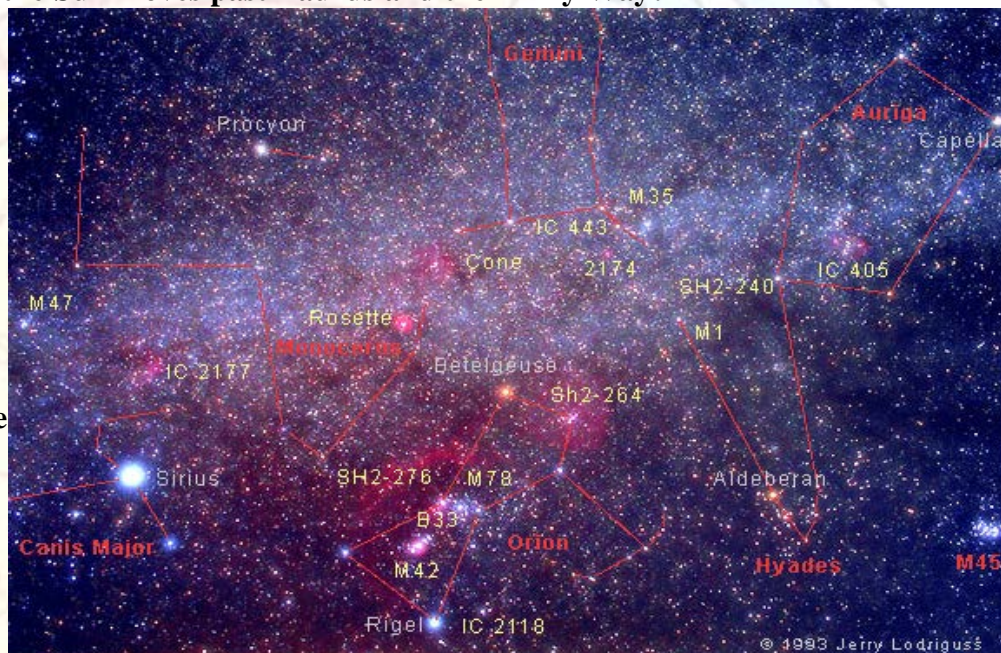
The ancients knew that life came from the Sun, it was life giving, life supporting, without it life would be lost. The Sun was viewed as the Ancient's "Savior" of sorts. The journey of the Sun impacted life at every level in the course of time, only relatively recently with the advances of electricity, greenhouses, transportation networks, has human reliance on the passage of the Sun been lessened. Even with this dependence lessening, in this technological age, necessity of the Sun and its path is crucial to our existence, however it is not as apparent today to many. **Midsummer is the time when the Sun reaches the peak of its power,** the earth is green and holds the promise of a bountiful harvest.

NOW SOME THEOLOGY

We say in the previous article that Jesus, in the form of the personified Sun, passed through Taurus and in so doing likewise passed across the Milky Way which is that starry band of millions of stars that lies like a lake across the sky. We saw that at this point in the "Jesus Story" Jesus crosses "the lake" and we as expected found the allegorical story of Jesus walking on water.

Answer for yourself: What happens as the Sun moves past Taurus and the Milky Way?

On the star map provided I want the reader to look to the bottom right and locate the "Hyades" which is part of the Constellation of Taurus. If you draw a diagonal line ascending from bottom right to upper left you come to another Constellation named Gemini. This path between the "Hyades" in Taurus and ascending to Gemini is called the "Ecliptic" and this is the path of the Sun as it moves through the Zodiac in the Heavens. In our study it is important to note as seen in the reference above Sun crossing the "water" or "milky way" in the Heavens which is later retold in the "personified Jesus Story" as Jesus crossing the Sea of Galilee and walking on water. After the Sun crosses the Milky Way it moves into the constellation Gemini called "the twins" Castor and Pollox (the two bright stars in Gemini are named Castor and Pollux).



Answer for yourself: What do we find Jesus doing in the gospels right after crossing the lake? We find an account of Jesus healing the sick but how many? How many people is Jesus healing? He is only healing "two".

If our premise holds we should expect to find Jesus associated with "two" (Castor and Pollox) people and that is exactly what we find. In the "Jesus Story", after crossing the lake (which we saw was Jesus as the personified Sun crossing the Milky Way), Jesus heals two demon possessed men.

Matt 8:28-34 28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there

met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. 33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. 34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Does the New Testament mention Castor and Pollux? It sure does

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence that Jesus meets two men that need to be healed or is this again symbolic for the constellation Gemini as the Sun moves through the Zodiac?

Acts 28:11 11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux. (KJV)

We made mention earlier of the connection of the Harvest with this time of the year around Summer when the Sun enters Gemini. This is a time of increase or doubling as the Sun continually rises in the Sky to its Zenith and its peak of strength. This is especially so noting the connection of Shavuot, or Pentecost, with the sign of Gemini. In Matt. 12:1 we find Jesus and his disciples going through the fields full of grain plucking the heads of grain to eat. As you can see the seasons are advancing.

Matt 12:1 1 At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. (KJV)

We find in the "Jesus Story" the masterful strength portrayed by Jesus in his teachings where he pronounces that like the Sun his strength is without limit and beyond contest:

Matt 12:8 8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. (KJV)

No one can challenge Jesus and win or try to usurp his power for none can win for we find Jesus in all his glory and majesty in his ministry portrayed at this time which is keeping in symbolism of the Sun moving to its Zenith where its light is at its greatest. This great power of the "personified Sun" in the allegory of the "Jesus Story" is seen in Jesus ability to control the "darkness of the physical realm" as witnessed in the many accounts of the miracles of Jesus over "demons" in the New Testament. Let us not forget what we previously learned about the "Devil" being "personified darkness".

Matt 12:22 22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

Matt 12:23-24 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is Jesus being challenged by these evil Pharisees accurate to Jewish theology and Jewish history? No not really as we show in other articles where Jesus was likewise supposedly challenged by the Pharisees for healing on the Sabbath and eating of the Sabbath. Jewish law allows for both healing on the Sabbath as well as plucking and eating grain on the Sabbath when one's life is endangered and we find Jesus in

the text fleeing from Herod Antipas. This action would be perfectly permissible by Jewish Law but the writers of the New Testament had to show the opposition to Jesus and did so by misrepresenting the Pharisees. This dualism between light and darkness and its constant and eternal struggle is pictured in these false representations of the Pharisees.

We mentioned previously that at the Solstices, both the Winter and the Summer Solstices, the earth's tilt reaches its maximum and begins to retrograde and along with this it appears that the Earth has remained motionless or "dead" once again in 3 years. In keeping with the parallel of the personification of the Sun and the life and evolution of the life and ministry of Jesus in the New Testament we should expect to find at this particular time in the ministry of Jesus some reference to "death for 3 days".

Answer for yourself: Do we find such a reference in sequence to the events in the life of this Jesus as found in the Gospel account of a death for 3 days? We sure do!

Matt 12:38-40 38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. 39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: 40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (KJV)

Here we find, in sequential order in the Gospels mind you, Jesus' reference to the Summer Solstice and the 3 days of death of Jonas where he is in the belly of the big fish. This teaching of Jesus occurs when the Sun is in Gemini which is the time of the Summer Solstice. This death of Jonas is likened by Jesus to his own coming death at the next Solstice which is 6 months away, the Winter Solstice, were like Jonas he will remain dead for 3 days like the Sun is dead for 3 days before being resurrected again.

Answer for yourself: Is this just a lucky coincidence that when the Sun remains "dead" in the Heavens and Sky for 3 days, at the Summer and Winter Solstice, we find Jonas dead for 3 days and later Jesus dead 3 days?

We find associated with this event the challenge of those bad Pharisees that seem to be constantly challenging Jesus in the "Jesus Story" just like the Sun is constantly challenged by the darkness continually in its rise to its zenith of strength at the Summer solstice in Gemini.

***John 3:19-21 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.** (KJV)*

Jesus, as the personified Sun, conquers the evil of the religious leaders of Israel. This shows his greater strength over his adversaries just like the Sun shows its maximum strength in rising to its zenith in the Sky at the Summer solstice. But we are not finished yet.

Answer for yourself: Are there more contests of strength over darkness that are associated with this sabbath account in the New Testament? Yes there is.

Jesus, as the personified Sun, again shows his unbeatable power over demons as he cures a man with a withered hand in Matt.12:9-14.

Matt 12:9-14 9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: 10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do

well on the sabbath days. 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. (KJV)

Again we have a Sabbath account where to those not familiar with Judaism it appears that healing on the Sabbath is a crime. Not so. The only deeds prohibited on the Sabbath as types of "work" not allowed are those categories of work associated with the building of the Temple and "healing the sick" is not one of them. Again we have the tragic misrepresentation of Judaism as a harsh religion when it is not but at the same time the Pharisees are made to appear evil when they were not.

Answer for yourself: What lies behind these unhistorical accounts?

More to the point we find the eternal struggle of light versus darkness in this depiction just like we find in the path of the Sun in its rise to its zenith at the Summer solstice. Notice we are moving through the Gospels in chronological sequence in the life and ministry of Jesus just like the Sun in move in sequence in its path through the Heavens and not surprisingly the "Jesus Story" is in step with the Sun's increasing and ascending path through the Sky.

Next we see this eternal struggle in the next account of healing a man who is blind and mute in Matt. 12:22.

Matt 12:22 22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Again I ask you is this a coincidence that Jesus, as the light of the world, cures a man blind who epitomizes the great power of darkness in the world? Again as I see it having studied Comparative Religion now for over ten years and before us in the Gospel accounts of the "Jesus Story" is the age old battle of the Sun against the darkness whom we call the "darkness-evil", "dark-evil", "d-evil", the "devil".

But we are not finished yet.

As the Sun approaches Gemini and enters into the sign of Gemini we experience a time of increasing or doubling as the Sun reaches its zenith in the Sky. The Sun's path through the constellation of Gemini ends on the Summer solstice when days are the longest and nights the shortest. The Sun is at the peak of its strength.

At its zenith, the Sun straddles over its descent into darkness. The Pharisees are made to call him the prince of demons.

Matt 12:24 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. (KJV)

In the gospel of John the first time we meet Thomas he is identified as "the Twin," (in Greek Didymos) and this is repeated in John 21:2. This "name" for Thomas is not recorded in the other three New Testament gospels, and the fourth gospel does not explain whose "twin" Thomas is. But in the Syrian Church, there is no doubt that Thomas is the "twin" of Jesus.

This astounding belief comes from the gospel of Thomas, which begins: *"These are the secret sayings that the living Jesus spoke and Didymos Judas Thomas recorded."* Some Syrian manuscript versions of John 14:22 identify the disciple Judas (the Judas who isn't Judas Iscariot) as "Judas Thomas," and in the Syrian Christian tradition the apostle Thomas and "Didymos Judas Thomas" or "Judas Thomas" are understood to be the same person.

Answer for yourself: Were you aware that Ancient legends suggest that St. Thomas the Doubter was Jesus twin brother? How is this connected to the "Jesus Story"?

Well let us begin taking notice that the name **Thomas Didymos means "twin"** in two different languages. That means it was so important to some people that he's called that twice, just to make sure we know. Interesting, right? I think so.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that one of Jesus' disciples was named the same name as an astrological sign? Are you aware that one of Jesus' disciples was named after the constellation Gemini? Coincidence, you say? Maybe so, maybe no. Let's jump into the myth surrounding the zodiac sign of Gemini and see what we can find and then you decide if this is but coincidence.

Answer for yourself: Can you guess what you get when you translate "didymai" (plural form of didymos) into Latin! **You get "Gemini"!**

Answer for yourself: Don't you think it rather strange that we have an Ancient Church tradition that connects Jesus and Gemini? Could this be more evidence that links the "Jesus Story" with the Sun passing through the Zodiac?

In classical Greek mythology, the stars in the constellation of Gemini were named Castor and Pollux, known collectively as the "Dioscuri" or "Sons of Zeus." Although Leda was mother to both, **the twins had different fathers. Pollux was the son of the chief Olympian God, Zeus,** who had changed himself into a swan in order to pursue the lovely Leda. **Thus, Pollux was immortal.** Castor was not immortal therefore being the son of Leda's husband, Tyndareus, King of Sparta, he was destined to die. **So now we have a pair of twins, one who is divinely conceived and one who is born of an earthly father.** This is very interesting and should make you wonder at what is coming next. To me, this already triggers all kinds of Christology that is associated with the "Jesus Story" but let's not jump the gun here and get back to Gemini.

This dual structure of the hero reappears in the archetypal motif of the **Twin Brothers, one mortal, the other immortal,** the most obvious instance being the Greek myth of the Dioscuri [Castor and Pollux]. Their mother, in the same night, conceived the immortal son in the embrace of Zeus and the mortal son in the embrace of her husband Tyndareus. **Again, Herakles [Hercules] was begotten by Zeus, and his twin brother** by Amphytrion. We are also told that the mother of Theseus was impregnated in the same night by Poseidon and King Aegeus... (Erich Neumann, *The Origins and History of Consciousness*, p. 136).

Answer for yourself: Did you notice we have the same story again but this time about Hercules? Is there some kind of **pattern** forming here? It sure would seem so. **Apparently, this idea of twins - one divine, one earthly - shows up around the world in almost every nation "under the Sun".**

Answer for yourself: Did you know that one of these twins is sacrificed in order to ensure a better world and this idea comes up again and again from nation to nation as well?

Answer for yourself: Is it possible then that Jesus and his twin, Thomas Didymos, are yet another example of this ancient mythological theme? I think it's not only possible, but extremely likely.

Answer for yourself: Is it but coincidence that we find that Jesus was the son conceived in Mary by God, in the form of the Holy Spirit, and this would make Thomas, the earthly son, conceived by Joseph (paralleled to Castor and Pollux)?

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen? We saw that the Sun is moving Northward in the sky to its zenith at the Summer solstice where its power and might is the maximum and likewise we see the strength of Jesus exhibited in his tackling the whole of the Jewish religious establishment over issues like healing on the Sabbath and plucking and eating grain on the Sabbath which likewise shows his power and authority over darkness of the Pharisees. **But we are coming to a turning point in the ministry of Jesus; whereas his ministry has been largely successful up to now we will find that once Jesus, as the personified Sun, slips over the zenith at the Summer Solstice it is literally all downhill for Jesus from then on as his ministry is in decline exactly like the Sun in the Sky as both move toward their ultimate death.**

But we are not finished.

Now me move on to Jesus' transfiguration at the Summer Solstice. One night, during dinner with his disciples, Jesus foretells of his suffering (that he will be betrayed by one of them), death, and resurrection. To prove this is all true and voluntary, Jesus then leads three of his disciples to a very high mountain (symbolically halfway between Heaven and Earth), where he undergoes the Transfiguration from Jesus to the Christ figure, the true Son of God. He then comes down from the mountain and begins his priestly ministry (Mat. 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36).



Matt 17:1-13 1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the Sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. 10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? 11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. 12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. 13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. (KJV)

In the "Jesus Story" we find Jesus transfigured on a mountain in front of his disciples, Peter, James and John. **Note the parallel to the story that Jesus goes to a high mountain top and shines brightly, just as the Sun is high in the sky and shines warmly and brightly during the Summer months.**

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that several other savior-gods were likewise transfigured on mountain tops? We can begin at the beginning with Osiris as usual. G. Massey explains in his The Historical Jesus or the Mythical Christ, on page 78, the mythical meaning of the transfiguration. Massey relates that the scene on the **Mount of Transfiguration is obviously derived from the ascent of Osiris into the mount of the moon.** The sixth day was celebrated as that of the change and transformation of the solar god into the lunar orb, when he re-entered on that day as the regenerator of its light. With this we may compare the statement made by Matthew, that *"after six days Jesus" went "up into a high mountain apart; and he was transfigured," "and his face did shine as the Sun, and his garments became white as the light."*

In Egypt the year began soon after the Summer Solstice, when the Sun descended from its midsummer height, lost its force, and lessened in its size. This by now we should know from our studies. This represented Osiris, who was born of the Virgin Mother as the child Horus, the diminished infantile Sun of Autumn; the suffering, wounded, bleeding Messiah, as he was represented. Osiris, killed by his brother Set, himself personified Darkness, descended into hell, or hades, where he was transformed into the virile Horus, and rose again as the Sun of the resurrection at Easter.

Massey goes on to explain that after such glory exhibited by the Sun at the Winter solstice we even see in the above passage the hint of the decline of the Sun who has just reached its triumph in the Sky as Jesus, as the personified form of the Sun, forecasts his inevitable death at the soon coming [Winter solstice](#).

Taken "literally" then we miss the hidden truths of the "Inner Mysteries" intended only for the initiates into the "mystery" behind the "Jesus Story". We grew up as Christians and followers of "the Christ" in the Outer Mysteries of Christianity taking everything we read "literally"; never realizing that the Ancients had a hidden meaning in the Inner Mysteries reserved for only the few who desired such higher truths from God.

Answer for yourself: Does any of this sound familiar to you? Could the "Jesus Story" be the original "Osiris Story" and we not know it? And are both nothing more than personifications of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and the stars?

So we move on to the next article in this series as we follow the Sun in its path in the Heavens out of Gemini into Cancer and see if our pattern of the life and ministry of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" can follow the path of the Sun through the Zodiac as it reaches its Zenith and we should expect soon to see Jesus' transfiguration and we will as we read that his "face shined like the Sun".

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & CANCER...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #8

CANCER & JESUS: JUNE 22 - JULY 22

We ended the last article looking at the correlations between the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac, in particular the constellation Gemini as it parallels the depiction of the "Jesus Story" taken chronologically throughout the New Testaments' depiction of Jesus Christ. Now we continue to go more deeply. **The association of Cancer with water dates back to the shadowy dawn of astrology. The image of the crab is Babylonian in origin.** In Egypt, this sign was represented by two turtles, and sometimes as an obscure water creature, known as Allul. The later placement of the crab within the zodiac is related to a minor chapter in Greek mythology, within the Twelve Labors of Herakles. The first labor of Herakles' (Hercules to the Romans), had been to kill the Lion of Nemea, (See Leo). Next in line was the fearsome, many-headed Hydra, a great sea monster, living in the marshes of Lerna. Hera, the goddess who sent Herekles to these tasks, often encouraged his failure. During his battle with Hydra, Hera commanded a nearby crab to attack Herekles and draw his attention away. Without question, the little creature took a claw-hold of a conspicuous toe. This act cost the crab its life, for Hercules abruptly crushed him. Impressed by its loyalty and courage, Hera placed the crab's image in the night sky. The Hydra had been a favorite to Hera, and was equally honored by the goddess. Not far from Cancer in the sky, lies the vast, chaotic constellation named for the great beast. Cancer itself, is not a brilliant constellation. However, at its heart is a lovely star cluster, sometimes known in astronomy as the Beehive. The name derives from the appearance of a swarm of stars in a dance of activity.

We saw in the previous article that in ancient times that the Ancient astronomers and Priests noticed that in the northern hemisphere the Sun reached its most northerly point in the sky as it rose each year through the constellation Gemini on its way to the constellation Cancer. We saw that the Sun reaches this point about June 21st, and this day is known as the summer Solstice. On the summer Solstice, the Sun appears overhead at latitude 23.5o north on Earth. This latitude is called the Tropic of Cancer. It retains this name today even though because of a wobble of the Earth called precession, the Sun now lies in the neighboring constellation of Gemini at the summer Solstice.

But after the Sun reaches its zenith in the Heavens there is only one place to go and that is backwards as it retraces its path toward the soon coming Winter Solstice as darkness beings to slowly overtake the Sun on a daily basis. The Sun has crossed a major divide; darkness starts to increase. **In June the Sun passes through Cancer (June 21- July 22). The starting date is June 21, the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year when the Sun is at its highest ascension. After this day the Sun goes go backwards, beginning it's descent southward, as the days get shorter and shorter and darkness once again begins its assault upon the light of the Sun.**

ASTRONOMY AND CANCER

Appropriately the Ancients assigned a "crab" for the symbol or sign of the constellation Cancer. The reason is obvious once we understand this backward movement of the Sun at this time of the year. Shore-inhabiting and various names all signifying Crab, Crayfish or Lobster have been used for the constellation Cancer. A tortoise, scarab, and crab all move with an awkward, scuttling motion. This application possibly derives from the fact that the Sun's northward motion slows and appears hesitant for 3 days around the time of the Summer Solstice - before it begins to move backwards with a crablike movement southward again. For quite a while the Sun seemed to hesitate at its Solstice height before descending again to its lower Autumn and Winter heights; this hesitation in the movement of the Sun was likened to "death" as we say earlier in the story of Jonah. This hesitancy (Solstice...the Sun remain still for 3 days) can be seen in the peculiar movements of the living crab. Anyone who has watched a crab on the beach must have noticed its peculiar sideways walk, its sudden forward movements, and its occasional circles - as though it cannot make up its mind where to go. A crab walk in a zigzag path, sideways and backwards at the same time in a kind of a backsliding movement thus mimicking exactly what the Ancients saw in the movement and path of the Sun following the Summer Solstice. The idea that this dimmest part of the zodiac represents a crab might have to do with the fact that the Sun turned southward in its path and movement when it reached that part of the heavens and when the Sun reached its zenith in the sky at the Summer Solstice. An ancient writer tells us that Chaldeans associated this region with a crab because these creatures walk sideways, then backwards, like the Sun appears to move as it reaches the Summer Solstice and turns southward. Possibly related to this, ancient Egyptians called this part of the sky the Scarab, in reference to their concept that an invisible celestial scarab beetle which was believed to push the Sun across the Heavens. Cancer has usually been seen as a hard-shelled animal. We don't know how long Cancer has been called a crab, but it seems to have been a tortoise in both Babylonia and in early Egypt around 4000 BC. Two thousand years later it is identified in Egyptian records as a scarab beetle, Scarabaeus, an emblem of immortality.

When the fixed stars of Cancer marked the position of the Sun at the June Summer Solstice, and according to Chaldaean, Platonist and Mesopotamians philosophy, this key position in the Sky marked the gateway for the descent of souls into incarnation, the "Gate of Men" through which souls descended from heaven into human bodies. [Richard Hinchley Allen, Starnames, Their Lore and Meaning, 1889, a reference book on the history of the stars and constellations for astronomers, Dover Publications 1963, p. 107). It was held that the souls of men, when released from corporeity, ascended to heaven through the stars of Capricorn, whence it was called the "Gate of the Gods"; their road of descent, in order to be reborn was through the "Gate of Cancer". It is also interesting to note that somehow Cancer, then marking the northern gate of the Sun, became known to Chaldean and Platonist philosophers as the "Gate of Men," through which, they said, souls of people came down from heaven to enter human bodies. To the Ancient Japanese, who regarded the grouping as a "lump of souls," the Beehive Cluster, in Cancer, was a truly terrifying sight.

The least bright constellation of the Zodiac, the constellation Cancer marked for the Ancients the beginning of the Solstice of Summer (and so the Capricorn was the beginning of the Solstice of Winter) during the times of the creation of the Bible and this explains why such symbolism is reflected in the stories of the Bible; in particular for our study the "Jesus Story"! The zodiacal sign of Cancer (which the Sun enters on midsummers day) was, at one

time represented by the Ancients as two donkeys feeding at a manger.

CANCER AND THE "JESUS STORY"

In keeping with our study of the evolving life of Jesus as depicted chronologically in the New Testament in parallel with the path of the Sun through the Zodiac. The more we study the more we continue to see more interesting "parallels" concerning the life of Jesus as depicted chronologically in the New Testament as taken from the path of the Sun (personified as Jesus) through the Zodiac. We now follow the Sun through the Zodiac as it travels from Gemini to Cancer.

We left off with Matthew chapter twelve in our prior study of the Sun moving through Gemini and we noticed that the stories of Jesus and his disciples going through the grain fields plucking heads of grain to eat which is presented as a problem which really is not in Judaism as well as the opposition to healing on the Sabbath which again according to Judaism was never a problem. Hostility toward him has already been manifested (Matthew 8:10; 9:3, 10-13, 34), but here it becomes more intense but this is to be expected as the Sun moves to the Summer Solstice for right on the other side "darkness" awaits to overtake the Sun and his power. We mentioned that such unhistorical narratives were but literary ploys to create this increasing "tension" between the opposing Cosmic forces of "light" vs "darkness". We have at its best here the battles with personified darkness depicted in the healings of the man with a withered hand on the sabbath as well as the healing of the blind and mute man (Matt. 12:9-22). This opposition to light in the allegory of Pharisee opposition can be summed up:

Matt 12:14 14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. (KJV)

Astronomically and allegorically speaking "darkness" lies in wait to apprehend the Sun and take it to its ultimate death as the Winter Solstice. Again it must be said that if one studies Judaism he is hard pressed to see that these accounts were actual stories in a historical setting; rather, one comes to see these as but "literalizations" of the constant struggle between "light and darkness".

Following the text in chronological sequence we should come to some form of "division" or "separation" since the Sun in its path is now dividing the Sky in half. Following the New Testament narrative we find as we expected the Jesus speaking of "division" at this point in the text in keeping with the path of the Sun.

Answer for yourself: What could this reference to "division" mean?

Matt 12:25-37 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

Answer for yourself: Jesus is talking about "dividing" a house. Did we not see in another article that Jesus had mentioned that in His Father's house is "many mansions" and that this referred to the 12 signs of the Zodiac?

As noted before, the year was divided into 12 equal parts, or months. And to each month was appointed a heavenly symbol or astrological "Sign." Each of the 12 monthly signs was called a "House" of the heavenly Zodiac.

John 14:2 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (KJV)

The signs of the zodiac have been called at times the "houses of the Sun," and also they are considered as the day or night "mansions" of the planets. Religiously minded astrologers, indeed, refer to the zodiacal signs as the "many mansions" in the Father's house, of which Jesus speaks in the Gospels.

Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence that at this point in the path of the Sun, personified as Jesus, that we should expect to find something either in the sayings of Jesus or in his life having to do with **"division"** since the Sun just reached its apex of ascension and begins its southward trek back down the Sky? What we see is that at the Summer Solstice the increase of light and the victory over the foe of darkness has reached its maximum point and the Sun begins to travel backwards now as if dividing the Sky in half. Such is the division I speak. And this is exactly what we find.

The Summer Solstice falls at the precise moment when the Sun's power is at its zenith. It is the time of year when the noon Sun appears to be farthest north from the celestial equator. "Solstice" is Latin for "Sun stands still" (sol "Sun" and sistere "to stand"). **Summer Solstice is so named because to the naked eye the Sun appears stationary in its northern and southern progression. The Sun is directly over the tropic of Cancer at the Summer Solstice. From the moment of Summer Solstice, the Sun immediately begins to wane.** The journey into the harvest season has begun. Midsummer has been one of the important solar events throughout the evolution of humankind. It was an indicator that the year was about to begin waning, thus Winter would be again returning. Although not all the ancients were as precise in the calculations from an astronomical point, you can be sure that they were keenly aware of the sun's progression, and did most assuredly know when Solstice was upon them, as the Sun appeared to stand still in its northern progression.

But that is not all.

Answer for yourself: What should we expect to find at the Summer Solstice? The word Solstice comes from the Latin term "solstitium," which translates into English as **"Sun standing still."** As mentioned it is at the Summer Solstice that we should expect to see the Sun standing still for three days around Solstice, as the Sun rises and sets in nearly identical places before continuing its backward movement southward in the Sky on its way to the **Winter Solstice** and that is exactly what we see. We have seen in prior studies that the Ancients thought the Sun had died for 3 days at the Winter Solstice due to its cessation of movement in its path in the Heavens but now as well we see that in the teachings of Matthew we find the mention of this "3 day" period as well as connected to a teaching coming from Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Where do we find Jesus teachings this reference to this 3 days in the path of the Sun as correlated to the depiction of his life chronologically in the Gospels?

We find it in Matthew again in Jesus' teaching of Jonah being in the belly of the great fish for 3 days.

Matt 12:40 40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Does this 3 day reference to Jonah at the Summer Solstice as mentioned by Jesus correspond astronomically to the 3 day reference to Jesus being in the tomb of earth for 3 days at the Winter Solstice? Yes.

Answer for yourself: What is the Astronomical link? There are periods of 3 days with both the Summer Solstice and the Winter Solstice when the Sun appears "to stand still" which was interpreted by the Ancients as "death" and this applies both to Jonah, in the middle of the Gospel story as in the middle of the year, and to Jesus as well at the end of the Gospel or should I say at the end of the "Jesus Story" at the Winter Solstice. To any "thinking believer" it is hard to deny what we see here especially when we consider the unique timing in the gospels for these solar events to occur and the teachings that appear concerning Jesus at these times as well.

Answer for yourself? Why should we have expected to find Jesus teaching about Jonah (since he could not use his death for an example since he had not died yet)? Well you see Jonah appears to be dead for 3 days in the belly of the whale only to be presented alive after 3 days exactly as does the Sun at the Summer Solstice.

Answer for yourself: What do we see hidden in the story of Jonah in the belly of the fish for 3 days? We see that Jonah's message to the non-Jewish world was a message from God of **"repentance"** connected with

"salvation".

Here we find astronomical symbolism consecutively in the texts once again and our Astrotheology continues in the life of Jesus as depicted in the New Testament.

It appears more evident as we continue our study into the unbelievable parallels between the depiction the "Jesus Story" and the Zodiac that the original authors of the **New Testament had no intention of making their book into a biography and never for a moment intended to be made into that. They were merely rewriting the oldest story in the world, that of the zodiac.**

Answer for yourself: How could this be coincidence over and over again?

Next we continue with the text of Matthew only to find Jesus departing from his family because he cannot take them with him. **Again we speak of "division" and "separation".**

Matt 12:46-50 46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. 47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. 48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? 49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What does this mean? Spiritually speaking God is teaching mankind as before that the "2nd birth" requires living in **"repentance" and "sanctification"** or separation from worldly things symbolized by Jesus' family for example. Darkness is waiting to challenge the child of God and life will be full of assaults by "darkness" upon a child of "light" and to win the battle of the Soul requires "repentance" and "sanctification" and we see that here in the Constellation of Cancer. We are to learn from the path of the Sun that the Soul of man is capable of "backsliding" as the Sun moves backwards at this time but if we are vigilant to feed ourselves continually the "bread from God" and practice "fruitfulness" and "good works" in a life lived in constant repentance then such a defeat by "darkness" need not be our plight. Again we see the evolution of the Soul laid out for mankind through the "Jesus Story" as it is the personification of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac.

Again that always puzzled me during the early years of my study of Jewish Roots for Judaism teaches that one that forsakes his family, in a natural sense, is worse than an infidel and yet we have Jesus, the presumed Messiah, doing the very same thing in the Gospels. Jews believe marriage and family life are gifts from God. For Jews, home is a special place where they can share their lives with their family and with God. Of course when a Jewish Rabbi or person reads Jesus denial of his family they are bewildered to say the least and knowing how Judaism views the family and the importance of the family this does not bode well for Jesus being their Messiah as you might expect. **But this passage makes perfect sense when viewed Astronomically. We have followed the path of the Sun up to now in its travels through the Zodiac and its related stars. We have seen the Sun pass through hundreds of stars comprising these 6 prior constellations as its climbed to its zenith in the Sky. Now it must take a perilous journey back into darkness thus leaving its solar friends behind.**

But we are not through yet.

Cancer was originally called the birth month of Jesus. Capricorn (December 22- January 19) is, as we saw in the earlier article in this series, the birth month of the Christ, and on the twenty-fifth of December down the centuries the birth of the world savior has been celebrated but in very ancient days, the birthday of the infant Sun gods was in Cancer. We are told: ***"The birthday of the infant Jesus, being arbitrarily set by the priests, produces a serious discrepancy, as we are told he was born in a manger. The manger is***

found in the sign of the Summer Solstice, the constellation Cancer, which was called the gate of the Sun through which souls were said to descend from their heavenly home to earth, just as at the Winter Solstice in December, they were said to return to their heavenly or celestial home, the constellation Capricorn, the other gate of the Sun. Capricorn was the sign from which sungods were said to be born at the Winter Solstice and made sacred to the sons of light." (E. Valentia Straiton, The Celestial Ship of the North, Vol. II, p. 205).

This dim constellation, Cancer, the faintest of the entire Zodiac, contains no stars brighter than fourth magnitude, none of which are distinguishable by the naked eye. Quite possibly, Cancer's only claims to fame is inclusion in the Signs of the Zodiac and the beautiful Praesepe (meaning "hive," **"crib" or "manger"**), also known as the **Beehive Cluster**. In earlier times, this Cluster was also referred to as "Little Cloud" and "Little Mist" and was the basis of an early method of forecasting the weather. According to Pliny, if Praesepe were not visible in a clear sky, then it foretold the coming of a violent storm. The astronomers of both Ancient Greece and Ancient Arabia perceived the Beehive Cluster as the crib of the infant Jesus, with two of the nearby stars (known collectively as the "Aselli" or "Asses") on either side representing donkeys (or maybe a donkey and an ox) feeding on hay from the manger.

Ironically the astrological symbol for the sign Cancer has no relation at all to the crab. It is composed of two "asses" tails, and these again link up the gospel story with the story of the manger.

Answer for yourself: Again is this just coincidence or is there Astrotheology throughout the "Jesus Story"?

I direct your attention to the picture where it is clearly seen that two asses are present in the manger scene that again betrays the Astronomical symbolism behind the nativity story as we have previously seen.



Answer for yourself: Do we see again in the picture the "nimbus" or the "solar halos" around the heads of baby Jesus and Joseph and Mary? Notice if you will the solar mythology noted in the picture in the form of the "halos" or "nimbus" on the heads of the characters which again betrays Solar symbolism. In connection with the birth of Jesus two asses appear, the one on which the Virgin rode down to Bethlehem, prior to the birth, and the other on which she rode to Egypt, after the birth.

Close to the sign Cancer are two bright stars, one called Asellus Borealis, or "the northern ass", and the other, Asellus Australis, or "the southern ass". Besides these two Solar symbolisms mentioned above there is also the third time, when Christ is made to ride into Jerusalem during his brief moment of triumph on Palm Sunday seated on the back of an ass, a symbol of patience and humility the crown jewels of greatness.

Answer for yourself: Did we not already see that in entering the holy city of Jerusalem that Jesus comes for Bethany, or "Beth-Anu" meaning "the house of the Sun"? We previously saw that in the "Egyptian Pyramid Texts" that we first find a unique play on words when we look at the word Bethany.

Answer for yourself: Where did Lazarus supposedly live? He is mentioned as living at Bethany.

Answer for yourself: Do you remember that we saw that the word "Bethany, when translated back into the Egyptian language is "Beth-anu" and it means the House of the Sun? Should we not expect Jesus, as the personified Sun, to be traveling the ecliptic of the House of the Sun?

In Greek mythology we read of the savior Dionysus riding upon two asses, which afterwards he had changed

into celestial constellations. Jesus is pictured as riding into Jerusalem upon the **two asses**, i.e., upon an ass and colt, the foal of an ass.

*Matt 21:5-7 5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. 6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, 7 And brought the ass, **and** the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. (KJV)*

The Gospels instruct us that **Jesus (personified as the Sun) enters Jerusalem riding upon two asses.**

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that in the above passage Jesus is made to enter into Jerusalem riding "two" asses and not one? Is that not rather strange let alone difficult? How does any human being, let alone Jesus in this story, ride TWO animals at once? Is this a reference to Astrotheology and we not recognize it in the texts? **This clearly shows you that the derivation of this story is purely astronomical. Let it also be said that in Babylonia the symbol of the zodiacal constellation Cancer, in which the Sun reached the highest point of its apparent path at the Summer Solstice, was the ass and foal.** This New Testament passage, in mentioning "the ass and the colt" refers to two prominent stars which the Sun rides (crosses) within the constellation of Cancer (the sign of the Summer Solstice). The stars are Asellus Borealis (Northern Ass) and Asellus Australis (Southern Ass).

But we need to back up a little for a minute. In a parable, Matt. 12:25-37, Jesus talks of division: no city or house divided against itself will stand.

Jesus is often called the Good Shepherd, and he has been depicted many times as the shepherd leading his sheep. The thought of the sheepfold has been closely associated in the minds of people with Christ. **Connected with the sign Cancer are three constellations: Ursa Major, Ursa Minor and Argo. The common Occidental names for the two former are the Great Bear and the Little Bear, but it is one of the mysteries of astronomy as to how the name "bear" came to be associated with either of these groups of stars, for in the Chaldean, Persian, Indian and Egyptian zodiacs, no bear is found. The names most commonly use are those of "the sheepfold", or "the flock of sheep," and an analysis of the Hebrew and Arabic names for the stars found in these constellations will be found to prove the fact that the ancient names signify "the lesser flock", "the sheepfold", "the sheep", and "the ship".** In the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel and in the tenth chapter of St. John, is much that has reference to these constellations.

Answer for yourself: I assume that the reader has kept up and read other articles in this series. That being so then what are we seeing?

"The Jesus-story, it will now be seen, has a greater number of correspondences with the stories of former Sungods and with the actual career of the Sun through the heavens - so many indeed that they cannot well be attributed to mere coincidence or even to the blasphemous wiles of the Devil!" Let us enumerate some of these. There are (1) birth from a Virgin mother; (2) the birth in a stable (cave or underground chamber); and (3) on the 25th December (just after the Winter Solstice). There is (4) the Star in the East (Sirius) and (5) the arrival of the Magi (the 'Three King's'); there is (6) the threatened Massacre of the Innocents, and the consequent flight into a distant country (told also of Krishna and other Sungods). There are the Church festivals of (7) Candlemas (2nd February), with processions of candles to symbolize the growing light; of (8) Lent, or the arrival of Spring; of (9) Easter Day (normally on 25th March) to celebrate the crossing of the Equator by the Sun; and (10) simultaneously the outburst of lights at the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. There is (11) the Crucifixion and death of the Lamb-God, on Good Friday, three days before Easter; there are (12) the nailing to a tree, (13) the empty grave, (14) the glad Resurrection (as in the cases of Osiris, Attis and others); there are (15) the twelve disciples (the Zodiacal signs); and (16) the betrayal by one of the twelve. Then later there is (17) Mid-Summer Day, the 24th June, dedicated to the birth of the beloved disciple John, and corresponding to Christmas Day; there are the festivals of (18) the Assumption of the Virgin (15th August) and

of (19) the Nativity of the Virgin (8th September), corresponding to the movement of the god through Virgo; there is the conflict of Christ and his disciples with the autumnal asterisms, (20) the Serpent and the Scorpion; and finally there is the curious fact that the Church (21) dedicates the very day of the Winter Solstice (when any one may very naturally doubt the rebirth of the Sun) to St. Thomas, who doubted the truth of the Resurrection!" - Pagan and Christian Creeds, by Edward Carpenter, p. 50.

Well that is his opinion and one hard to refute I must say when you examine the evidence. What I am concerned about as a Pastor is the presentation of Jesus Christ as God in the flesh to a world baptized into idolatry never knowing it by this "literalization of an Ancient allegory by the Ancients which was always to be understood allegorically" which has been presented to us by Rome as a "literal" man and in so doing made him God in the process in their Church Councils beginning with Nicea. It is my hope that in presenting this information that the "thinking believer" will find not only food for thought but the desire to repent of the idolatry he has received and begin a new relationship with the Creator whereby his worship and love for Him will be without the terrible sin of idolatry which antisemitic Roman Christianity gave to the whole non-Jewish world.

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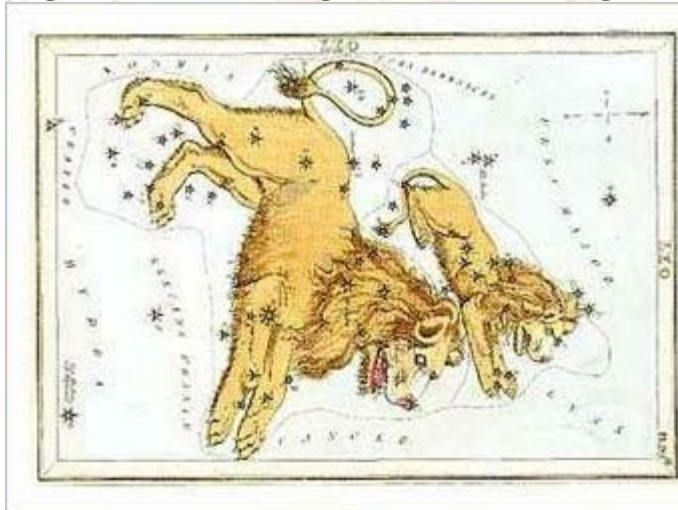
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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & LEO...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #9

LEO & JESUS: JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

We move on tracing the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and in so doing we now come to the constellation Leo. The Sun passes through Leo, the Lion between July 23- August 22. The zodiacal constellation Leo, the lion, is one of a handful of constellations that really does look like its namesake. Leo's brightest star is blue-white Regulus, one of the brightest stars in the night sky. Regulus rises almost due east, with the body of the lion



following it into the sky over the next couple of hours. Once Regulus climbs into the sky, look to its left — toward the north — for a group of stars forming a backward question mark. These stars outline Leo's head and mane. Leo features in ancient Egyptian religion. The Egyptians worshipped the celestial lion, and the ancient scribes used it to predict the flooding of the Nile. Leo has always been associated with the Sun. Pliny wrote that Egyptians worshipped the stars of Leo because they knew that the Sun appeared to enter them during the time when the Nile flooded to bring fresh fertile soil onto the land. Because of this, it was thought that the Sun rose in Leo at the time of creation. Thus, Leo was the emblem of the fire and heat that nourished the land, intimately associated with all the blessings that rained down from the greatest of the gods that filled the world with light

each day. In this regard, it has been suspected that the great Sphinx represents both the Sun and the constellation Leo. It is shown, however, with the body of the Lion and the head of the beautiful Virgo, the constellation next to the east along the zodiac. Not all scholars of Egypt agree with this: some say the Sphinx has the head of one of the early kings or, perhaps, one of the gods.

Some say that a strange mythological creature, half human and half animal, once represented the summer Sun. Summer was to the Egyptians the most important of the seasons, for the rising of the Nile led to the life-giving floods that in turn led to the promise of bountiful harvests. These people gave over their thoughts to the coming of the season, and their symbolism carried into their astronomy. At this time of year lions from the outlying deserts came down to the Nile Valley to seek relief from the heat. Lions, then, were associated with the coming of summer when the Sun was approaching the constellation we know as Leo. In mid-summer the Sun passed from the stars of Leo and into those of Virgo, the Virgin, representative of the harvest. These two star groups seemed to be in control of the Sun during the most crucial time of the year. And so, as the two signs of summer met, a creature with the body of a lion and the head of a woman was born—the Sphinx.

The star Regulus, the luminary of Leo, has been called the "regulator" of heaven. Marking the heart of the great lion in the sky, it gave the celestial creature life, and its association with the Sun moving through the zodiac was thought to regulate the seasons. From this, many have supposed that it regulated affairs on earth as well as ruling the heavens. For Persians it was one of four Guardian stars of Heaven. Regulus has been called the "Royal Star," and "Kingly Star," being associated in many ways with kings on earth. Thus, both the star and its constellation became a cherished symbol of royalty. Representing such a powerful animal, in addition to its symbolic representation of the Sun, Leo the Lion became the symbol found on royal arms in England and elsewhere.

To our ancestors, the qualities of the Lion were associated with rulership and divinity. Wherever this animal was encountered, its characteristics were attributed to gods and goddesses. For many cultures, the symbol of a lion serves as a guardian. Lion figures stand fast against darkness and evil intent in the doorways of palaces, temples, and in the rituals of the Chinese New Year.

In Greek mythology, the constellation of Leo is explained through the tale of Hercules and the Nemean lion. More than a lion, this beast was the sibling of the infamous Sphinx, whom Oedipus encounters. The creature had terrorized the countryside for years and all weapons were useless against it. Hercules was sent to kill the beast by Hera, who hated him as an illegitimate son of Zeus. However, Hercules proved successful in defeating the Nemean Lion and even went so far as to make a cloak and helmet from the creature's hide. In honor of this great feat, Zeus set the form of the fearsome Lion in the night sky.

The constellation Leo has been known as a Lion from nearly all the early lands of the Near East; certainly from Sumeria, Babylonia, Persia, and Syria, as well as from the Greeks and Romans. It was the tribal sign of Judah, and in the Middle Ages it was referred to as one of Daniel's lions. Its association with the Nile River is the likely reason that the heads of lions with open jaws were carved on the gates of canals used to carry off the flood water that irrigated the Nile Valley. Perhaps the many other lion heads with water spouting from their mouths, in so many medieval and modern fountains, might have derived from the Lion in the sky.

The principal star in the constellation is Regulus, the heart of the lion, or Cor Leonis. This was the first of the four Royal Stars of ancient Persia, with Antares, Fomalhaut and Aldebaran. These stars are separated by about six hours in right ascension, and so they well marked the four quarters of the sky. Regulus is a first magnitude star, although it is surpassed in brightness by 20 other stars. It lies almost exactly on the plane of the ecliptic, so that once a year, on about August 23, it is eclipsed by the Sun. Infrequently it is occulted by the Moon.

These are the strong hot days of summer. The Sun has now passed the Summer solstice. This is a time of strength when the Sun goes to the end of the growing season to the time of harvest. At the end of the growing season, food is plentiful, and seeds have to be stored for the next season.

LEO AND THE "JESUS STORY"

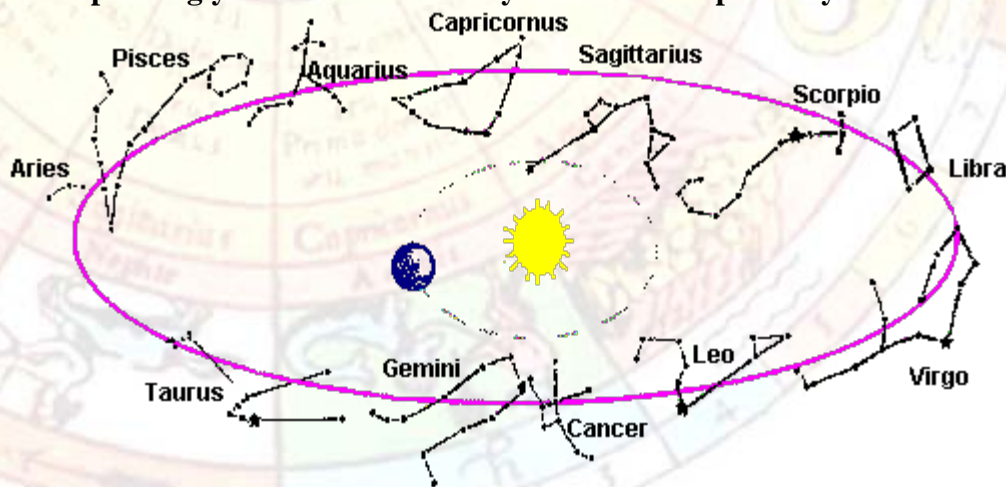
I have always thought it strange that the Gospels depict the ministry of Jesus beginning with the meeting of Jesus with John the Baptist and then John the Baptist just disappears until mid-way through the same Gospel when he mysteriously appears and we find the account of his death. Nothing is said about John the Baptist till the Gospel record is half over. Then all of a sudden John the Baptist reappears and is beheaded.

Matt 14:2 2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. (KJV)

First of all you should take note of the fact that we are chronologically progressing through the life of Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament. This is important when we realize that accordingly the Sun is making its progressive path through the Zodiac as well. According to the New Testament John the Baptist has been raised from the dead.

It is assumed that the reader is well familiar with what we learned in the beginning of this series when studying the path of the Sun through the constellation Aquarius and remembers the link to John the Baptist. That being so then the reader recalls how the constellation Aquarius moved below the western horizon at sunset as the year went from January to February and the Sun traveled from Aquarius to Pisces. Each Zodiac constellation in turn goes below the horizon at sunset as each month passes.

Answer for yourself: Why is this 6 month notation very important? Well we saw as well that when one sign of the Zodiac rises in the East then one correspondingly sets in the West. If you look at the picture you see that opposite the sign of Leo (just count to 6 more signs) we find the sign of Aquarius (John the Baptist). That being the case then after six months following the setting of the constellation Aquarius then the same constellation of Aquarius begins to rise on the eastern horizon at sunset as Leo is now setting. Thus the relationship between these two constellations in the Biblical account and the Gospel depiction of the "Jesus Story".



Answer for yourself: Why again is this important? Well here is the uniqueness of it. Recall at the beginning of the allegory in [our article on Aquarius how Aquarius moved below the western horizon at sunset as the year went from January to February and the Sun traveled from Aquarius to Pisces](#). Each Zodiac constellation in succession goes below the horizon at sunset as each month passes. As far back as Egypt we see that this setting of a constellation in the Western horizon was considered as it's "death". That is why Egypt buried their dead west of the Nile river. The Heavens keep moving and after six months the constellation of **Aquarius begins again to rise on the Eastern horizon as the constellation Leo sets at sunset, and it appears that the head of Aquarius is cut off by the horizon**. This celestial phenomena became the story about John the Baptist (in the form of the constellation Aquarius) rising from the death, the dead being those who are below the earth. So we not only find that John the Baptist rises from the dead but also the position of the stars that make up the head of this "waterbearer" become very important. **This event, when the head of Aquarius, the waterbearer, rises just above the eastern horizon, is said to be the beheading of John the Baptist by the personified Darkness in the form of King Herod. Herod remember is a type of personified Darkness which reigns supreme at night**. When Aquarius rises on the Easter horizon it appears that the head of Aquarius is cut off by the horizon. Aquarius is down there in the underworld as seen in the picture



slipping into "death" below the Western horizon, where the dead are, or is figuratively "put in prison". Some 6 months later after the setting of Aquarius in the Western horizon, if you wait a few hours after sunset, you'll see Aquarius 2 stars (head) poking its head up above the eastern horizon, rising from the underworld, and it appears as if Aquarius is being beheaded by the horizon once its 2 stars emerge above the horizon. This is nothing more than the movement of the Heavens and the Zodiac. Aquarius figuratively "rises from the dead" and is beheaded by the night's horizon as Aquarius rises. Aquarius is

close to disappearing below the horizon at the end of August. **At this time, the Sun exits Leo and enters Virgo**. Aquarius has two faint stars on its head which can barely be seen; it almost looks headless. This produced the tradition that Aquarius, as John the Baptist personified, had his head cut off by **Leo (personified**

royalty in the form of Herod the King).

Answer for yourself: Why is Leo chosen to be King Herod? Simply because [Leo is connected with royalty and is opposite the sign of Aquarius \(6 months separate these signs\).](#)

There is some inference that John somehow survives this beheading and "rises from the dead" intact.

Mark 6:16 16 But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. (KJV)

And sure enough as the night progresses we see all of Aquarius rising intact from below the horizon.

This explains why John the Baptist just vanishes from the pages of the New Testament and surfaces half-way through it again. It does so 6 months later since again the Synoptic Gospels teach that Jesus, in the "Jesus Story", has a one year ministry. No wonder that we go along reading about John the Baptist and then he just "vanishes" from the pages of the New Testament. You now see that he has "set" in the West and it will be some time before he "rises" again in the East and when the constellation does then we have his head emerge above the horizon and it appears as if it was cut off thus giving us the myth of John the Baptist being beheaded.

But we are not through yet.

Answer for yourself: Who is responsible for beheading John the Baptist? Herod.

Answer for yourself: What have we already learned about Herod?

Regulus, the star of kingship, is the brightest star in the constellation Leo the Lion. Leo was the constellation of kings, and it was associated with the Lion of Judah. But it was also associated with Herod.

We saw that the story of the child who threatens the reign of a ruling monarch is a common motif found in many ancient religions. It is also found in the Old Testament with Moses as a baby being placed in a basket and sent down the river to avoid the mass slaughter of all the children. Herod, as the personified darkness, hears a child will be born that will overthrow him. Indeed when the Sun rises it will conquer the darkness. So darkness orders all the stars extinguished. Allegorically all the children of the land are to be killed. What better way to insure darkness rules than to murder all those little points of light. All the stars are killed, but the Sun survives the slaughter and rises anyway, conquering the darkness.

Comparative Religion shows that all the ancient religions were forms of Sun worship. The story of Jesus is just another allegorical personification of the Sun as will be shown here. Herod is personified darkness in this tale and this is substantiated in that there exists not one piece of writing or evidence that such a design to kill all the infant male children of the historical Herod ever existed or was carried out. [We have seen this in the article on Herod and how Darkness is the original evil.](#) There is no historical record of this mass infanticide slaughter ever actually happening or being ordered. It never really happened on Earth. Our whole story takes place in the starry night sky. Paul says,

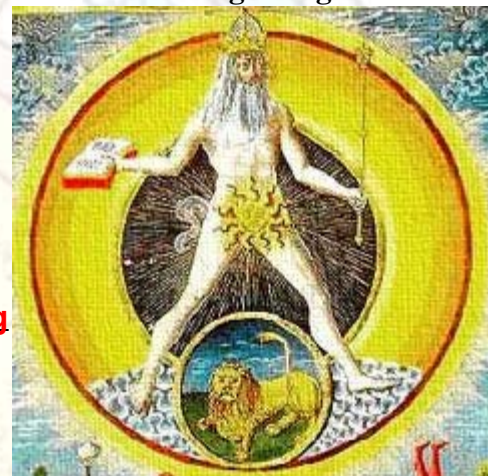
"For our conversation is in heaven [i.e. the stars above] from whence also we look for the Saviour [the Sun], the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20)

The ancient religious stories personified the evil Darkness and gave it names. In this case the name for "Darkness" is Herod. Darkness reigns supreme at night until overpowered by the rising Sun (personified Jesus) in the morning. The Sun rising in the morning is figuratively a form of the Sun being born. Just before the Sun rises all the stars disappear. Figuratively this is Darkness trying to save itself by killing all the stars. What better way to keep things dark than to kill all those little points of light. But Darkness fails to kill the Sun. The Sun rises, overpowering the Darkness, the darkness dies, and its reign is ended.

But now we are past the Summer solstice and the powers of Darkness are slowly increasing since the days are getting shorter and less light appears with each one of them. The Sun is now resided that it will die and sets its face to travel to its death.

Matt 16:21 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (KJV)

We have already discussed the importance of this "third" day in relationship to both the Winter solstice and the Summer solstice where the Sun remains still for 3 days as if "dead" only to be presented "alive" the following day. Such is the allegorical symbolism behind this Astronomical phenomena. The war and struggle between light and dark intensify as the days get shorter as the Sun recedes from the Sky following the Summer solstice. The Sun is still strong, but the forces of evil are gaining power and the power of the Sun is beginning to diminish. The Sun finds itself in the sign of Leo. Again we must remember that the Sun is personified as Jesus in the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and was understood as such by the Ancients. That may seem strange to us today only because we have been far removed from the traditional Ancient understanding of these religious texts. Being on the other side of the rise of fundamentalism at the beginning of this century we should not wonder at the loss of this earlier knowledge. It amazes me when I read books from the 1700s and the 1800s how plentiful is this Astrotheology in many, many books when today we have to look long and hard to find and restore these Ancient truths. The picture to the right reveals the personification of the Sun in the sign of Leo taken from the fifteenth century. This is but one example of the loss of these Ancient understanding of the Gospels as "allegories" and not as "literal truths".



So we see that this "Jesus Story" is as Thomas Payne said: *"The Christian religion is a parody on the worship of the Sun, in which they put a man whom they call Christ, in the place of the Sun, and pay him the same adoration which was originally paid to the Sun."*

Understanding this eternal struggle between Darkness and Light then we should not be surprised to find Jesus encouraging one to be strong against adversity and you will be saved. Again this is nothing more than an allegory with little historical truth.

Mark 13:11-14 11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. 12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. 13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: (KJV)

But we are not through yet.

We need speak of the harvest and its connection with Leo. In discussing the constellation Leo in relationship to the seasons (late July through mid August) it was a time of relaxation, play, a kind of "lull" in the year before harvest. Thus we need speak of the harvest and its connection with Leo. Through the ages, Leo has signified the coming of the high growing season and thus reflects the abundant generosity of life (the latter

harvest). In this aspect Leo is seen as the ordained provider. **We should expect to see "harvest terminology" connected with the "Jesus Story" at this time of the year and path of the Sun and that is exactly what we find:**

- Beginning with Matthew 13:1-23 where Jesus is speaking on establishing the Kingdom of God he speaks of it as a place where the harvest will be stored.
- Later in Matthew 13:24-30 we see the Christ's teaching on the "Weeds among the Wheat" parable.
- Next we follow with the Parable of the Mustard Seed in Matthew 13:31-33.
- Again he follows up with the parable of the weeds in Matthew 13:36-52.

Well we were not disappointed to find numerous account of "harvest" as related to the Sun in its path through the sign of Leo as Jesus is depicted as the personified Sun.

REDATING THE BIRTH OF THE COSMIC CHRIST

We have seen repeatedly how the early Gentile Church adopted for the birth of "Jesus" December 25th as the Winter solstice and we have seen repeatedly how this was connected with the Ancient's understanding of the birth or "rebirth" of the Sun from the dead.

But throughout history there has been a belief that somewhere in the world (most likely in the East) there exists a brotherhood, or order of initiates, secretly guiding the destiny of mankind. Towards the end of the last century a number of intrepid explorers, mostly Russians and including such well-known esotericists as Madame H.P. Blavatsky, Alexandra David-Neale, P.D. Ouspensky and G.I. Gurdjieff scoured the East in search of these "Masters of Wisdom". **Today modern scholarship has found traces linking this lost brotherhood with the Magi story of Matthew's Gospel. Evidence suggests that the Magi were expecting the birth of a King/Messiah not on our so-called Christmas Day of 25th of December, (which is in any case based on the old pagan festival of the Birth of Mithras) but rather on 29th July 7 BC.** On this day there was a special configuration in the sky. Each year at that time the Sun would rise in the "King's Birthday" position: conjunct with the "Little King" or "Lion Heart" star of Regulus in Leo. At the same time, just prior to the dawn, Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, would make its first appearance after a period of invisibility. According to the mythology of Egypt, Sirius was the special star of the goddess Isis. Her reappearance represented the goddess coming out of confinement to give birth, at dawn, to her son Horus, represented by the Sun-conjunct-Regulus.

The mythology behind this arrangement of stars was Christianized by the early church so that Sirius now represented Mary giving birth not to Horus but to her own son, Jesus, symbolized as the dawn Sun. Other stars visible at dawn on that day are also significant. Orion, which in Egypt represented Osiris, the consort of Isis now became Joseph. The star Procyon, which like Sirius rises after Orion, had probably represented Isis's sister Nephthys. It now became the 'mid-wife', who also appears in some of the Nativity stories. Adrian Gilbert in his Magi: The Quest for a Secret Brotherhood has interesting insights for the interested student that I highly recommend.

Rev. Robert Taylor believes states in his Devil's Pulpit that there are the four royal stars, as they were through eternal ages of by-gone time, located in the visible heavens, to mark the place which the Sun nears or approaches, as he annually divides to us the four seasons of the year. **Regulus is one of the four Royal Stars of the ancient Persians. The other three are Aldebaran, Antares and Fomalhaut.** There are four because there are but four seasons of the year, over which these four royal Stars preside. Many scholars believe the names of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the names derived from these 4 royal stars since their names are never found in the language of any Jewish nation upon earth and only surface connected with the Gospels that bear them today after 180 A.D. Out interest is with Regulus in the constellation Leo. **Regulus is believed to be the origin for the Saint Matthew,** or Cor Leonis, the heart of the lion, which the Sun enters about the 2nd of July, and leaves about the 23d of August, when the earth begins to give her fruits; and thence this Star gets

the name of **Saint Mat Thew**, which is, most literally, the Sun, the gift, the God, the most expressive designation of the Sun's bounty, and of the heat at that season. And here is Matthew, not only with his lion, but in his lion, the very heart of the lion.

After Leo comes Virgo the virgin of the harvest season. Summer passes, the story of Jesus' journeys continues. We eventually come to the end of Summer, the month of August, and it's harvest time! Harvest time is the best time of the year, the time we've all been waiting for. In August the Sun has moved out of Leo, the strong lion of summer, and into a new constellation that represents the harvest, that food which grows out of the virgin soil of the earth. Hence the constellation for harvest time is a female virgin holding a sheath of wheat. The constellation the Sun enters in August is Virgo, the eternal celestial virgin, holding a sheath of wheat representing harvest time. Farmers who till the fields are said to be wedded to this celestial virgin for which they wait for each year. Thus they are known as "husbandmen," and their tools such as tractors are known as implements of husbandry. It is time we move on to the study of Virgo and trace the movement of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" as we further find that he is the personified Sun in its path through the Zodiac.

Answer for yourself: What have we seen? I think it is becoming rather certain by now that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the Sun through its path through the various constellations of the Zodiac as well as the influence of other stars upon it throughout its yearly cycle.

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & VIRGO...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #10

VIRGO AND JESUS: AUGUST 22 - SEPTEMBER 21

We have been following the path of the Sun through the Constellations and we left off in the previous article with the passage of the Sun through the constellation Leo. We saw that this was the time of the Sun's greatest strength when the Sun goes to the end of the growing season to the time of the harvest. We noticed as the texts of the New Testament progressed revealing the life of "Jesus Christ" that there were abundant teachings concerning this "harvest" and much "harvest terminology" was evident at this stage of the life of Jesus in the "Jesus Story". Notice with me if you will that since the Sun passed through Cancer the Sun has crossed a major divide and darkness is beginning to increase and light is beginning to diminish ever so slowly. But be not mistaken the Ancients noticed this being expert Astronomers. We have seen the [Sun "stand still" for 3 days at the Winter solstice](#) as well as 3 days at the Summer solstice and now the Sun is moving to its soon coming death once again on the wheel of the Zodiac as it passes through all 12 houses. **But before we get to this part of the solar year and the corresponding part in the "Jesus Story" we saw the Sun in all its glory typified by the**



"transfiguration" of Jesus as the "personified Sun" on the top of the mountain (meaning the top of the sky at the Summer solstice).

Summer is passing as we watch the Sun recede slowly in its path across the sky as it passes its zenith and as the days get shorter once again. We eventually come to the end of Summer, the month of August, and it's harvest time! We must understand that harvest time is the best time of the year not only for the farmer but for everyone. Harvest time is the time that everyone has been anxiously waiting for. **In August the Sun has moved out of Leo, the strong lion of summer, and into a new constellation that represents the harvest since that food which grows out of the virgin soil of the earth. Hence the constellation for harvest time is a female virgin holding a sheath of wheat. The constellation the Sun enters in August is Virgo, the eternal celestial virgin, holding a sheath of wheat representing harvest time.** Farmers who till the fields are said to be wedded to this celestial virgin for which they wait for each year. Thus they are known as "husbandmen," and their tools such as hoes and tractors are known as implements of husbandry. Harvest time comes about three quarters of the way through the year, and it is the happiest time of the year. And about three quarters of the way through the Jesus story is his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, which is the happiest part of the story (Mark 11:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-16). Everyone knows him and is

happy to see him. Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem is an allegory for the Sun's triumphant entry into the constellation of Virgo, because that means it's harvest time, the best time of year. Harvest time is "The Kingdom of Heaven" time which Jesus refers to in earnest as coming soon throughout the story up to here.

Virgo is the only female among the zodiacal constellations, and other than the twins, Castor and Pollux (Gemini), she is the only human figure. Virgo is depicted as a maiden, holding a palm branch or grain stalks in her right and a single ear of wheat in her left. The alpha star is named Spica, "ear of wheat" which is also known as the "star that comes out of Jacob". Virgo is one of the oldest constellations and over time has been equated with every important feminine deity, including Ishtar, Isis, Demeter, Persephone, Medusa, Artemis, and Urania. Allen says, "Those who claim very high antiquity for the zodiacal signs (15,000 years ago), assert that the idea of these titles originated when the Sun was in Virgo at the spring equinox, the time of the Egyptian harvest. Virgo is also the Greek Sophia, goddess of wisdom, and in the Gnostic tradition, she is the Black Madonna, mysterious guardian of feminine wisdom.

This is the time of the year when the harvest is turned into food. As the Sun descends below its peak at its zenith, this is also a time when troubles start to emerge for the "personified Sun" in the form of Jesus in the "Jesus Story". Let us not forget that the Sun is on the move; constantly moving as we find Jesus depicted as a peripatetic Rabbi. As the "darkness" begins to threaten the Sun likewise here we find that the very same adversity manifested by the people who welcomed Jesus in his home town of Nazareth who were suspicious of his wisdom and power.

Matt 13:54-58 54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? 57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. 58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you notice the term "carpenter" which is an Ancient term for an astronomer/astrologer as well as the reference to "in his own house"? Do you recall that the term "houses" refer to signs and constellations of the Zodiac? Recall that Jesus says "in my Father's house is many mansions" and we saw that phrase this has hidden Astronomical meanings in a previous article.

On a more literal level we are taught not the "Inner Mystery" but only the "Outer Mystery" in the form of its "literalization" as it were a real historical story. We are made to believe that those who one welcomed this Jesus and looked to him to be their Messiah are the same people in his home town of Nazareth who were now suspicious of his wisdom and power in the above verses from Matthew 13:54-58. Of course this fits right into our symbolism of the Sun and its waning power following the Summer solstice so this has to happen if we are to be true to the path of the Sun through the Heavens and the Zodiac. We are on a circle or circuit as we saw in the terms for Galilee before in an earlier article. We have just moved past the Summer solstice, when the Sun is at its zenith, and we saw that at this time the Sun is on its throne at full power. As the Sun starts to descend, the dark forces are starting to edge their way back with increasing opposition. As the days get progressively shorter, the Sun is still strong, but its strength is being sapped by all this constant tribulation and adversity. The same "conflict" and "tribulation" against the Sun is personified in the attacks against the "personified Sun" in the form of Jesus in the "Jesus Story". This explains why at one time he is "loved" and then in only a short time the same people who love him now "oppose" him. I always wondered about this in the texts and never really understood until I found the astronomical keys to the "Jesus Story". This part of the "Jesus Story" is nothing but an Astronomical allegory expressing the Sun having passed the Summer solstice and the opposition to it as it begins its downward path in the Sky on its way to its

annual death at the Winter solstice. We saw earlier that Jesus, personified as the Sun, continues on his way into "Galilee". Let us not forget that "Galilee" means "circuit" and the Sun is moving full circle through the Solar year.

The Strong's Concordance for the word "Galilee":

1056 Galilaia- Galilee = "Circuit" the name of a region of northern Palestine, bounded on the north by Syria, on the west by Sidon, Tyre, Ptolemais and their territories and the promontory of Carmel, on the south by Samaria and on the east by the Jordan. It was divided into Upper Galilee and Lower Galilee. **The word "Galilee" literally means "circuit".**

Answer for yourself: What is a "circuit"? A circuit is a closed, usually **circular path**. The ecliptic, as we saw for our astronomy terminology page, is the circuit the Sun travels along during the year. The ecliptic is a great circle inscribed on the celestial sphere. The ecliptic is also a circle on a planisphere. If Jesus Christ is truly the personification of the Sun then it makes perfect sense allegorically that the Sun continues on his way along the ecliptic, or "went into Galilee". **We see the same thing here as the Sun moved past the Summer solstice and is descending in the Sky moving to its soon coming death at the Winter solstice.**

We have just seen in the previous articles how John the Baptist's life ends with his head being cut off. We saw that John the Baptist in the form of the rising constellation Aquarius reappears on the Eastern horizon 6 months after Aquarius moved below the Western horizon at sunset as the year went from January to February as the Sun moved from Aquarius to Pisces. We saw that after 6 months the constellation of Aquarius begins to rise on the Eastern horizon at sunset and it appears that the head of Aquarius is cut off by the horizon. This we saw was believed by the Ancients to be John the Baptist rising from the dead, the dead being those who are below the earth. This is the beheading of John the Baptist by King Herod, a personification of darkness, which reigns supreme at night. We saw that this coincides with the Sun crossing the Equinox at the Summer solstice and the rising of Aquarius without its body on the Eastern horizon.

Matt 14:1-12 1 At that time Herod (personified Darkness) the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, 2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen (Aquarius on the Eastern horizon) from the dead (from the underworld beneath the western horizon); and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him (resurrection from the dead). 3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison (personified death) for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. 4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. 5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. 6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. 7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. 8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head (2 stars of Aquarius) in a charger. 9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her. 10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. 11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. 12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that once again one passage after another in sequence in our New Testament uniquely follow the course of the Sun in the Heavens and through the Zodiac when tracing the supposed life of Jesus Christ in the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament? **Think on that for awhile.** Is it not rather astonishing that for the most part we move from a group of passages in the New Testament to the next following group of passages and are able to maintain perfectly our "Jesus Story" in the Stars?

If that is the case then we should expect to find more Astronomical symbolism in the next passages which just happen to be **Jesus feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish and find a connection to Virgo.**

Answer for yourself: Does the following events in the "Jesus Story" follow the pattern of the path of the Sun moving into the house of Virgo? It sure does. That is exactly what we find.

Matt 14:13-21 13 When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. 14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. 15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. 16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. 21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. (KJV)

Jesus feeds five thousand with five loaves and two fish. Its harvest time again and we must not forget it for the texts remind us repeatedly. Let us look at the bread for a second.

Answer for yourself: What is the true meaning of the word "Bethlehem"? Well if we interpret it literally it means "House of Bread." Before you go out and grab your maps to try to find this city on them know that you should be looking for a place known as the "House of Bread." This might not make sense to you yet but this is necessary if you ever hope to see the allegory behind the "literal" story we have read our whole lives. There has always been a place known as the "House of Bread," except it's not a place on Earth, it's a time of the year!

Notice we are following the path of the Sun through the constellation Virgo and it is now the month of August. So with Virgo being depicted as a woman with a shaft of wheat in her hand signifying the theme of harvest then it is not a stretch to connect the term "House of Bread" with the month of August, which is harvest time. As mentioned above this is a time of great excitement for all peoples in all civilizations for they all looked forward to gathering the foods that sustain life. The term "house" as taken from "Bethlehem-house of bread" refers to one of the 12 houses of the Zodiac, which is like a big calendar in the stars. You can tell what time of year it is by observing the stars as they come out just after sunset and then determining where the Sun is in relation to the stars. You determine which constellation or "house" the Sun is in. It's no different from looking and flipping a wall calendar to determine what month you are in. When the Sun is in the "house of bread" it's August - it's harvest time!



The Sun moves out of Leo and into the constellation Virgo. In the "house of bread" is the constellation Virgo, the virgin. Hence in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, you will find a virgin, the constellation Virgo. Jesus was made to be born in Bethlehem because in Hebrew it means "house of bread". The house of bread is in Virgo who is pictured above with grain stalks in her arms.

Matt 2:1-2 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (KJV)

Virgo is always depicted as holding either a sheaf of wheat or an ear of corn. She represents harvest time. As the Sun moves through the Zodiac on it's yearly journey, it eventually passes out of the House of Bread and moves on to the next house. The Sun moves out of the constellation Virgo. Virgo, the eternal Virgin, figuratively gives birth to the Sun, as the Sun passes out of Virgo the Virgin.

We have seen over these last ten or so articles abundant evidence that Jesus allegorically represents the Sun.

Remember Jesus says,

John 8:12 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (KJV)

John 9:5 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. (KJV)

The last time I looked the light of the world is the Sun. This is so simple but we never see this because of being conditioned since childhood to interpret the "Jesus Story" literally instead of allegorically as did the Ancients before Rome came along and "literalized" it and gave us a book with this "literal" account inscribed within it.

We have already seen that the Synoptic Gospels teach that Jesus had a one year ministry and this makes all the more sense when you consider that **Jesus said that he came only to preach one year in the first place (symbolic for the Zodiac and the passage of the Sun through the Zodiac for one complete cycle).**

Luke 4:19 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (KJV)

To a "thinking believer" who has paid attention to the prior articles in this website then it appears without a doubt that the "Jesus Story" is the story of the year, of the seasons, of the Sun passing through the Zodiac. The whole story of Jesus is just an allegory of the Sun passing through the houses of the Zodiac during the year. That's why Jesus' ministry lasted One Year.

Actually if you read the Bible it says King Herod made a careful search of "Bethlehem", the House of Bread, where the Sun is in August, and didn't find him there.

Matt 2:1-11 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. (KJV)

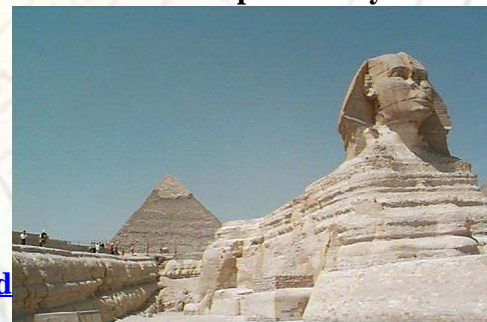
Answer for yourself: Why did Herod look in Bethlehem? Because the Sun is in the house of Virgo and because it is harvest time. That's the time of year we all wait for with great anticipation of the harvest. But yet Jesus is born December 25 at the Winter solstice after the Sun lays dead for 3 days in the Sky. The Sun, in December, isn't in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, Virgo the Virgin. Not yet anyway. The Sun is in Capricorn - the goat, or sheep, or lamb. Jesus is born in a barn with a bunch of animals - the starry night sky is full of constellations of animals. **Jesus is the "Lamb of God." Capricorn is the lamb.**

Now this might be a little confusing since we began our studies in Capricorn but bear with me. Many of these Middle Eastern cultures recognized Virgo as the year's beginning- hence the Sun was born from the Virgin, the Sun's corona is a 'crown', the Sun is the "Light itself", the Sun's 12 helpers are the Zodiac, the Sun's light can walk upon water, the Sunrise saves Man each day, etc. Many similarities as you can see exist from nation to nation but some nations begin the solar year with the Virgo instead of Capricorn. In ancient times the ancient calendar and the new year did not start in January, it started when the Sun was in the constellation Virgo (the virgin) and ended in Leo, therefore, the Sun was always "born of a virgin" = Jesus being born of a virgin.

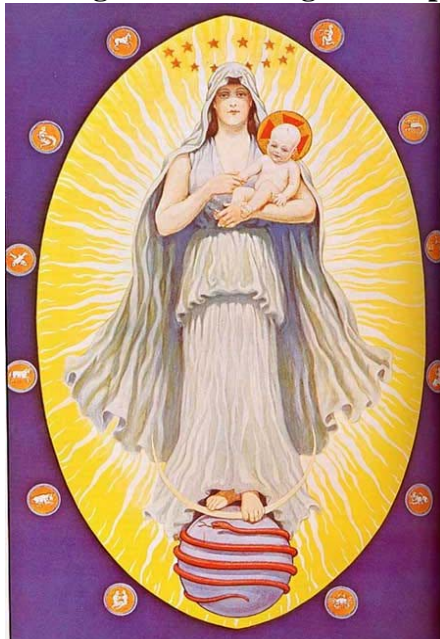
In some areas, the calendar originally began in the constellation of Virgo, and the Sun would therefore be "born of a Virgin." Later when the Sun was personified as "the Son" then you have the "Son of God born of the virgin". It is all astronomical in origin.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the Hebrew texts have been altered concerning Isaiah 7:14 and where it says "young woman" it is later changed to say "virgin" when the Hebrew texts were translated by Essenes into Greek in the 3rd century B.C.E.? Of course this was done in Alexandria, Egypt, where we could expect the Hellenized Jews of Egypt to incorporate a synthesis of the solar aspects of the Egyptian religion with Judaism as that is exactly what we find. Thus the "Sun is born in the Virgin" and the "personified Son of the Sun" is made to do the same as we find with Jesus in the solar "Jesus Story" in the New Testament.

Since the new year and calendar of the Ancients began in Virgo and ended in Leo then this explains why the Sphinx has the head of a Virgin and the Body of a Lion. When the Sun of God was re-born to begin anew its cycle through the Heavens it was in the Constellation of Virgo, so it was said that it was "Born of a Virgin". The Sun is the "Eye of God" or "Eye of Horus". Ra was the Sun God in Egypt. His full name was Amen Ra. That is why we say "A-men" after our prayers. The Egyptians knew this and all of the Egyptian beliefs and customs are built into our society secretly and few are aware of this today. In fact the backbone of Judeo-Christianity is thoroughly Egyptian and hardly anyone knows of it today.



Throughout much of its history, the Christian Church has taught that Jesus was conceived by the Virgin Mary by the action of the Holy Spirit, without sexual intercourse. This doctrine is usually called the virgin birth, although the term virgin conception would seem to be more accurate. This has long been one of the church's foundational beliefs, along with the indisputable truth of the Bible, the atonement, resurrection, and the second coming of Jesus. Now if we logically look at the allegories and origins of Virgin Births in all myths and religions we discover that the prototypes of Mary are the sister-wives of Sun-gods. Notice in this early depiction of Mary and Jesus not only the solar halos or nimbus but the symbols for the twelve constellations that surround her. It is in this context that we must understand much of Christian theology and symbolism as well as certain virgin goddesses such as the Egyptian Isis, and the Greek Artemis whom are both sisters of the Sun gods, Osiris and Apollo respectively.



The Virgin Mary is the Constellation of Virgo and the story of virgin births is the timeless allegory of Virgo giving birth to the Sun on the darkest night of the year, the 24th of December. If we follow the path of the Sun we discover that towards the end of August the radiant Sun enters the celestial Virgo and places the seed of the new Sun in her to germinate the embryo of the new Sun, Horus, Apollo or Christ.

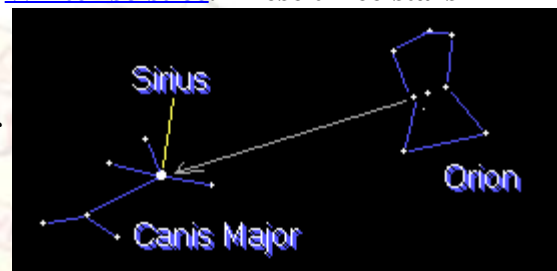
This phenomenon, which takes place every year in August, gave rise to

Christmas, a festival which still exists, and in which it is supposed that the Mother of Christ, disregarding her earthly life, is associated with the glory of her son, and is placed by his side in the heavens. We know that the sign of the celestial virgin rose over the horizon at the moment assigned to the birth of Jesus the Christ. Christians may be reluctant to recognize Virgo as the Blessed Virgin. **Yet Virgo's stars descend after harvest below the horizon, and the Sun of the winter rises from the same point.**

Answer for yourself: What is the importance of the fact that as the stars of Virgo descend below the horizon that the Sun of the winter rises from the same point? **It appears that the Sun rises in Virgo as is the case if superimposed and the Ancients understood this as the Virgin holding the baby Sun in her arms.** From this we find the multiple examples from antiquity of the Virgin goddess holding the Sun from the times of Isis and Horus which we later find borrowed by Christianity for their Mary and Jesus. In Numbers 24:17, it is declared **"There shall come a star out of Jacob,"** etc. This is a text often quoted by Christian writers as having a prophetic reference to the Christian Messiah. But the same text declares further, **"It shall destroy the children of Seth,"** a prediction which no rational interpretation can make apply to Jesus Christ. **And then we find this star of Jacob or Judah (the same) represented on astronomical maps as a prominent star in the constellation Virgo (the Virgin), fancifully termed by the Hebrew Ephraim. This star is known in the Syrian, Arabian and Persian Systems of astronomy as Messaeil (suggestive of Messiah), and was considered the ruling genius of the constellation. The "star of Jacob," then, was simply a figure borrowed from the ancient pagan systems of astronomy, in which they fancifully represent a virgin rising with an infant Messiah (Messaeil) in her arms. Messaeil is, when analyzed, Messaehel (MessiahGod), and is found in the constellation Virgo, which commences rising at midnight, on the 25th of December, with this "star in the east" in her arms the star which piloted "the wise men." The whole thing, then, is evidently an astronomical legend.**



The story of Christ's birth in the book of Luke is lifted from Astrology and Astronomy as well. **The three wise men are the stars of Orion's belt,** which rise in the east at sunset on the **Winter solstice.** These three stars in Orion's belt point to the spot on the horizon where Sirius, the brightest star of all the "host of heaven" rises two hours later, and where the reborn Sun rises the following morning. Couple with this is the fact the the Virgin Virgo rises at midnight, bringing forth the reborn Sun. As if that is not enough we find in the sky at the same time the animals for the stable, Aries (ram/lamb) and Taurus (bull) in the proximity of Orion. Thus the grouping of the characters in the "Jesus Story" associated with the stable and his birth.



The story of the Virgin Mother Isis, giving birth to the Sun-god, Horus, which Christianity has so faithfully preserved, is a reminder of the inscription concerning Mary's Egyptian prototype, Isis, which appeared on the Temple of Sais: The inscription reads **"The fruit which I have brought forth is the Sun"**. Horus, son of Osiris, the Sun-god, was conceived even though Osiris' phallus had been lost following his brother Set cutting up his body. Set is the the dark, twin aspect of Osiris and serves as the adversary. From Set we get the later evolution of the concept of "Satan". Unknown to most Christians is the fact that the cult of Isis became enormously popular in the Roman Empire. Romans called her the "eternal savior of the race of men". The transfer of part of the Isis myth undoubtedly took place in the 1st century A.D. "The image of Isis suckling her child Horus under the sacred tree of Hathor at Denderah," became the archetypal model for images of the Virgin Mary with the infant Jesus" for over 2000 years and continues today unknown by most.



All of the research gathered on the very difficult subject of Christianity leads one to believe that the foundation of this religion had its origin in ancient Africa 40,000 years ago or longer. These ancient people embraced the

same mythological story of a savior being crucified, as is the case of Joshua ben-Pendara, whose real name is "Pa-neter-Ra". This name was later changed by the Greeks to Jesus Christ. My research also concludes that the concept of Christianity is very similar, if not copied from the Egyptian Mystery System which was based on Astronomy and the teaching of it which comprise both the "Outer" and "Inner mysteries". According to the late A. Powell Davies,

- "Originally, it was the earth itself that was the goddess, virginal again with every spring. Her son was the fruit of the earth, born only to die, and in dying, to be implanted once more in the earth, as the seed that would renew the cycle. This was the "Vegetation myth" from which the 'Savior-God' and the 'Mater Dolorosa' was drawn, soon to be elaborated. But before we have the same story told in Mother Nature we find it taught in the Heavens in the form of a Solar myth. One should quickly see the connection between the Sun and Nature since Nature responds to the Sun and is totally dependent upon it.
- The cycle of seasons on earth was viewed to be parallel with the coordinate cycle of the heavens. The concept of the Virgin goddess grew out of the constellation Virgo. Virgo rose in the eastern sky just when Sirius, the star from the east, was signaling the new birth of the Sun. The passage of the horizon and its plane (line) through Virgo midsection along with the rising of the Sun through Virgo was understood as the impregnation and conception of the Virgin from the Sun. The fruit of her womb was to be the Son of God. It began with Horus and many Horus prototypes existed down through history and culminated with the last one familiar to all today; Jesus. The earth myth was thus blended with the sky myth and both with the memory of ancient heros, real or legendary, and so came the "Saga of the Redeemer".
- The cave, later to be associated with the birth of Jesus, was earlier the birthplace of Horus, who, when he was grown, would become Osiris, who must die for the salvation of his people. Isis was the Mater Dolorosa."

We have seen that Virgo was known as the "house of bread" and by now we have seen in our study of the Sun passing through Pisces that this constellation represented multiple fish. Now we come to the miracle recorded as from Jesus where he fed the five thousand with five loaves and two fish.

Answer for yourself: How many "houses" of the Zodiac separate Virgo and Pisces? Are you aware that in the Zodiac wheel that Virgo and Pisces are separated by five houses or 5 constellations? Is this a coincidence? Are you aware that there are "two" fish in the constellation Pisces? Is this coincidence? Is this the origin of the story of the "5 loaves and 2 fishes" we find in the New Testament?

But we are not through. Let us keep reading our New Testament to the next event recorded in the "Jesus Story". Following the text we find that next Jesus walks on water (Matt. 14:22-33).

***Matt 14:22-33** 22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus*



stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. 33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. (KJV)

It always bothered me why Jesus would "walk on water" when he supposedly stressed in the Gospel of John that he has not come to seek his own glory but reveal the glory of his Father God but yet we find him doing some cheap circus trick as walking on water which bring only him glory and not the Creator.

John 7:18 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. (KJV)

John 8:50 50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. (KJV)

This is a huge paradox that is troubling until you come to find out the the "Jesus Story" is astronomical and neve occurred on earth. That is why the early Gnostic "Chrestian", later called "Christians" never taught a fleshly historical Jesus Christ because they knew what we don't; the "Jesus Story" was a story derived from the Heavens and not a literal historical account of some first century "messiah want to be".



But this makes perfect sense when you realize that the account of "Jesus walking on water" is but an allegory of the Sun setting on the water and casting its reflection upon the surface of the water in such a way as if the Sun was walking upon the water. Again this is but an allegory for the path of the Sun in the Heavens as it crossed the Milky Way known as the Nile in Heaven or the Silver River in Heaven with its band of millions of stars. The Milky Way is the "River of Stars" in Heaven. Thus we find that in the the "Jesus Story" that Jesus is made to walk now on the water in the Sky, the Milky Way. But this makes perfect sense when you realize that

this is but an allegory of the Sun setting on the water and casting its reflection upon the surface of the water in such a way as if the Sun was walking upon the water.

Next we come to the teaching of the "things that defile" in Matthew 15:1-19. We are now concerned with the "tradition of the elders". Jesus explains his reason for not washing before eating.

Matt 15:1-2 1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that while the Sun is in Virgo we have another "bread" reference? Why did the writes of the New Testament not accuse them of not washing their hands after eating something other than bread? To keep the Astronomical symbolism intact it has to be "bread" to keep our focus upon Virgo.

We find in allegorical form again the constant conflict between light and darkness told through the personification of attacks by the scribes and Pharisees upon Jesus. Yes, I said "personified attacks". These events never happened in historical Judaism and never happened to a historical Jesus. This is pure fiction and myth taken again from the stars. Before you think I have lost my mind know for certain that my studies in the Jewish Roots of Christianity has been very through and I was amazed about ten years ago to find that the 3 major attacks upon Jesus in the New Testament (healing on the Sabbath, plucking and eating grain on the Sabbath, and eating with unwashed hands) were not against any law or ordnance in Judaism. Granted after Rabbi Akiba in around 110 A.D. with the destruction of the Temple it will be imposed by oral law that the washing of hands before eating is now commanded of all people but at the time of the supposed existence of Jesus of Nazareth long prior to 110 A.D. we do not find this commandment binding on anyone

except the High Priest. I invite all who read this paper to check these things out for themselves as I had to do. You will find exactly what I said and you can count on me to give you only the facts that are derived from hard study. Again the New Testament has misled us, the reader, to not only think that Judaism is a harsh and unloving religion (which it is not) but at the same time has totally misrepresented the Astronomical story of the opposition to the Sun in its path through the Heavens by the darkness of night. These events, the attacks upon Jesus as the "personified Sun" are but allegories of the struggles of the Sun following crossing the Summer solstice and the advance upon it of the powers of darkness. That explains why so many of the stories in the New Testament are utterly historically inaccurate to the facts of the Jewish faith.

Matt 15:14 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Should we not be surprised to find a reference to blindness or "darkness" in these same verses since the darkness is slowly overpowering the Sun in its descent in the Sky on its way to its death at the Winter solstice following the Summer Solstice?

With the harvesting complete, the water has completed its life giving miracle. We found the reference to the water when the personified Sun in the form of Jesus walked on the water and then the bread of course from Virgo, the symbol of bread.

But we are not through yet. Next we come to Jesus feeding the four thousand with seven loaves and a few fish.

Matt 15:32-39 32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. 33 And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? 34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. 35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. 36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. 38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children. 39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Why seven loaves instead of five? If Jesus just fed 5000 with 5 loaves and two fish then why does he need more loaves this time to feed less people? Are we to believe they were gluttons? No we have more Astronomical symbolism here that goes undetected except by the very few.

In the zodiac wheel there are five houses between Virgo and Pisces, and two more when we count Virgo and Pisces. Including again the symbolism for the houses of the Zodiac and remembering each constellation was considered a "house" and since we are again concerned with "bread" (Virgo) and "fish" (Pisces) then these extra two houses total 7 and not 5. Thus the miracle the seven loaves for fewer people.

There are signs and tip offs in the New Testament that would lead the reader to think that the "Jesus Story" never took place on earth but rather in Heaven but not being knowledgeable about Astronomy or Astrology we pass right by them never giving them a second thought. A perfect example is Matt. 16:1.

Matt 16:1 1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. (KJV)

One might expect a demonstration of something on earth rather a sign from Heaven but that is not what we find. Jesus is made to refer to the "Sign of Jonah" parable. We all remember the story. Of course we

find a storm and the Sky is threatening. Darkness is in power and the light is waning fast as the Sun is falling from the Heavens to its death at the Winter solstice where it will remain dead for 3 days as we find symbolized again in the Jonah. Of course by now you have seen where these 3 days come from. At both the Summer and Winter solstice the Sun appears to have quit moving and was thought dead by the Ancients for 3 days until it was "born" anew. Jesus is made to say that there will be no sign except the sign of Jonah (Matt. 16:4).

Matt 16:4 4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. (KJV)

The sign won't appear until the Sun stays at its lowest time of descent for three days as Jonah was three days in the fish's belly.

Answer for yourself: And when is this? It is the Winter solstice where the darkness overpowers the Sun and the Sun appears dead for 3 days in the Heavens.

Matt 16:21 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen? Let us let a famous scholar summarize all of this for us if we can. Charles Francois Dupuis, in his Origin of Worship, one of the most elaborate and remarkable works on mythology ever penned, shows that nearly all the religions of the world, including Christianity, were derived largely from solar worship. All the solar deities, he says, have a common history. This history, summarized, is substantially as follows: "The god is born about December 25th, without sexual intercourse (Horus), for the Sun, entering the winter solstice, emerges in the sign of Virgo, the heavenly Virgin. His mother remains ever-virgin, since the rays of the Sun, passing through the zodiacal sign, leave it intact. His infancy is filled with dangers, because the new-born Sun is feeble in the midst of the winter's fogs and mists, which threaten to devour him; his life is one of toil and peril, culminating at the spring equinox in a final struggle with the powers of darkness. At that period the day and night are equal, and both fight for the mastery. Though the night veil the Sun and he seems dead; though he has descended out of sight, below the earth, yet he rises again triumphant, and he rises in the sign of the Lamb, and is thus the Lamb of God, carrying away the darkness and death of the winter months. Henceforth he triumphs, growing ever stronger and more brilliant. He ascends into the zenith, and there he glows, on the right hand of God, himself God, the very substance of the Father, the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, upholding all things by his lifegiving power."

Dr G. W. Brown, author of Researches in Oriental History, says: "Strange as it may seem whilst Mithras and Osiris, Monysos and Bacchus, Apollo and Serapis, with many others [including Christ] in name, all masculine Sun gods, and all interblended, a knowledge of one is generally a knowledge of the whole, wherever located or worshiped." This is because Ancients man saw the same things in the heavens and created legends and myths of observations of Heavens. The names of the participants changed over time but the basic story remained intact from nation to nation. And along comes Jesus in the age of Pisces as the new personified Sun for the New Age of Pisces and this continues today for we are yet in the age of Pisces till around 2012 and then who knows?

In particular to this article however we saw that in the ancient zodiacs of Egypt as well as other nations like India, there is seen this virgin nursing a male child, with Sun rays around his head...which is emblematical of the infant Sun at the winter solstice, and of his being then in the sign of the Virgo. As Albert the Great acknowledged:

- The virgin-birth motif is astrotheological, referring to the hour of midnight, December 25th, when the constellation of Virgo rises on the horizon.
- The Assumption of the Virgin, celebrated in Catholicism on August 15th, represents the summer sun's brightness blotting out Virgo.

- Mary's Nativity, celebrated on September 8th, occurs when the constellation is visible again. Such is what these "Christian" motifs and holidays represent, as has obviously been known by the more erudite of the Catholic clergy. **Hence, the virgin who will conceive and bring forth is Virgo, and her son is the Sun.**

"He is always born at the winter solstice, after the shortest day in the year, at the midnight of the 24th December when the sign Virgo is rising above the horizon; born as this Sign is rising, he is born always of a virgin, and she remains a virgin after she has given birth to her Sun-child as the celestial Virgo remains unchanged and unsullied when the Sun comes forth from her in the Heavens. Weak, feeble as an infant is he, born when the days are shortest and the nights are longest..." (Annie Besant, Esoteric Christianity, p. 157).

At the time of the birth of Christ, Sirius, the Star in the East, was on the meridian line. The constellation Orion, called "The Three Kings" by oriental astronomers, was in proximity; therefore the constellation Virgo, the Virgin, was rising in the east, and the line of the ecliptic, of the equator and of the horizon all met in that constellation. It is interesting also to note that the brightest and largest star in the constellation Virgo is called Spica; it is to be found in the "ear of corn" (sign of fertility) which the Virgin holds. Bethlehem means the "house of bread," and there is therefore an obvious connection between these two words. This constellation is also composed of three stars in the shape of a cup. This is the true Holy Grail, that which contains the life blood, the repository of the sacred and the holy, and that which conceals divinity. These are astronomical facts. The interpretation of the symbolism attached from ancient days to these constellations is as old as religion itself. Whence came the signs, and how the meanings and symbols associated with them came into being, is lost in the night of time. They have existed in men's minds and thoughts and writings for thousands of years, and are our joint heritage today. The ancient zodiac of Denderah (antedating Christianity by several thousand years) is ample proof of this. In the sun's journey around the zodiac, this "Man of the Heavens" eventually arrives at Pisces; this sign is exactly opposite the sign Virgo, and is the sign of all world Saviors. We have already seen that the age of Christianity is the Piscean Age, and Christ came to the Holy Land when our Sun transited into that sign. Therefore that which was started and had its being in Virgo (the birth of the Christ Child-the birth of the Sun) is consummated in Pisces when that Christ Child (as the Mature Sun), having attained maturity (at the Summer solstice which brings the harvest), comes forth as the world Savior.

John 8:12 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (KJV)

In addition, the Sun god was born of a virgin not just once, but daily, monthly and annually for thousands of years. The daily exchange between the Sun and Dawn included the Dawn driving her "bright flocks," or morning clouds, into the "blue pastures of heaven." She is followed by the "lord of the day," born from the night's "toiling womb." This daily process of the Sun was repeated, amid great drama, as the **Sun was born, lived out the day and again passed away.** During this daily struggle, it was said that the Sun "strangled the serpents of night" before going forth **"like a bridegroom out of his chamber."** The Sun god is also frequently depicted as **battling with "clouds and storms," the clouds at times overcoming his light, leading to him being called the "hidden Sun"** (Ammon, Amon or Amen). Rather interesting that we say "amen" after our prayers.

In Antiquities Unveiled, J.M. Roberts, Esq., reiterates that Christ drama represents "... the passage of the Sun, in its annual course through the constellations of the Zodiac; having his birth in the sign of the Goat, the Augean stable of the Greeks; his baptism in Aquarius, the John the Baptist in the heavens; his triumph when he becomes the Lamb of God in Aries; his greatest exaltation on St. John's, the beloved disciple's day, on the 21st of June, in the Sign of the Twins, the emblem of double power; his tribulation in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the sign of the rural Virgo; his betrayal in the sign of Scorpio, the malignant emblem of his approaching death in the stormy and adverse sign, Sagittarius, and his resurrection or renewed birth on the twenty-fifth of December in the same sign of the celestial Goat..."

In 1829 Rev. Taylor adeptly made the case that the entire Gospel story was already in existence long before the

beginning of the Common Era and was probably composed by the monks at Alexandria called "Therapeuts" in Greek and "Essenes" in Egyptian, both names meaning "healers." This theory has stemmed in part from the statement of early church father Eusebius, who, in a rare moment of seeming honesty, *"admitted . . . that the canonical Christian gospels and epistles were the ancient writings of the Essenes or Therapeutae reproduced in the name of Jesus."* WOW!

Taylor also opines that "the travelling Egyptian Therapeuts brought the whole story from India to their monasteries in Egypt, where, some time after the commencement of the Roman monarchy, it was transmuted in Christianity." In addition, Wheless mentions that one can find much of the fable of "Jesus Christ" in the Book of Enoch, which predated the supposed advent of the Jewish master by hundreds of years. According to G. Massey, it was the "pagan" Gnostics - who included members of the Essene/Therapeut and Nazarene brotherhoods, among others - who actually carried to Rome the esoteric (gnostic) texts containing the Mythos, upon which the numerous gospels, including the canonical four, were based. Wheless says, "Obviously, the Gospels and other New Testament booklets, written in Greek and quoting 300 times the Greek Septuagint, and several Greek Pagan authors, as Aratus, and Cleanthes, were written, not by illiterate Jewish peasants, but by Greek-speaking ex-Pagan Fathers and priests far from the Holy Land of the Jews." Mead averred, "We thus conclude that the autographs of our four Gospels were most probably written in Egypt, in the reign of Hadrian."

As Walker in her Woman's Encyclopedia Of Myths And Secrets said, *"Scholars' efforts to eliminate paganism from the Gospels in order to find a historical Jesus have proved as hopeless as searching for a core in an onion."* The "gospel" story of Jesus is not a factual portrayal of a historical "master" who walked the earth 2,000 years ago. It is a myth built upon other myths and godmen, who in turn were personifications of the ubiquitous sungod mythos. And let it not be forgotten as I am showing you and will continue to do so that all of these personifications of the Sun in the form of "Jesus" are not historical truths.

Well I bet you are getting the picture by now. Let us continue tracing the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and finding the parallels in the "Jesus Story" as found in the New Testament. The Sun moves now from Virgo to Libra. We should expect that the Gospels and the stories of Jesus will follow the path of the Sun in the Zodiac and we won't be disappointed.

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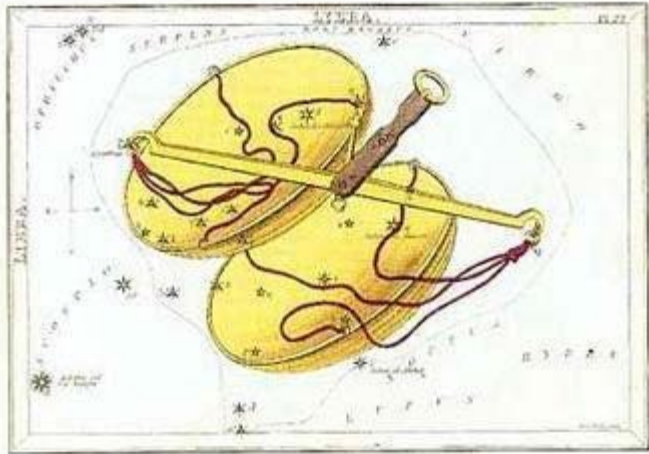
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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & LIBRA...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #11

LIBRA AND JESUS: SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

We ended the earlier article on the correlations between the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and the path of the Sun through the constellation of Virgo. We saw a lot that only reinforced the idea that the depiction of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is nothing more than the personification of the Sun in its path in the Zodiac.



After the harvest the Sun moves from Virgo into Libra, the Scales. (September). We have exited the harvest time of the year and the joy of the people is full as their Sun has saved them by pouring out its life for them so that they could be given the bread that comes down from heaven. Let us focus upon Libra as the Sun has moved out of the House of Bread in Virgo and moved into Libra.

There exists no specific myth or tale about Libra. Yet, in ancient times, its significance was widely recognized. The association of balance with Libra dates to the origins of Astrology. In all developing civilizations, a society's survival and proliferation depended upon the ability to manipulate Nature. In many ways this was accomplished by following the examples of Nature. Throughout the natural world there

was one ever present principle perceived, and this was balance. Societies survived, and they still do, by maintaining a level of equilibrium. To prosper, a society must develop and maintain an equilibrium in many sectors, such as economics, law and coexistence with its neighbors. This was achieved always through the establishment of a responsible structure of government. What Libra represents is the same sense of government on an individual level. This was expressed through emotional, mental and physical balance. An accomplishment which can only be achieved through strength of will.

As early as 2001 BCE, the constellation of Libra was associated with the judgment of the living and the dead in Babylonia. Here, Zabanitu, who represented the Scales, weighed souls of the deceased to determine their moral worth. In Egypt, this same role was overseen by the god Anubis, utilizing a feather as a counterbalance to the heaviness of a human heart. **Throughout the Mediterranean region, the harvest season was associated with this time of year. The weighing of crops was often performed when the Moon was full in Libra.**

The symbol of Libra are the "Scales of Justice." **The balance symbolizes the fall equinox when days and nights are equal.** It is a time for settling debts by weighing the good against the bad. The harvest has been gathered, it is now time to sell the harvest. Scales are used in buying and selling the harvest.

We pick up our story with Matt. 16:1-12 where Jesus leaves Virgo (the house of Bread) and in so doing utters the warning against the encroaching darkness in the form of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees and their leaven.

Matt 16:1 1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. (KJV)

We continue with the struggle between light and darkness, man's greatest enemy. The form in which this dualism is presented is in the conflicts between Jesus as the "personified Sun" and the darkness in the forms of Pharisees and Sadducees. I showed you in the pervious article that this is often nothing more than fiction that has great harm to the Jewish Faith in misrepresenting it harshly when it was done only to reflect Astronomical symbolism.

Matt 16:11 11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? (KJV)

The above passage is nothing more than a veiled reference to the evil of darkness that is rapidly overtaking the Sun and its saving light given to the world.

Moving on we come to Peter's "Confession about Jesus" (Matt. 16:13-28) as well as Jesus' foretelling his coming death. Along with this is Jesus' promise of his coming salvation that will come but only after his death. Jesus talks about settling debts:

Matt 16:21 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (KJV)

You should be recognizing by now the reference to being dead for 3 days is a reference to the 3 days which the Sun stand still at the [Winter solstice](#) before it arises from the dead in new life. The above passage only reinforces the cosmic dualism between light and dark. Dualism is at the root of many religious systems. It attempts to make sense out of reality by dividing all existence into two opposing spheres, the sphere of light, and the sphere of darkness. The light is the repository of all that good, right, pure, and true. The dark sphere represents chaos, evil, death. All life, all existence is seen as a battle between these opposing halves. This was understood by the Ancients by viewing the Sun and its path through the Heavens and its death every night. This solar even was depicted over time in evolving myths and legends of heroes from nation to nation and the "Jesus Story" appears to be the last in along series of them.

Yet in the passage we see something interesting that refers again to Libra.

Matt 16:26-28 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. 28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. (KJV)

Here we find Jesus speaking about settling debts which relates to balancing accounts; man's and God's. Let us not forget that we back then man did not have calculators or computers but used scales to balance what one owed another and this is perfect Libra symbolism.

Let us move on for the Sun sure does. We come to both the mention of the Jesus' transfiguration but more important for us now is the reference to Jesus coming down from the mountain which symbolic of the Sun's descent in the Sky having moved past the Summer solstice. Jesus, as the personified Sun, will come down from the top of the mountain as does Jesus, the Sun, come down from the top of the Sky at the Summer solstice.

Matt 17:1-2 1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. (KJV)

Jesus then leads three of his disciples to a very high mountain (symbolically halfway between Heaven and Earth), where he undergoes the Transfiguration from Jesus to the Christ figure, the true Son of God. He then comes down from the mountain and begins his priestly ministry (Mat. 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36).

In the "Jesus Story" we find Jesus transfigured on a mountain in front of his disciples, Peter, James and John. **Note the parallel to the story that Jesus goes to a high mountain top and shines brightly, just as the Sun is high in the sky and shines warmly and brightly during the Summer months.**

Answer for yourself: Did you notice the Sun burst above the head of Jesus in the depiction of his solar transfiguration when on top of the mountain (at the Summer solstice)?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that several other savior-gods were likewise transfigured on mountaintops? We can begin at the beginning with Osiris as usual. G. Massey explains in his The Historical Jesus or the Mythical Christ, on page 78, the mythical meaning of the transfiguration. Massey relates that the scene on the Mount of Transfiguration is obviously derived from the ascent of Osiris into the mount of the moon. The sixth day was celebrated as that of the change and transformation of the solar god into the lunar orb, when he re-entered on that day as the regenerator of its light. With this we may compare the statement made by Matthew, that *"after six days Jesus" went "up into a high mountain apart; and he was transfigured," "and his face did shine as the Sun, and his garments became white as the light."*



Matt 17:9 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. (KJV)

If you have followed as we have traced the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and parallel it with the events in the life of Jesus as depicted in the "Jesus Story" then you are aware that following the Summer solstice the Sun begins to slide downward in the Sky from its zenith. **We are past the Summer solstice and this is attested when we see that the "personified Sun" in the form of Jesus "came down from the mountain".**

Answer for yourself: Does not the "Jesus Story" resembles the path of the Sun through the Zodiac? Can this be pure chance or some freakish coincidence?

John 8:12 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: If we step back for a second and look at these previous articles plus the additional ones on this website then can there be any doubt left that the depiction of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" and Christianity is nothing more than a parody on the worship of the Sun, in which they put a man whom they call Christ, in the place of the Sun, and pay him the same adoration which was originally paid to the Sun?

But we must move on as does the Sun in its path through the Zodiac in order to keep up with the "Jesus Story". Now we look at Libra more and the symbol used for it; the scales.

Matt 17:24-27 24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? 25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? 26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. 27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee. (KJV)

In the above passage Jesus and Peter discuss the Temple tax. It goes without saying that receiving or paying taxes often required barter where one paid debts or converted debts through selling goods or one's harvest and these had to be **weighed on scales (symbol of Libra)** to determine their exact worth. **Again we have consecutive Libra associations.**

Answer for yourself: Is this a coincidence?

The text continues with Jesus speaking of an important price; namely the price to get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matt 18:23-26 23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. (KJV)

The above passage was too long to include but throughout the passage, from Matthew 18:21-34, we find the continual mention of debt, payment, money, selling of good, etc. Again this speaks of balancing one's debt till one is right and equal before his fellow man owing nothing to no man. The balance will be paid and the scales of Libra will be even. Again we have abundant Libra terminology all the way through Matt. 18:21-34.

Now we come to the Rich Young Ruler of Matthew 19:16-30 where we find money issues. We find Jesus telling the man:

Matt 19:21-22 21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. (KJV)

Here we find the same message but this time this is not about a man being right with his brother but rather being right with God. This is about money and again we find the picture of Libra and the scales prominent as associated with this teaching.

Matt 20:1-8 1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. 2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? 7 They say unto him, Because

no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. 8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. (KJV)

The above is another parable about money and wages and compensation. Again a balance would come in handy and we find again Libra symbolism.

Matt. 21:12-14 12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, 13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. (KJV)

In keeping with your typology we again find the reference to "house" reflective of Zodiac terminology as well as to darkness (Jesus heals the blind).

Answer for yourself: Is this reference to the "blind" and "darkness" again coincidence or could this be reflective of the demise of the Sun on its way to its death at the Winter solstice?

Let us forget we are at the Autumn Equinox where the Sun is losing its power and increasingly the days contain less light as the Sun moves southerly in the Sky to its sure death at the Winter Solstice. In astronomy, the autumnal equinox (fall equinox, September equinox, or southward equinox) signals the beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere: the moment when the sun appears to cross the celestial equator, heading southward; the equinox occurs around September 22–September 24, varying slightly each year according to the 4-year cycle of leap years in the Gregorian Calendar.

Answer for yourself: What have we seen? We are 3/4 of the way through the life of the New Testament Jesus when personified as the Sun. If you will notice you will find that the first half of the life of the New Testament Jesus is full of excitement and full of the people loving him as Jesus continues, as the Personified Sun, to climb the hill of expectation and hope of salvation toward the Summer Solstice. But following the Summer Solstice our Jesus and his popularity begins to wane as opposing forces begin to rise increasingly against him. This is the oncoming of "personified darkness" in the form of the people, the Sadducees, and Pharisees. Soon our Jesus will meet his death only to be raised to new life like the Sun. This last half of the ministry of Jesus is par for the course and we are not disappointed in our expectation of increasing opposition toward our Jesus. During the first period of his career (birth in the House of Capricorn to the zenith of his ministry when his face "shown like the Sun" at the Summer Solstice, it does not appear that Jesus met with any serious opposition. But immediately following the Summer Solstice of our "personified Jesus" then we begin to find with increasing frequency instances where he was insulted, criticized, accused of blasphemy, and called a liar. This opposition continued to increase in parallel to the descent of the Sun in the Sky as seen during his trials before the Sanhedrin and Pilate. The opposition to Jesus was intense and constant. Groups of the religious circle followed him around looking for opportunities to find fault with him. They sought ways to trap him into saying something that would be a contradiction of the Law so they could accuse him. The opposition came even from his earthly family at times.

But this is supposed to be a man who only healed the sick, lame and blind and did wonderful works among the people. This is supposed to be a man who preached love, even love to one's enemies. During the dawning of Jesus' ministry, He went to the province of Galilee, where Jews and many Gentiles (non-Jews) lived. Jesus preached and performed many miracles there. He became a beacon for many as He shed light on the word of God.

Answer for yourself: What would arouse such consternation that the people, the religious authorities like the Pharisees who prayed daily for the Messiah of Israel to appear, want to turn on such a "do gooder"? **Nothing! Nothing, that is unless this is only the "personification of the Sun" falling in the Sky following the**

Summer Solstice on its way past the Autumn Equinox on its sure appointment with death at the Winter Solstice.

It never ceased to amaze me why a supposed man who only loved people and whom the people loved and put their faith into would all of a sudden "turn" on him almost immediately; unless of course this is nothing more than an Astronomical Allegory between the [eternal struggle between "light" and "darkness"](#) and the Laws of the Cosmos, mind you, never change. Our Jesus has to die and the opposing opposition of Satan, Set, the Darkness is relentless in its overtaking of the light of the Sun. We have really the oldest story in the world before us only "renamed"; the [battle between Set and Horus \(darkness and light\)](#).

Well without a doubt we have seen Jesus, as the personified Sun, move through the pages of our New Testament keeping up perfectly with the passage of the Sun through the Zodiac and the Heavens.

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TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & SCORPIO...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #12

SCORPIO AND JESUS: OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

We have been following the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and by now you should be amazed at what you have seen in regards to the "Jesus Story" as found depicted in the New Testament and the unbelievable unique parallels to the path of the Sun in the Heavens when personified. We have seen that the "Jesus Story" and all other similar stories of the Sun personified in previous non-Jewish nations since time began find their genesis in the Ancients' acknowledgment and understanding of the Precession of the equinoxes.

H.P. Blavatsky stated that the story of Jesus was invented after the 1st century. Jesus, she says, is a deified personification of the glorified type of the great Hierophants of the Temples, and his story, as told in the New Testament, is an allegory, assuredly containing profound esoteric truths, but still an allegory. . . . Every act of the Jesus of the New Testament, every word attributed to him, every event related of him during the three years of the mission he is said to have accomplished, rests on the program of the Cycle of Initiation, a cycle founded on the Precession of the Equinoxes and the Signs of the Zodiac (H.P. Blavatsky, Collected Writings, Wheaton, IL: Theosophical Publishing House, 1950-91, 9:225), H.J. Spierenburg (comp.), The New Testament Commentaries of H.P. Blavatsky, San Diego, CA: Point Loma Publications, 1987.

Answer for yourself: Why did this come about?

The Ancients saw the universe and their immediate environment, as well as the capacities embodied within their own intellect, trustworthy representations of the Creator God. The Universe (terrestrial and celestial) appeared to our ancestors as the only authentic image of the Father. The Cosmos was undoubtedly His Handiwork and we, the human creation, were likewise the Handiwork of the Almighty. The ancients personified the elements of the Cosmos and recorded the movements of the stars and planets as personified deities. From observations of the Sun and the constellations and their movement over thousands of years the Ancients captured Divine Truths witnessed in the Cosmos. Research has indisputable proved that the religions of the world are markedly similar in their teachings and ethical precepts and symbols by which they express their leading beliefs. This similarity, amounting in many cases to identity, proves accordingly that they all have a common origin...the Sun and the Heavens above. To the Ancients God was a composite photograph of innumerable Gods who are the personifications of the forces of nature. The fact that so many saviors were alleged to have been born on the same day of the year, under the same and similar circumstances in different parts of the world throughout history, indicates a common mythology. All these saviors, as personifications of these forces of nature like the Sun, including Jesus, can be referred to as solar gods because their births, lives and deaths can be correlated to the transit cycles of the Sun. Once this is understood then one can look at Sun-worship and the pure

forms of nature-worship as they existed in their day and see them as noble religions, highly allegorical, but full of profound truth and knowledge as we have shown on our website concerning the Egyptian-Christian religion.

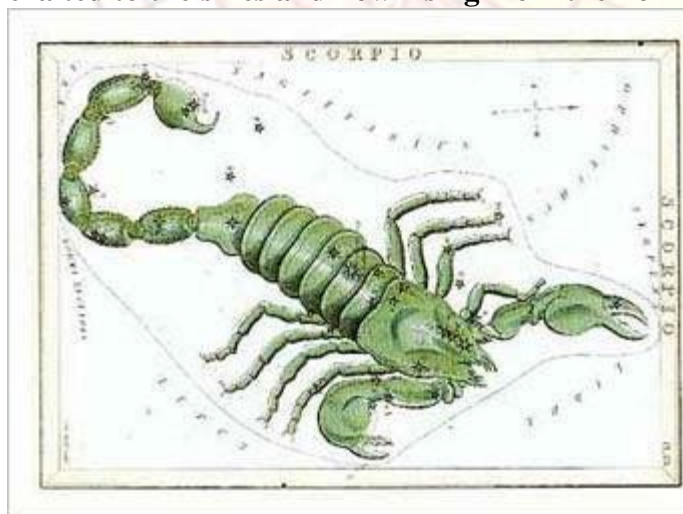
Having now understood this then it is easy to further see that Christianity is the restatement of a very old religious doctrine which has lost its original understanding and which is erroneously taught today as if Jesus, the personification of the Sun, was a historical and "literal man" when as you are seeing it is little more than the personification of the path of the Sun through the Heavens. This religion is not new and the early Church Fathers knew and admitted it.

Tertullian goes on to say, ***"You say we worship the Sun; so do you."*** (Catholic Encyclopedia, xiv, 525; Ad. Nationes, xiii; Ante-Nicene Father, iii, 123) Tertullian went on to renounce Christianity and admitted that he was in error.

But we are finding that Tertullian was right the more we look at these articles on the "personified Sun" passed off as a historical Jesus. Now lets continue to track the Sun in its path in the sky as the "Jesus Story" continues.

We now move with the Sun having exited Libra we move with the Sun as it enters Scorpio.

Scorpius, the Scorpion, was the reputed slayer of the Giant (Orion) as he was about to slay Taurus, the Bull, exalted to the skies and now rising from the horizon as Orion, still in fear of the Scorpion, sinks below it.



Scorpio is a beautiful constellation and the heart of Scorpius is marked by the reddish star Antares. From this star three lines can be seen fanning out to three stars to the west which represent the claws of the animal. **When the Sun passes through the stars of Scorpius, winter commences bringing the long dark days of the cold and damp season.** In previous months of the year the Sun has passed through Virgo, the Virgin, bringing the season of harvest, and Libra, the Scales, bringing the season for weighing and trading the gathered crops. In Winter, the grain lies stacked in barns and cellars and it is in this season that vermin, amongst which may be counted the Scorpion, infest these stores. If one looks on a star chart, the tail of the Scorpion will be seen to lie in a dark portion of the Milky Way. This

signifies that the Scorpion lives in dark crevices. It was sometimes thought that the dark portion of the Milky Way was perhaps a crevice leading to the Underworld whence the Scorpion emerged. It was also believed that the spirit of man descended into material existence through the Milky Way - the seed ground of the souls.

The scorpion is the symbol of both wisdom and self-destruction (darkness and winter). It was called by the Egyptians the creature accursed; **the time of year when the Sun entered the sign of Scorpio marked the beginning of the rulership of Typhon (personified Darkness), an Egyptian destroying Demon or devil which was their form of "personified darkness".** Typhon waited to devour all who failed to pass the Judgment of the Dead, which rite took place in the Hall of Justice between the earth and the Elysian Fields. Calmet, in his Dictionary of the Bible, declares the scorpion to be a fit emblem of the wicked and the symbol of persecution. The dry winds of Egypt are said to be produced by Typhon, who imparts to the sand the blistering heat of the infernal world and the sting of the scorpion. The red star Antares in the heart of the celestial scorpion was considered the worst light in the heavens, KaIb al Akrab, or the heart of the scorpion, was called by the ancients the lieutenant or deputy of Mars. Antares was believed to impair the eyesight, often causing blindness (darkness) if it rose over the horizon at birth. This may refer again to the sand storm, which was capable of blinding unwary travelers.

That was a little background on Scorpio. Now we move on to the "Jesus Story".

We have seen up to now that the Sun, after crossing the Summer solstice, begins a slow decline in the heavens on its way to its own death at the Winter solstice. The Sun is getting weaker and the air is getting progressively colder. The Ancients remarked that the bitter bite of the cold of winter was like the sting of a scorpion. This is perfect symbolism for Scorpio. Scorpions are seen as crawling creatures who frequent cracks, holes and other secluded spots, so they are associated with acts of secrecy and evil and live in the security of darkness. When the Sun was passing through Scorpio then we should understand that it was a time of intense conflict between light and dark and heat and coldness.

Answer for yourself: Does the text in the Gospel of Matthew continue to follow the path of the Sun personified in the life of Jesus? Do we find Jesus moving toward his inevitable death? Yes we do.

Matt 20:17-19 17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again. (KJV)

In like manner we find that Jesus heads towards his death at Jerusalem starting with Matt. 20:17 and enters the city at Matthew 21:10. He knew he would meet his demise as we see from the above passage from Matt. 20:18-19. We have already seen that the reference to the "resurrection in 3 days" refers to birth of the Sun at the Winter solstice.

Answer for yourself: As we have seen the Sun is being challenged daily by darkness and should we expect possibly to find such a challenge in the Scriptures again? We should and we do. As indicated at this time of year following the Summer solstice where the Sun reached the peak of its glory and light the Sun begins to loses its strength daily as Darkness gains in strength daily as the earth continues to tilt more in its revolutions. We find this same phenomena expressed in the account of Jesus healing not just one but "two" blind men. "Two" being greater than "one" is but another symbolism of the increasing Darkness personified in the motif of "double Darkness". We should therefore take notice of the fact that this onslaught of Darkness overpowering the failing Sun is dramatized in the text by the account of Jesus encountering such overwhelming Darkness in the form of "two" blind men.

We next encounter some more Solar mythology in the account given by the writer of the Gospel of Matthew in describing Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on not one but two asses. As shown before in another article this is Solar mythology and not a true historical account. This should make us wonder if this Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem at all or if he even existed as a historical person because of the absurdity of this one account. Normal people rode one ass at a time but we are made to believe that Jesus, again as the personified Sun, rides not one but two "asses". When you begin the study of astrotheology for yourself you find that this absurd account refers to two prominent stars which the Sun rides (crosses) following the Summer solstice. The stars are Asellus Borealis (Northern Ass) and Asellus Australis (Southern Ass).

The harvest has been gathered, it is now time to sell the harvest. This is reminiscent of the last House of the Zodiac in which the Sun passed since scales are used in buying and selling the harvest. At the end of harvest time, when there is nothing left to sell, the money changers pack up and leave. Thus the Bible says, *“Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers.”* Jesus, the Sun, representing the passage of time, has move out of Libra, the Scales of Justine, and the money changes as would be expected pack up and leave, because the season has passed and they are finished selling the harvest.

We next move past Jesus cleansing the Temple in Matthew 21:12-17. Jesus drives the moneychangers out of the temple in the fall of the year. We know this because the next piece to follow in the Gospel of Matthew is when Jesus cursed the fig tree when figs have no fruit. Jesus' curses a fig tree for not bearing fruit.

As we enter the season of Autumn the leaves fall from the trees and the trees appear to wither. It is at this point in the story that Jesus is said to curse the fig tree and make it wither, a story which makes no sense if Jesus were a real person, but it makes perfect sense when understood as an allegory. It is simply Autumn, and Jesus, the personified Sun, who makes the seasons pass, causes the leaves to fall from the trees (Mark 11:20-25; Matthew 21:18-22)

Matt 21:17-20 17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there. 18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. 19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! (KJV)

We are past the Autumn equinox. Accordingly the Sun is daily and progressively losing its strength as it moves toward its certain death at the Winter solstice. The leaves drop from the trees and the days become progressively colder. The struggle between Darkness and Light only intensifies and we see this in the next account of the challenge of Jesus' authority by the chief priests and elders of the people.

Death become the theme of Jesus' teachings as we see in the "Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen" in Matthew 21:33-46. Along with this notice also that Jesus' parables are getting more violent.

For example:

Matt 21:38-39 38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. 39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. (KJV)

We find that theme after theme from the mouth of Jesus deals with his soon coming violent death. We find this in the "Parable of the Wedding Feast", Matt. 22:1-14.

Matt 22:1-6 1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. (KJV)

Jesus denounces the scribes and the Pharisees, Matt. 23:1-39 (personified Darkness). He is angry.

Matt 23:38 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. (KJV)

Matt 24:3 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (KJV)

In the Sermon on Mt. Olive, Matt. 24 Jesus talks about the coming of the end of the "age" (mistranslated as world in most versions). Jesus talks about tribulation. The end of the age occurs....

Matt 24:21 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (KJV)

Matt 24:29 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the Sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: (KJV)

By now you should understand the tribulation between Darkness and Light that occurs each year with the slow descending death of the Sun at the Winter solstice.

Matt 24:7-9 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (KJV)

Matt 28:20 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

Next we have Judas plots to betray Jesus, Matt. 26:14-16.

Matt 26:14-16 14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. (KJV)

Let us recall that when the Sun crosses the Autumn equinox, it is allegorized as being arrested or betrayed by the dark forces. We find this expressly taught in the example of Judas' betrayal of Jesus as the personified Sun.

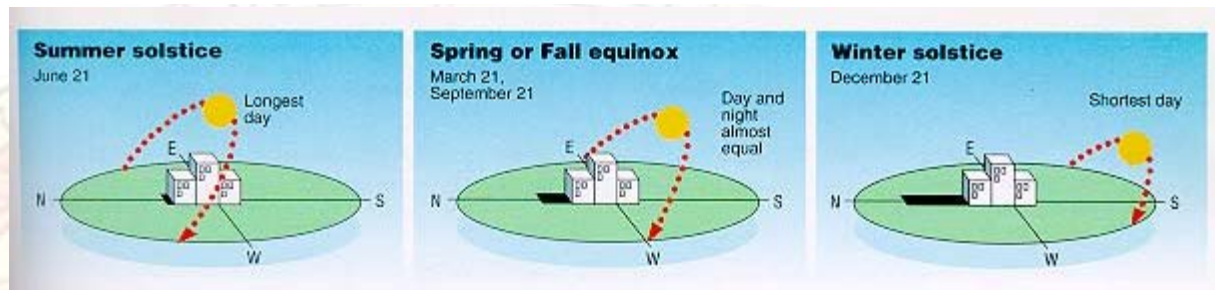
The symbolism of Scorpio end with the Passover supper, Matt. 26:26-29.

Matt 26:26-29 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. (KJV)

In the Jesus story we then have the Last Supper, where Jesus and his twelve disciples, a reference to the twelve zodiac months of the year, recline and eat the long awaited harvest. (Mark 14:12-26; Matthew 26:17-30; Luke 22:7-38). This is the natural time of year to have a huge feast. In America we celebrate Thanksgiving and have a huge feast of food. We eat the flesh of the fruit-figuratively the flesh of Jesus, who personifies the Sun which make the fruit grow; and we drink wine-the blood of the grapes, figuratively the blood of Jesus, who personifies the Sun which made the grapes grow. Without this food we would perish.



The "Jesus Story" goes tragically downhill from there, just like in the season of Autumn the year tragically winds down and comes to an end as the days become shorter and colder. **In October the Sun enters Scorpio, the Scorpion, which figuratively stings the Sun to make it slowly die.** The days begin to get shorter and colder as the Sun rises and sets lower and lower each day. In the Jesus story Jesus is betrayed by Judas, one



of the twelve zodiac months of the year.

Judas represents

Scorpio, the month of October. Judas betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, representing the 30 days of the month as well as 30 degrees to each sign of the Zodiac. The month being one cycle of the phases of the moon. The moon was often thought by the Ancients to be little more than a piece of silver in the sky. The Sun (personified Jesus) was betrayed by one of his Disciples (zodiac signs). According to the dictionary, the word "betrayed" means "to deceive, to lead astray, to deliver into the hands of ones enemy." This clearly refers to the Sign (at the autumnal equinox) that leads the Sun (Jesus) into the hands of the enemy (below the celestial equator), where Darkness rules (where night is longer than day time). The Ancients wrote that the payment of Judas for his crime was thirty pieces of silver. They used the term "Silver" as a metaphor for Degrees. One sign of the Zodiac covers thirty degrees (thirty pieces) of arc. Thus we see that 12 Signs of the Zodiac equals 360 Degrees which is EXACTLY the total arc made by the twelve Signs of the Zodiac and encircles the globe exactly.

Answer for yourself: What have we seen so far?

We have seen that there are 12 "houses" in the Zodiac in which the Sun travels in a year. We have seen their dates throughout the year and have contrasted them with the life-stages of Jesus which parallel perfectly the life cycle or life stages of the Sun daily.

Answer for yourself: Is this coincidence? What are the chance of this? The Laws of Statistics tell us that this is impossible. The Sun goes through various stages.

- birth
- mature-fully grown
- passion and death
- rebirth

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the first in a long line of proto-Jesus in antiquity was Horus, the Son of the Sun god? Let us look at the life stages of Horus as taken from the Ancients witness of the life cycle of the Sun in its daily and yearly path through the Heavens.

- Ra-Harakhte (Horus of the two horizons) This **horus was identified with Ra and the daily voyage of the Sun from horizon to horizon.** The two deities combined to become Ra-Harakhte. He was represented as a falcon or a falcon-headed man wearing the solar disk and double crown or the uraeus and the atef crown.
- Harpokrates (The infant Horus) As a child he represented the **new born Sun** and was often pictured being suckled by Isis. he was usually represented as a seated child, sucking his thumb, his head was shaved except for the sidelock of youth. Even as a child, he wore the royal crown and uraeus.
- Harmakhet (Horus in the Horizon) In this form he represented the **rising Sun** and was associated with Khepri. He was also considered to be the keeper of wisdom. He was sometimes pictured as a man with a falcon's head, or a falcon headed lion. But his most recognizable form is that of a sphinx, or as a ram-headed sphinx.
- Horus Behudety In the form of Horus of Edfu, he represented the **midday Sun**. This Horus was worshipped in the western Delta and later, as his cult spread south into Upper Egypt, a cult center was established in Edfu. Horus of Edfu fights a great battle against Seth and an army of conspirators. He is pictured as a winged sun-disk or as a hawk headed lion.

- Harmachis (Heru-Em-Akhet, Harmakis): "Horus in the horizon". Horus as symbol of resurrection, linked with the **setting Sun**.

Answer for yourself: Is Jesus, personified as the Sun, little more than the representation of the path and life cycle of the Sun as was Horus? Was Jesus another Horus on the horizon? We have seen in following the life and ministry of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" that he, like Horus, both travel from birth, maturity, passion, death, and rebirth? Is this coincidence? Is it? [Have you ever looked at the similarities between the Jesus in the New Testament and Horus?](#)

We have chronicled the dates corresponding to these above life-stages in the life of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament. The Ancients were correct in seeing the Sun and its light as indispensable to life, but at the same time they constantly worried that as daylight hours got shorter, the Sun was endangered of dying a permanent death. **When sunlight hours began to increase again, they were relieved and interpreted this as their salvation; literally the salvation of and from God their Creator.**

Thus darkness was personified as evil, because to them, it was the Sun's enemy. This tension between good and evil ebbed and escalated every year and over time legends and myths were created in every Aryan nation under the Sun that depicted this eternal struggle between light and darkness, between good and evil, between the Sun and darkness. When the Sun reached his extreme Southern limit in the sky, then his career was ended and it was assumed by primitive man that the Sun had been overcome by his enemies. The Sun was dead. If you remember in our study on the [Winter Solstice](#) that the Sun, for 3 days a year, remains motionless in the sky. It does not move lower on the horizon in its track across the sky nor does it begin its upward journey either. The Sun remains "dead" for 3 days. **Again if you remember this was the origin of the "descent into hell" stories as the Sun was submitted to the "Dark-Evil" or the "D-Evil" (Devil).** The powers of darkness, and of winter, which had sought in vain to wound him, have at length won the victory: The bright Sun of summer is finally slain, crucified in the heavens, and pierced by the arrow, spear or thorn of winter. **This will occur in the next sign of the Zodiac following Scorpio...Sagittarius/Capricorn and the cycle begins again (birth, maturity, passion, death, rebirth, etc.). If need be refresh yourself with our articles on the "Son or Sun of God" as you see for yourself how the Sun was submitted to the "cross" of the equinoxes and later personified into the "Son" who was submitted to the same "cross of the equinoxes."** The original legend was Osiris and Set (the Egyptian adversary or "Satan") and from this paradigm came all others; **the only difference is that the names of the characters in this parody were different depending upon language and nation involved. "All Indo-Germanic nations have worshipped crucified Saviors and overwhelming proof was obtained that the sun-myths of the ancient Aryans were the origin of the religion in all of the countries which were peopled by the Aryans"** ...Charles Morris 1899.

The picture to the right has four quadrants that represent the four seasons of the year. Starting at the bottom of the chart, in their mindset, the Sun was dead for three days from December 22 to 24. It came back to life, or it was resurrected on December 25 when daylight hours start to increase as the Sun reverses its course in the Sky and begins to move backwards and Northward on the horizon as it sets in the West. The Sun, raised from the dead or "reborn" inspired new faith in a forthcoming harvest which meant the salvation of mankind. Evil was in power during the dark winter months following the Summer solstice as the Sun reached the top of the Sky and began its southwardly trek toward its soon coming death at the Winter solstice, but it was also a time, as daylight hours were increasing, when the Sun was winning its way back to glory. At the Spring equinox, when daylight and nighttime hours are equal, the Sun has nullified the dark forces. As the days get progressively longer, the Sun is on its righteous path back to full strength. It is the only season of the year when there is no dissension and there is peace and harmony on earth. At the Summer solstice, when the Sun is at its zenith, it is on its throne at full power. As the Sun starts to descend, the dark forces are starting to edge their way back. As the days get progressively shorter, in Scorpio, the Sun is still somewhat strong, but its strength is being sapped by all this constant tribulation and opposition by the Darkness. At the Fall or after the Autumn equinox, things begin to look bleak. There is not much more that can be accomplished before the Sun is betrayed and killed and

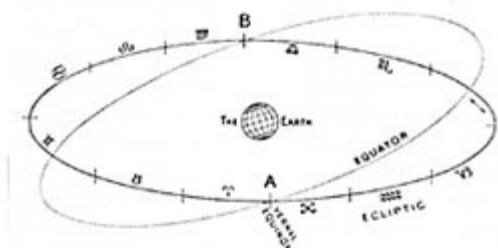
mortally wounded *"in the house of his friends"*.

The zodiac year has twelve sectors because the moon makes approximately twelve cycles in a year. **By most accounts, the ancient Egyptians developed the themes used today.** They had their creation myths which began from a primeval sea. **Thus Capricorn the sea goat represents that transition and that is why I began with Capricorn in this series.** In fact, the entire winter quadrant has to do with water. We see parallels in the first chapter of the Bible.

So in closing the Sun, following crossing the Autumn equinox now in descent across the sky, experiences constant conflict and struggle against the forces of Darkness. **Following the Sun crossing the Fall equinox it was said by the Ancients that the Sun was "betrayed".** Then dissension grows to all out war. **The Fall equinox also symbolizes the gates to hell** (personified as the descent of the goddess or god into the underworld for a period of three days). This is such a popular theme among religions that mythologists refer to it as "the harrowing of Hell". **Satan, the adversary (dark-evil, d-evil, the devil..get it?) rules during the lower half of the Sun cycle in fall and winter following the Summer solstice. Eventually the Sun dies in the pits of hell at the Winter solstice.** At night the Sun was believed to go under the world, so we have the term "underworld". When the Sun, or son of God, starts to ascend again (Jesus' ascension after 3 days in the cave/tomb of Darkness), the dark forces are trying to thwart him. It enters the gates to heaven at the Spring equinox. In the spring, the Sun brings righteousness and glory. It is in power during the light months of spring and summer, and on its throne at the Summer solstice.

Answer for yourself: Did you guess that our study of the path of the Sun is almost finished? What lies ahead? Of course the crucifixion of the Sun.

Answer for yourself: Did you know that the Ancients taught that the Sun was crucified on the cross of the Equinoxes and Solstices? This refers to the Sun as it crosses the Vernal Equinox as the earth's equator crosses the ecliptic which is the path and orbit of the earth around the Sun. We must remember that the earth is tilted and its axis is off some 23 degrees. As the earth tilts back and forth at it spins like a top the plane of the equator moves. Said another way as the earth spins and tilts the earth's relationship to the Sun and the direction of the Sun's rays hitting the earth change. This change of angle of the Sun's rays hitting the earth is responsible for the seasons changing as the earth spins as it moves constantly around the Sun. There are two very important times that the Ancients who gave us these solar concept marked: the Vernal and Autumn equinox. In particular the Vernal equinox. It was as the Spring or Vernal equinox which the Ancients connected the manifestation of new life which came from the pervious Winter solstice when the Sun was "born" or "born again" from the dead. This special time at the Vernal equinox reflected the renewed life of Spring following the Winter solstice as the Sun



awakened from the dead following 3 days in the grave (underworld). **At this special time in the Spring at the Vernal equinox the earth's equator intersected the plane of the orbit of the earth around the Sun, called the ecliptic, it was said by the Ancients that the Sun was on the cross of the Zodiac.** Look at the picture on the left and see this cross made in the Heavens. It was a small step for the Ancients to later personify the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and the Cosmos and in

so doing then the "Son of the Sun was on the cross" or as we know today the "Son of God was on the Cross" (the Sun being understood as the symbol for the Creator God). **Thus the Sun was on the Cross! Later further personified we have "the Son of the Sun on the Cross" and there you have the full "Jesus Story".**

Well we move on to the last House of the Zodiac; that being Sagittarius, the Archer as we trace the final steps of the personified Sun in the form of Jesus in the "Jesus Story" through the last parts of the New Testament.

[Let us continue with the next article in this series.](#)

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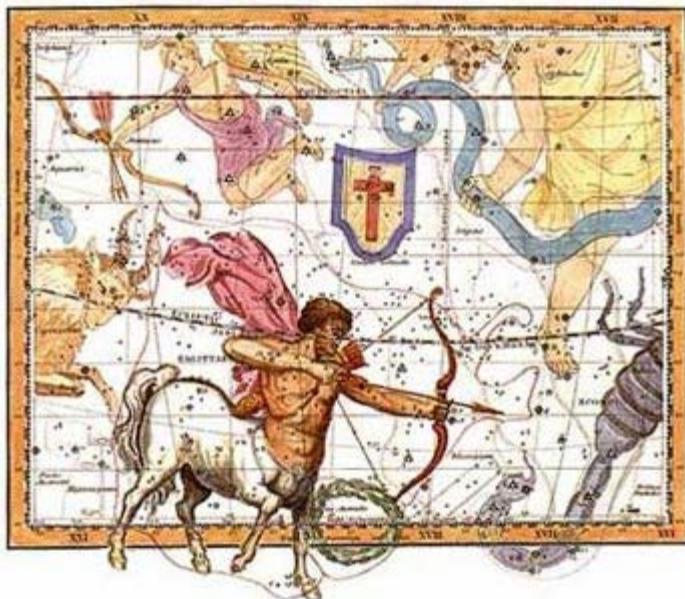
TRACING THE SUN THROUGH THE ZODIAC & SAGITTARIUS...COULD THIS BE THE ORIGIN FOR THE "JESUS STORY" #13

SAGITTARIUS AND JESUS: NOVEMBER 22- DECEMBER 21

We have been following the Sun and its annual path through the Heavens and the Zodiac. We now move with the Sun as it passes from the constellation Scorpio into the constellation Sagittarius. The heavenly Archer; Sagittarius, stands with his bow drawn back, his arrow pointing at Antares, the star which marks the Scorpion's heart. Although the true meaning of Sagittarius is Archer, this constellation is usually depicted as a combination of a horse and a man, the rear part being the horse and the front part the man. The man is always armed with a bow and an arrow. The Sun passes through Sagittarius at the time of the hunt.

Answer for yourself: What do we find in every hunt? A death and the [Sun is going to die at the Winter solstice](#) as it passes through the House of Sagittarius and Capricorn which renews the Solar year once again.

Sagittarius has his arrow pointing to Antares, the heart of Scorpius, the Scorpion. Legend says that Sagittarius avenged Orion by slaying the Scorpion with one arrow shot.



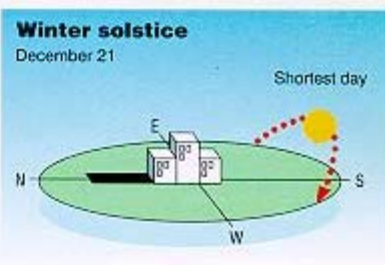
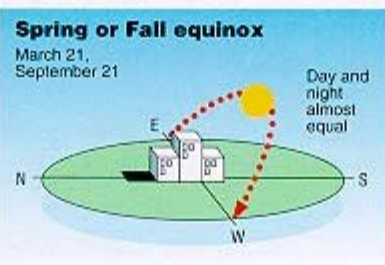
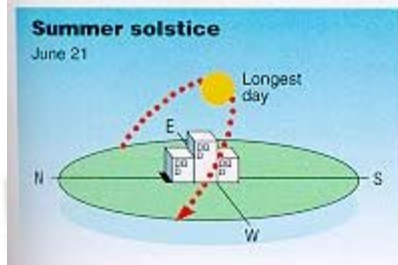
Centaurs belong primarily to Greek mythology but our focus is on Biblical astrology, astronomy, and astrotheology and that being so then let us refresh somewhat on what we have learned up to now.

At the Winter solstice on December 21, the Sun enters the lowest point on the horizon. The next three days are the darkest days of the year. **The Ancients reasoned that the scorpion's stings turn into the archer's arrows.** The weakened Sun, since having passed the Summer solstice has been weakening steadily daily. The weakened Sun is going to die a violent death on the Winter solstice as his eternal adversary, Darkness, will take his life. **This again was the time of the year that the Ancients feared the most.**

Astro-theology at its best. This is the time of the approaching Winter Solstice. People have celebrated the middle of winter for centuries. Winter Solstice is the longest night of winter, after which each of the days grow progressively longer until the Summer Solstice. Many cultures celebrated this sign of winter's waning and traditions of the Solstice have continued into today's other Winter Festivals. The importance of agriculture in early societies made the seasons very important to their celebrations. Spring and Summer were times of new life

and Fall was the time of the Harvest. Winter, cold and dark, was a time of little sunlight. The sun's light weakened towards Winter, and people feared that it might disappear completely.

But more to the point the Ancients noticed in very ancient times that during the solstice period, the Sun which was travelling south into the cold of winter and would descend until it reached a point where it would stop. In



the winter the days are short and the Sun in low in the sky. The Winter Solstice is the day when the Sun is the lowest in the southern sky. During the short winter days

the Sun does not rise exactly in the east, but instead rises just south of east and it sets south of west. Each day after the winter solstice, which occurs on December 21st, the Sun's path becomes a little higher in the southern sky after having remained motionless in the sky for 3 days. The Sun also begins to rise closer to the east and set closer to the west until we reach the day when it rises exactly east and sets exactly west. This day is called the equinox. In fact this is what the word 'solstice' means, 'Sun standing still.' This most southerly position of the Sun is marked on all globes, as the tropic of Capricorn, for it is in that sign that this event takes place. Notice if you will that the Sun seems to sinking lower into the horizon as winter approaches and the days possess less daylight and heat. That means less photosynthesis and less harvests and food supplies diminishing. Ancient man feared the darkness for it was personified death to him. In the absence of light from the Sun then man was vulnerable to bad and evil things happening to him. In fact we get the term "the devil" from this concept as the Ancients connected the ideas of "evil" and "darkness" together. To the Ancients the dark was "evil" and they called it the "dark-evil" or the "d-evil" or the "devil". I hope you see this. Darkness brought the threat of attack from enemies he could not see, the capture of his women and family by invaders, the threat of attack by predator animals or poisonous snakes let alone the absence of light and heat that promised food for tomorrows. With such conditions that threatened primitive mankind it is easy to see how the Ancients saw the Sun as their "Savior"; the Sun was the provider of light, security, safety, heat, and photosynthesis and the giver of abundance of food stuffs. The Sun was the "Savior" of the Ancients. So when we speak of the Winter Solstice it is pregnant with religious meaning to the Ancients and it should be for us as well. All this hopefully is coming together and the picture becoming clear in our minds and we should be able by now to see what the Ancient both saw and understood as the Sun sank deeper into the southern horizon on a daily basis providing less light every day on its march to the Winter solstice and its death. They were fearful as they watched the path of the Sun move further down the sky and horizon to where it would remain motionless for 3 days at the Winter Solstice as if it had died. When this occurred the ancients considered that the Sun had actually died. In fact, the great orb, would remain standing still for three days neither moving north or south. Then, it was noticed, that on the third day, the Sun would begin moving northward again.

Answer for yourself: Can you now see and understand why it was always said that the Sun, the light of the world, would die for three days and then on the third day rise again?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this was known thousands of years before Christianity came on the scene?

We must never forget that the primary, motivating factor that inspired early man to worship God, was his fear and dread of the potential fierceness of his environment. His (primitive man) major impetus for worshipping and sacrificing to the Sun God was to assure that the Sun God would continue protecting mankind from the ravages of the dreaded winter.

So for primitive man, the inception of winter, Dec. 22, was the worst day of every year for him. This day, Dec. 22 was the start of winter and marked the beginning of the worst stage of his yearly struggle for

survival. This day, Dec. 22, is referred to by astronomers as the Winter Solstice. **This word, Solstice, according to Webster's Dictionary means "to stand still, pause, a turning point."** Primitive man even believed the Sun had died as he could **detect no movement of the Sun in the sky for 3 days** and these 3 days were days having the shortest daylight of the year. This day, Dec. 22, the start of winter, was the harbinger of his potential perdition.

On Dec. 22 of each year, the Sun, moving through the constellation Searched its Winter Solstice, the lowest point of the trajectory (angle of rays) of the entire year as depicted in the picture above. After Dec. 22 (the turning point), the Sun again rises northward, which is a sign that summer shall come again! **God's salvation in the Sun was on its way to mankind!**

This time of the year, the time when the Sun traveled through the constellation Sagittarius, was the time of the year which was marked by the name, **Gethsemane** (Matt. 26:36), which means oil press or olive press.

Matt 26:36 36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. (KJV)

Strong's Concordance:

1068 Gethsemane (gheth-say-man-ay'); of Aramaic origin [compare 1660 and 8081]; oil-press; Gethsemane, a garden near Jerusalem: KJV-- Gethsemane.

But look at the word from its Aramaic origin:

1660 eleusis (el'-yoo-sis); from the alternate of 2064; **an advent: KJV-- coming.**

Answer for yourself: Jesus is preparing to die and prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. Don't you find it rather strange that the texts, in reference to Jesus' soon death, where Jesus is "going" has hidden in the word a meaning of "coming" or "advent" instead of going? Could this be a veiled illusion to the cycle of the Sun and its soon return from the dead after the Winter solstice?

At Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-45), Jesus, as the personified Sun moving through the Zodiac, talks about his death:

Matt 26:37-45 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. (KJV)

We follow the text in succession and we see that Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested, Matt. 26:47-56.

Matt 26:47-48 47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. (KJV)

We saw that the Sun, following crossing the Autumn equinox, experiences constant conflict and struggle against the forces of Darkness. It was said by the Ancients, following the Sun crossing the Fall equinox, that the Sun was "betrayed". Then conflict between Darkness and the light of the Sun grows to all out war that ultimately leads to the death of the Sun.

The Autumn equinox also symbolizes the gates to hell. Satan, the adversary (dark-evil, d-evil, the devil..get it?) rules during the lower half of the Sun cycle in fall and winter following the Summer solstice. Eventually the Sun dies in the pits of hell at the Winter solstice. At night the Sun was believed to go under the world, so we have the term "underworld". When the Sun, or son of God, starts to ascend again (Jesus' ascension), the dark forces are trying to thwart him. It was said by the Ancients that the Sun enters the gates to heaven at the Spring equinox. In the spring, the Sun brings righteousness and glory. It is in power during the light months of spring and summer, and on its throne at the Summer solstice. These stages of the Sun and the stages of its life-cycle were personified all the way back in the days of Egypt and the Pyramid age as we see in the myths and legends of Osiris, Horus, Set, etc. A motif of death and resurrection is central to many of the ancient mystery cults - in particular those relating to the Egyptian Osiris, the Norse Balder, the Syrian Tammuz, the Greek Adonis, and the Western Asian Attis. This motif is also central to the mystery behind the "Jesus Story" as found in the New Testament as well.

THE SOLAR YEAR

We have seen that the "Solar Year" is the time for the earth to make one revolution around the Sun, measured between two vernal equinoxes (from Vernal equinox to the next year at the Vernal equinox). This motif is connected with the annual decay of life in winter and its annual revival in spring. The great anthropologist Sir James G. Frazer, in his monumental work, the Golden Bough, commented: *"Nowhere, apparently, have these rites been more widely and solemnly celebrated than in the lands which border the eastern Mediterranean. Under the names of Osiris, Tammuz, Adonis, and Attis, the peoples of Egypt and Western Asia represented the yearly decay and revival of life, especially of vegetable life, which they personified as a god who annually died and rose again from the dead".*

Egypt gives us the first "Jesus Story" which is the "literalization" of this same annual decay of life in winter and its annual revival in the spring. Of course Egypt did not call this the "Jesus Story"; they called it the "Osiris" myth. The result of an illicit union between the earth-god Seb and the sky goddess Nut, wife of the Sun god Ra, was Osiris who was one of the greatest deities in the ancient Egyptian pantheon. At the moment of his birth, it was held, a voice was heard to declare: *"The lord of all the earth is born"*. Two other children were born to Nut - the god Set and the goddess Isis, who would become her brother Osiris's wife. The myth of Osiris is that once he had become king of Egypt he set about civilizing his countrymen, teaching them how to cultivate the fruits of the earth and giving them laws to govern their life. Osiris had a ministry of teaching God's laws just like Jesus. He travelled around the world dispensing his wisdom - but on his return his brother Set, jealous of his popularity, resolved to kill him. Secretly measuring Osiris's height, Set ordered an ornamental casket to be made of the same length. Anyone who could fit into this casket, he said, could keep it. After Osiris tried it for size, Set, aided by 72 other conspirators, immediately sealed the casket and carried it to the sea. A distraught Isis set off in search of her husband, and learned that the casket containing his body had been carried by the waves to Byblos, where it had lodged in the branches of a bush, which in a short period of time had grown into a large and beautiful tree. The king of this country had ordered that the tree be cut down and that part of the trunk that contained the casket be used as a pillar to support the roof of his palace. Allowed by the king to retrieve and keep the casket, Isis opened it to find Osiris's corpse - wrapped in fine linen. Returning to Egypt with the body she deposited it in a remote place, whereupon it was discovered by Set - who tore it into pieces, dispersing them up and down different parts of the country. In pity for Isis's sorrow, the sun-god Ra helped her to piece together the broken body, wrapping it again in fine linen bandages - his penis, however, could not be found. Fanning the body with her wings, Isis helped to revive Osiris who reigned ever after as Lord of the Underworld, Lord of Eternity, and Ruler of the Dead. Fertility rites based on

this myth of Osiris flourished throughout Egypt, some lasting as long as eighteen days. These rites would recognize the 'triple-nature' of Osiris - as dead, dismembered, and finally made whole again. Through his death and resurrection Osiris personified the crops of corn, which die and come to life again every year. But this cannot be disconnected from the Sun and its effects on producing the harvest in the first place. At the time of sowing, an effigy of Osiris would be buried in the soil, with funeral rites, in the hope that the corn, like Osiris, would be reborn. The 'underworld', meanwhile, personified the soil under the surface of the earth in which the seeds germinated. Sacrificial victims representing Osiris would often be burned and their ashes scattered with winnowing fans over the earth, while at one stage in ancient Egypt's history it is possible that the king himself was sacrificed to ensure the corn crop. Osiris became the god of resurrection - with the Egyptian belief that as he had died and risen from the dead, so could they. Accordingly, corpses would be mummified, wrapped in fine linen in the same manner as Osiris. It was not thought that the actual physical body would be resurrected, however, but that the spiritual body (Sahu) would germinate from it and assume the form of the physical body. Through time the title 'Osiris' came to mean one who had risen from the dead.

Answer for yourself: Then is it correct to say that the Osiris myth, based on the Sun and its life and death cycle, was but a personification of the path of the Sun through the sky? Understanding this connection this does it seem reasonable to connect the Osiris myth with the "Jesus Story" since they both revolve around the Sun and its path in the sky? It would sure seem that way.

Next we find that Judas kisses Jesus when Scorpio kisses the Sun as it passes through. Jesus is put on trial by the Jewish high council (Matt. 26:57-67). Jesus is made to undergo a trial before the Roman governor, Pilate (Matt. 27:11-26). Next we find Jesus is crucified in Matt. 27:32-56.

Answer for yourself: Are we to find any connection between the archer's arrow and the piercing of Jesus' side? Is Jesus' pierced body symbolized by the archer's arrows?

We have to look to the Gospel of John to find the account of Jesus' body being pierced by a spear or arrow since the Gospel writer of the Gospel of Matthew omits this account.

John 19:34 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. (KJV)

I will leave the connection between the archer's arrow and the pierced body of Jesus to the reader to deal with for we must move on. We have seen that the three days following December 21 remain perceptibly the darkest days of the year that Jesus, in the from of the personified Sun, dies and remains unseen for three days. Three days later like in the account of Jonah at the Summer solstice after the Sun had remained motionless for 3 days in the Heavens, the Ancients noticed that the day after the Winter solstice daylight begins to get noticeably longer. The Sun was seen to come back to life. Three days have passed and Jesus is seen again just like the Sun.

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence?

Matt 28:1-7 1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. (KJV)

Interestingly we remember what we learned about Galilee meaning "circle" or "circuit" for what we have here in hidden symbolism is that the Sun has begun his new circle through the Zodiac once again; the Sun has begun a new circuit through the Houses of the Zodiac.

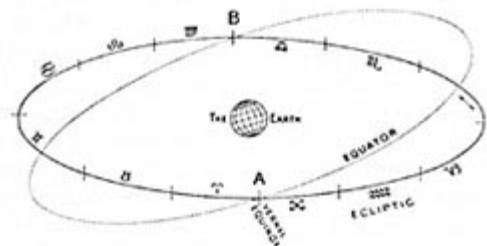
The Strong's Concordance for the word "Galilee": 1056 Galilaia- Galilee = "Circuit" the name of a region of northern Palestine, bounded on the north by Syria, on the west by Sidon, Tyre, Ptolemais and their territories and the promontory of Carmel, on the south by Samaria and on the east by the Jordan. It was divided into Upper Galilee and Lower Galilee.

The word "Galilee" literally means **"circuit"**.

Answer for yourself: What is a "circuit"? A circuit is a closed, usually circular path. The ecliptic, as we saw for our astronomy terminology page, is the circuit the Sun travels along during the year. The ecliptic is a great circle inscribed on the celestial sphere. The ecliptic is also a circle on a planisphere. If Jesus Christ is truly the personification of the Sun then it makes perfect sense allegorically that the Sun continues on his way along the ecliptic, or **"went into Galilee"**.

We have looked previously only superficially at the "cross of the Zodiac". It is time we refresh our memories.

Answer for yourself: Did you know that the Ancients taught that the Sun was crucified on the cross of the Equinoxes and Solstices? This refers to the Sun as it crosses the Vernal Equinox as the earth's equator crosses the ecliptic which is the path of the earth around the Sun. We must remember that the earth is tilted and its axis is off some 23 degrees. As the earth tilts back and forth at it spins like a top the plane of the equator moves. Said another way as the earth spins and tilts the earth's relationship to the Sun and the direction of the Sun's rays hitting the earth change. This change of angle of the Sun's rays hitting the earth is responsible for the seasons changing as the earth spins as it moves constantly around the Sun. There are two very important times that the Ancients who gave us these solar concept marked: the Vernal and Autumn equinox. In particular the Vernal equinox. It was as the Spring or Vernal equinox which the Ancients connected the manifestation of new life which came from the pervious Winter solstice when the Sun was "born" or "born again" from the dead. This special time at the Vernal equinox reflected the renewed life of Spring following the Winter solstice as the



Sun awakened from the dead following 3 days in the grave (underworld). **At this special time in the Spring at the Vernal equinox the earth's equator intersected the plane of the orbit of the earth around the Sun, called the ecliptic, it was said by the Ancients that the Sun was on the cross of the Zodiac.** Look at the picture on the left and see this cross made in the Heavens. It was a small step for the Ancients to later personify the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and the Cosmos and in

so doing then the "Son of the Sun was on the cross" or as we know today the "Son of God was on the Cross" (the Sun being understood as the symbol for the Creator God). Thus the Son was on the Cross!



We need to look at the picture on the left once more. The two heavy lines form the cross of the Zodiac on which the Sun was said to die by the Ancients. The Christian cross represents the length of days at each cardinal point: The short leg represents the winter solstice, the long leg the summer solstice and the two equal legs represent the spring and fall solstices. Thus, the Sun dies on the cross.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that at sunrise and sunset the Sun's rays have to pass through a much greater thickness of atmosphere? Do you know what this means? As a result, nearly all the blue light is scattered out by the particles in the air. This is what causes red sunrises and sunsets. As we have seen repeatedly as the season approaches the Winter solstice, the Sun sinks lower towards its lowest position on December 22. **At lower angles the Sun has more atmosphere to punch through, so red sunrises and sunsets appear with increasing frequency.** So we should expect that close to and including the Winter solstice we should expect to see more intense red sunrises and sunsets

than in other parts of the year and that is exactly what we do see.

Answer for yourself: Is it any wonder the symbolism we find with Jesus and blood which is "red"? Should we expect the color "red" to be connected with the Winter solstice and the death of the Sun as well as the death of Jesus?

I marvel myself driving home from my job in the winter months as even I have noticed the increased tendency and brilliance of the red sunsets at dusk at this time of year. **This is very, very important to our theological study as the Ancients saw these natural events as their Sun god weakening as it was falling and bleeding from the wounds it had received from its battle with Darkness.**

Answer for yourself: Is there any parallel to the wounds that Osiris received from Set (personified Darkness)? You better believe it is! So we now have the color red connected with the Winter solstice? Is this why the color "red" is the dominant color for Christmas?

Matt 26:28 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (KJV)



The Sun has a corona. The extended outer atmosphere of the Sun is called the corona. Jesus' crown of thorns symbolizes the Sun's corona. Pictures of a halo around the head of Jesus, the personified Sun, have the same significance and again speaks to us that Jesus and his depiction not only in the New Testament texts but early Christian art is little more than the personification of the Sun as the "Son" of God.



Matt 27:29 29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! (KJV)

The Sun begins to retreat, the days to grow shorter. The Sun, like Christ, is bearing his cross toward the crucifixion. The Son of God was crucified between the two thieves. The Sun God is crucified between the two heavenly thieves: Scorpio and Sagittarius, October 23d to November 22d — November 22d to December 21st.

Answer for yourself: So why is Scorpio and Sagittarius considered "thieves"? Well if you have followed these articles then you have seen that the Sun gives its life for the harvest and the salvation of mankind. **There is a harvest somewhere every month in the year, except these two months, the heavenly thieves.**

Answer for yourself: So where do we go from here?

The Sun lost its power, retreated back where it is white and cold. But Sagittarius became the repentant thief, gives up, does not wait until January 1st, but gives up December 25th. And after the Sun comes out of hades, where he was for three days, while the days are of one length, he is re-born, the same as Christ. There are three days about the same length, the three days the Son of God was supposed to have descended into hades.

The ancients had noticed, notwithstanding their prayers and sacrifices, every year the Sun deserted them and went back until, to them, he died, was finally resurrected. They could not believe their loved Sun God could willingly desert them, so they looked into the heavens to see why he went back. In the fall, every year, they saw him retreat, apparently followed by a tremendous heavenly host, for there are more stars in the constellations Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius than in any others, and it was these stars that seemed to be chasing and pressing the Sun back. They were led on by a bright and beautiful star the ancients had seen in the east, in early morning, in spring and summer months, just as we do now. By the tip of the earth he has apparently fallen to evening star, leading on the heavenly host. We call it Venus, the Goddess of Love. They called it "Lucifer, the light-bearer." So they cried, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, Star of the Morning?" And so here you have the story of the war in heaven.

Well a quote from an early Church Father might be nice about now:

'You say we worship the Sun; so do you.' Church Father Tertullian ('Ad nationes') (160-220 AD)

Well that is a find "howdy-do"; to find that our early Church Fathers admitted the religion of Christianity, a religion supposedly about a human being who was the Jewish Messiah, is nothing more than the worship of the Sun.

But there are most quotes to look at:

Eusebius says that ***"the names of Jesus and Christ were both known and honored by the ancients"*** (*Hist. Eccl. lib. i. ch. iv*).

Answer for yourself: How could this be? Was "Jesus Christ" the Sun? It sure looks like it.

Augustine is quoted as saying: ***"That in our time is the Christian Religion, which to know and follow is the most sure and certain health, called according to that name, but not according to the thing itself, of which is the name; for the thing itself which is now called the Christian Religion really was known to the ancients, nor was wanting at any time from the beginning of the human race until the time when Christ came in the flesh, from whence the true religion, which had previously existed, began to be called "Christian;" and this in our days is the Christian religion, not as having been wanting in former times, but as having in later times received this name"*** (Opera Augustini, vol. i. p. 12; quoted in Taylor's Diegesis, p. 42).

Faustus, writing to St. Augustine, says: ***"You have substituted your agape for the sacrifices of the Pagans; for their idols you martyrs, whom you serve with the very same honors. You appease the shades of the dead with wine and feasts; you celebrate the solemn festivals of the Gentiles, their calendars, and their solstices; and as to their manners, those you have retained without any alteration. Nothing distinguishes you from the Pagans, except that you hold your assemblies apart from them"*** (Draper, Science and Religion, p. 48. New York: 1876).

Joseph Wheless stated: ***"The reason why all these narratives are so similar, with a god-man who is crucified and resurrected, who does miracles and has 12 disciples, is that these stories were based on the movements of the Sun through the heavens, an astro-theological development that can be found throughout the planet because the Sun and the 12 zodiac signs can be observed around the globe. In other words, Jesus Christ and all the others upon whom this character is predicated are personifications of the Sun, and the Gospel fable is merely a rehash of a mythological formula (the "Mythos," as mentioned above) revolving around the movements of the Sun through the heavens." The logical question arises: Why, if Jesus is a historical character, are there are presently two dates for both Christmas and Easter? This purportedly well-known character, who set the world on fire, has no birthdate whatsoever, and the "historical" references and genealogies found in the gospel accounts differ from each other. The gospels are not history at all but a retelling of the Mythos. The historical Jesus is a phantom. "These, which cannot both be historical, are based on the two birthdays of the double Horus in Egypt." In addition, early Christian "doctors" were constantly contradicting themselves as to when exactly "the Lord" died or "ascended to heaven" after "he" was resurrected. Two of the most powerful early bishops, Irenaeus and Papias recorded that Christ lived to be very old, "flatly denying as 'heresy' the Gospel stories as to his crucifixion at about thirty years***

of age" (Joseph Wheless, Forgery In Christianity).

The assertion that Jesus Christ is a myth [reincarnation of Pagan Sun-Myths] can be proved not only through the works of dissenters and "pagans" who knew the truth - and who were viciously refuted or murdered for their battle against the Christian priests and "Church Fathers" fooling the masses with their fictions - but also through the very statements of the Christians themselves, who continuously disclose that they knew Jesus Christ was a myth founded upon more ancient deities located throughout the known ancient world. In fact, Pope Leo X, privy to the truth because of his high rank, made this curious declaration, "What profit has not that fable of Christ brought us!" (The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, by Barbara Walker, p. 471). Rev. Taylor, in The Diegesis, reports a slightly different version of Leo X's admission: "It was well known how profitable this fable of Christ has been to us." (footnote, p. 35.)

I guess you better set down for that one or maybe you have before now in reading these last 12 articles as we took a serious Astronomical view of the Gospels and the Astrotheology concealed within them behind the "literalistic" fantasy of the historical interpretation mandated by the Christian Church. If we were to enlarge our study, and we have on [our other websites](#), then one come to see that the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is a synthesis of many "isms". Down through history Ancient mankind has struggled to come to know this invisible Creative force and energy we call God or HaShem. The Ancients as far back as Egypt understood that we, mankind, are created in the image of God. After almost 20 years of study I have come to firmly believe that the most accurate understanding of this Cosmic Intelligent Energy and Architect we call God has been captured best by Egypt but understanding this presentation of this God requires much study in order to understand Egyptian religion correctly. Today sadly many approach Egypt and the study of its religion without the proper perspectives necessary to see it as it really was to them and not the way modern Egyptologist depict it today. Study will clear this up for the reader.

Study will also show you that the composite 'Jesus Christ' character – god, man, king, carpenter, conqueror, peace-maker, dispenser of justice, advocate of love – was assembled to try and unify a fragmented and fractious messianic religious movement. There never was just one Christianity. Out of the milieu of religiosity that infected the Roman world, dozens of competing and conflicting Jesus/Sun-god/Mystery cults emerged.

The battle between good and evil in the Bible was nothing but a superstitious fear of darkness. Modern believers perceive God as an invisible being but don't know what to make of Satan because they refuse to believe he is a god. This view is problematic because biblical and pagan literature symbolized light with the good gods and darkness with the bad gods. The point is to show that God is not a supernatural deity and Satan a non-godly supernatural creature. God is merely an allegorical interpretation of the Sun, and Satan is its antithesis. For example, Jesus is sometimes called the Son of God because he is implicitly associated with the Sun of God. He was the equivalent of the Egyptian God Horus and a host of other pagan supreme gods. In early Christian art, for example, Jesus is sometimes depicted with a halo which symbolizes the sun's corona.

IN CLOSING

Of concern for us of course is the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament and its reliability as understood "literally" since it is being taught as a literal truth today about a historical man who lived 2000 years ago. You will come to see in time as you study that the Ancients understood this "Jesus Christ" entirely different from how we have been taught today under the direction of Roman and Protestant Christianity. Here are some big questions for you to ponder in light that most Christians trust in this Jesus Christ for their Eternal Salvation.

- **Answer for yourself:** Who or what is truly behind the name "Jesus Christ"? Can it be proven that the "Jesus Story" is nothing but the personification of the Sun and its passage through the various houses of

the Zodiac as it passes through the 4 seasons and the equinoxes and solstices? If so then what do you do now?

- **Answer for yourself:** Are the infancy narratives and later depictions of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament nothing more than solar stories told as allegories which were later "literalized" and subsequently written into Rome's New Testament and depicted as a literalized historical Jesus Christ when in fact they were understood by the Ancients as astrological myths taken from astronomy?
- **Answer for yourself:** If I study to find that the "Jesus Story" follows chronologically the Gospel of Matthew from chapter one through the end of the book which parallels identically the personification of the Sun in its path through the Zodiac then what should this mean to me regarding my belief in Jesus as the historical Christ and Jewish Messiah?
- **Answer for yourself:** Have we as Christians and followers of the "the Christ" been deceived by Rome and spent a good part of our lives worshipping a man as God as Rome has declared in their New Testament since the Nicean Council (325 A.D.) when in fact we should have been worshipping the one true Creator as the Pharaoh Moses (Akhenaton) instructed? Are we guilty of idolatry as Christians because we have believed a fable no more real than Snow White and the seven dwarfs?

Well the following studies in this as well as our Ministry's other Websites is not for the weak of heart as I will present infallible proofs that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is but a hoax perpetrated upon us by Rome in their hatred of Jewish Gnosticism back in the first century. You will see, in the last website depicting the Mythical Christ, as we move chronologically from one sign of the Zodiac to the other, from month to month, from season to season, from Spring equinox to Summer solstice, from Autumn equinox to Winter solstice, and repeating again this cycle, that if you study with us and finish the studies on this website, that the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is nothing more than the literalization by Rome of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac along with other solar myths later incorporated into their "Jesus Story" as literalized by Rome as well. In so doing you will see as I and many others have that we have not been taught the truth about "the Christ within" and how He is so integral to the proper worship of the Invisible God as Egypt taught. It would seem that Egypt got it right in the beginning but thanks to Hellenism and Romanism we lost these earliest and correct understanding of Divine Concepts witnessed in God's Heaven and Nature. In a way these were our classroom and where we were to be instructed by the Creator about our life and purpose in God's creation. We are truly blessed today to live in an age where archeology and the information age can bring these truths back to life for you and me.

As a "retired Pastor", and moved by what my studies revealed, I feel moved to share this information and evidence from such studies with those interested in the truth behind the origin for "Jesus Story" which is taught to the world today as a historical reality when in fact it is not. In the websites that are delineated above such evidence is presented to the reader in hopes that the missing puzzle pieces concerning the "Jesus Story" will be plainly evident to him and he can, in the light of such knowledge, no longer be deceived by the astrological allegory of "the Christ" as found in the New Testament which is erroneously taught "literally" today. I make very few promises to our readers but I make this one now: If you do these studies, and read these articles on this website then you will be thoroughly convinced as I was that the "Jesus Story" was never meant to be understood "literally" as it has been taught to you and me. **Thus the worship of Jesus as a historical person or connecting this assumed historical person with God or believing him to be God is the most vulgar idolatry according to Moses and the Ten Commandments and a terrible affront to the Creator.**

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ASTROLOGY & ASTRONOMY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT...AND YOU NEVER KNEW IT WAS THERE

Space will not allow us to look in detail to the abundant astrological imagery contained in the Old Testament for our focus in these articles is the astrological imagery contained in the New Testament. One thing I learned for certain in all my years of study of the Bible both during and following Seminary is that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, are **Astrotheological texts**. At first this was very problematic for me because my first thoughts in discovering this information was to discount these Biblical stories as falsehoods. Over time, and by that I mean a year or more of continued study in these areas, I began to see that beneath these "Astrotheological stories" were hidden "Spiritual Truths" that the Creator had communicated with the Ancients which they captured for all eternity through the medium of "myth" and "legend". Simply said many of the Biblical stories that I had been reading might not have been "historically true" but behind it lay Divine Spiritual realities, concepts, and dogmas and religious doctrines that are true and that operate according to God's Laws in the Cosmos. For example the Osiris story might not have been a "historical event" but what it conveyed to mankind was very true indeed. Said another way these "stories and myths" captured God's truth and were mankind's way of preserving what God communicated to them from the Heavens and from corresponding universal Laws that operated in Mother Nature as well. Ancient mankind understood that God was speaking to them by the movement of the orbs of the Heavens above and this blackboard in the Sky was God's teaching tool to express these Spiritual realities. Once understood and recognized then man captured this message of God in various stories, myths, and legends that have defied the ravages of time and remain with us today. Hidden in these stories is God's message to mankind of such Spiritual realities as faith toward God, the necessity for a 2nd birth (being born again), the doctrine of baptism, the eternal dualism of light vs darkness or the battle of mastery between spirit and matter (flesh), the necessity of repentance, the necessity to feed the inner spiritual man the food that comes down from Heaven, the doctrine of being a "living sacrifice", the necessity of good works and fruitfulness in the life of a "born again" child of God, the resurrection of the dead, the eternal judgment, etc. All of these "doctrines of God" are taught from the Ancient's observation of the path of the Sun as it travels through the Zodiac and it is from these celestial observations thousands of years ago that we have on the pages of our Bibles these same religious beliefs expressed through the medium and vehicle of personification and anthropomorphism in the lives of various Biblical characters. By this I mean especially the portrayed life of Jesus Christ. Over time as my studies advanced to the scrutiny of Gnosticism and Egyptian



religion I began to see that behind these stories of the host of other "sungods" that I had at first considered "pagan" because they paralleled perfectly the "Jesus Story" was a deeper metaphysical meaning expressing deep Spiritual realities through the medium of allegory and this was expressed through the "make-believe" lives of various "sungods" in order to portray these Divine realities out before the eyes of the readers. In so doing all mankind had a way to learn by example how he is to live his life before God and what to expect from God in so doing. Thus this brought reassurance to my soul as I began to look at the "Jesus Story" in a completely new light. But mind you that behind my "Jesus Story" is the fact that it originated by the Ancients understanding of God revealing His will and message to mankind through the movement of the orbs or Heaven; especially the path of the Sun through the Zodiac. It is my quest to prove to you, the reader, in this website that at the core of the "Jesus Story" lay astrology and astronomy. So without further delay let us begin our enlightenment to this fact.

Down through Christian history as well as today it is not hard to find strong Christian admonitions against astrology which are based upon hysteria and fear more than fact. Also this hidden fact mentioned above is one of the major reasons why the Roman Church down through history opposed science and astronomy so much as seen in the Church's opposition to Galileo and Copernicus as well as others. Ironically to those to decry one who studies astrology or astronomy we find that right in the opening of the "Jesus Story" the reader is introduced to astrology right at the beginning of the story of Jesus. We are confronted immediately in the "infancy narratives" with the three wise men" or "magi" who used the 3 stars in the belt of Orion to find the babe in the manger (the manger is again representative of the Constellation of Capricorn, the Winter Solstice (Dec. 21-24) when our "Jesus Story" begins). These Magi as you can now see represent astrologers and astronomers.

But let us not be deceived; this is not the only example of Astrotheology in the "Jesus Story" for the New Testament is full of astro-theology passed off and accepted as "literal events". Educated study will show every reader that these "Jesus events" are little more than "allegorical" tales of the Ancients concerning the path of the Sun through the Zodiac.

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from this?

We need to be on the "lookout" for events in the New Testament which are portrayed as if "literal events" which in reality are but "allegorical events and teachings" which were later applied in a "literal manner" to the Jesus character of the New Testament. Knowing this fact helps condition the reader as he approaches the New Testament to be on the lookout for possible "allegories" which are erroneously depicted by the writers of the New Testament as if "historical-literal" when in fact they are not. We have to study enough to know the background behind these supposed "historical-literal events" in order to spot the "real" from the "fake" when reading the "Jesus Story".

SEPARATING TRUTH FROM FICTION PASSED OFF AS TRUTH

Speaking of these "three wise men" ben Yehoshua says, in The Christ Conspiracy, p. 145-146:

It should be noted that the centre of astrological superstition in the Roman Empire was the city of Tarsus in Asia Minor-the place where the legendary missionary Paul came from. The idea that a special star had heralded the birth of Jesus, and that a solar eclipse occurred at his death, is typical of Tarsian astrological superstition.

It is not my intention at present to get into the "Paul Problem" but that will come in time so bear with me please as we have other fish to fry at the moment but notice that men like Paul and others were conditioned in their time to the concepts of "Astrotheology".

Furthermore, at John 14:2 Jesus says,

John 14:2 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (KJV)

Barbara Walker comments on this verse in her Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets:

The original meaning of these mansions was **"houses of the moon," that is, the zodiacal constellation** through which the Moon goddess passed on her monthly round (Barbara Walker, The Woman's Encyclopedia Of Myths And Secrets, Harper, 1983, p. 144).

Answer for yourself: Did you know before now that the Apostle John, when mentioning the "Father's House" and the "many mansions", is teaching you Astrotheology? No, most likely you did not.

Answer for yourself: What are other examples of Astronomical allegories in the New Testament that we have been taught to accept as if "historical-literal"?

Answer for yourself: Should I expect that if I do some serious study into these areas that I would find that much of the "Jesus Story" is but an allegory for the path of the Sun through the Heavens and not intended to be taken as a "historical" reality?

I quickly found out when doing the necessary studies into these areas that when we accept and believe something to be "historical-literal" when in fact the intended meaning of the writer thousands of years ago meant what he wrote to be only interpreted in an "allegorical manner" then we can be certain our understanding of God and "His Christ" are in error today. This is the dark secret that few tell you when reading the Bible!

We can be certain that if we have accepted erroneously a "historical-literal" interpretation and have been led to believe the correct interpretation of the passage is again a "historical-literal" interpretation when in fact the writer of the passage or passages never intended such an interpretation of his writings then we must face the fact that it is us who have been misled when reading these texts. Interpreting events as if "historical-literal" when in fact they are not but rather "personifications" and "allegories" expressing deeper Spiritual and Metaphysical truths guarantee that we will not get the intended message from God in the texts we read. Failing to understand correctly what we are reading in this Bible so guarantees that we end up with a confused understanding of the passage which often leads us astray in our beliefs concerning Yeshua/Jesus and "the Christ". If one undertakes a serious study of Comparative Religion and Gnosticism and reads authors like Alvin Kuhn and Gerald Massey among others then one cannot help seeing for themselves that the modern Christian has fallen headlong into a pit of gross misinterpretation regarding the "Jesus Story! This tragic event of gross misunderstanding of the "Jesus Story" and the necessary interpretation and hermeneutic necessary to gleam from the "Jesus Story" what God desires we learn has occurred because the knowledge of the proper interpretation of this "Jesus Story" has been kept from millions and millions of good Christians down through history and the Middle Ages due to spiritual-political agendas of Rome. The blame for today's "misinterpretation" can fall squarely upon the Christian teachers down through time as well as today who have failed to do adequate study of what they preach and teach whereby they could have begun to see the host of problems surrounding the interpretation of these New Testament texts and the "Jesus Story". The study of Comparative Religion and Gnosticism would have begun to open their eyes that much lies hidden beneath the surface of our "Jesus Story". Thus they, because of their lack of study into these areas, are unwittingly the "blind leading the blind" and we all fall in the ditch of "false beliefs" because they failed to teach these texts properly. But again how could they if they had never seen the evidence which I and so many others are presenting today.

This reference to "house" in John 14:2 is a perfect example in point for it makes perfect sense when made applicable in the story of the Sun. As Paul says at 1 Corinthians 15:41, revealing his Astrotheological thinking: ***"There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory."***

Answer for yourself: Did you know before now and reading this article that Paul is teaching you Astrotheology in this and many, many other of his epistles? No; most likely you did not!

In the gospels, Jesus refers to different "Ages," which are in fact the divisions that constitute the Precession of the Equinoxes. As Moses was created to usher in the Age of Aries (Aries, the Age of the Lamb/Ram that replaced the Age of Taurus due to the Precession of the Equinoxes), **so was Jesus to serve as the Avatar of the Age of Pisces, which is evident from the abundant fish imagery used throughout the gospel tale (Pisces replaces Aries in the procession of the equinoxes). This Zodiacal connection has been so suppressed that people with the fish symbol on the back of their cars have no idea what it stands for a Constellation, although they are fallaciously told it represents "ICHTHYS," an anagram for "Jesus Christ, Son of god, Savior," when in reality the "ichthys" is the Greek word for fish. On a similar note the residual symbols of the previous Age of Aries can be found in the "Lamb" designations of Jesus, including the "Agnus Dei," or "Lamb of god."**

Answer for yourself: And why is this? We find that as one Age end and another begin after each 2,160 years of time there is a period of overlap in this transition. This explains why previous symbolisms carry over into the following Age.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the "Jesus" character of the New Testament was well aware of Astronomy and in particular the "Precession of the Equinox"? We need to see this!

Amazingly Jesus speaks about the Astronomical phenomena called the [Precession of the Equinox](#) or the change of the Ages (a time period of 2,160 years where a particular Constellation rules the Vernal Equinox) when he says to the disciples, who are asking about how to prepare for the "passover":

"Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters . . ." (Lk. 22:10)

Answer for yourself: What should we have noticed in the above verse? First of all women, not men, carried water pitchers for this was the work of women and not men. The "male" symbolism is a "key" that we are speaking of the masculine "water bearer" in the Sky connected to the Constellation of Aquarius. **This famous yet enigmatic passage refers to the "house" or Age of Aquarius, the "Water-Bearer", and Jesus is instructing his disciples that after his death and the end of the Age they, as his followers, are to "pass-over" into it as well.**

The New Testament records for us Jesus' words that he will be with his followers and believers until the "end of the Age".

Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you notice a problem with the above verse? First of all the word used to which I refer in the above text has been translated as the word "world". Why is this a problem? One only has to look up the word "world" in this verse in a Greek Lexicon to see the glaring error in this text.

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- 1) forever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity
- 2) the worlds, the universe
- 3) a period of time, an age

As you can see the word does not mean "world" but it a reference to an "Age" or a "period of time in an Age" which again is **suggestive of the Precession of the Equinox and the 2,160 years that a particular**

Constellation rules the Vernal Equinox.

Furthermore, the "upper room" where Jesus sends his disciples to "make ready" is the same "upper chambers in the heavens" found in Amos (Acharys S., The Christ Conspiracy, p. 146).

Where we make our mistakes today in reading these New Testament texts is that we approach these texts not aware that the ancients, including Ancient Christians (Chrestians...Gnostic believers), were well aware of astrology and astronomy. Their influence is evident not only from an enlightened examination of the canonical biblical texts but also from those that did not make the final cut and were not included in the orthodox cannon. For example, the noncanonical Epistle of Barnabas (c. 100-120 C.E.) speaks of a 2,000-year "**eon**", clearly **referring to one of the Equinoctial Ages**, and the author of First Clement also expresses his knowledge of astrology, as well as his love for it:

The heavens are moved by His direction and obey Him in peace. Day and night accomplish the course assigned to them by Him, without hindrance one to another. The Sun and the moon and the dancing stars according to His appointment circle in harmony within the bounds assigned to them, without any swerving aside. The earth, bearing fruit in fulfillment of His will at her proper seasons, putteth forth the food that supplieth abundantly both men and beasts and all living things which are thereupon, making no dissension, neither altering anything which He hath decreed. (Acharys S., The Christ Conspiracy, p. 147).

Where we make another mistake today is that we are not aware that the archeological evidence has shown beyond any doubt that the earliest "Christians," often called "Chrestians" were Gnostics, both Jewish and Gentile, and these Gnostics were astrologers and astronomers and their texts are permeated with astrological imagery. The Gnostics developed the ages-old notion that the celestial bodies represented guides and levels through which the soul must pass after death, some paying penance in a temporary hell and others going directly to peace or "heaven." As John Allegro says:

Thus for the Gnostic, as for religionists all over the world, **the heavenly bodies were imbued with divinity and honored as angelic bodies** (John Allegro, The Sacred Mushroom And The Cross, Doubleday, 1970, p. 112).

The Gnostics also knew the allegorical and Astrotheological nature of the "life of Christ," as admitted by Christian father Irenaeus, and which was at the root of their denial of the "historical" Christ.

Answer for yourself: Did you catch that? A great early Church Father, one credited with the production of the Second New Testament in 180 A.D. which was a response to the Gnostic First New Testament **knew as well as did the Gnostics that the "life of Jesus Christ" was "ALLEGORICAL and ASTROTHEOLOGICAL"!**

As Lloyd Graham relates in his Deceptions And Myths of the Bible:

Irenaeus said: "The Gnostics truly declared that all the supernatural transactions asserted in the gospels were counterparts of what took place above (in the Sky and Heavens)" (Lloyd Graham, Deceptions and Myths of the Bible, Citadel, 1991, p. 354).

Answer for yourself: Did you hear that? It just so happens that Irenaeus will add large parts to the existing New Testament himself and pen them in the names of the Jewish Apostles and Paul in order to refute the earlier Gnostic understanding of the "Spiritual Christ Within". In so doing Irenaeus gives the world a "fleshly Christ"

when before since the beginning of recorded time mankind has known that God and His Karast/Christ "dwelled within man". And all along we thought that the Apostles and Paul wrote the whole of the New Testament; hardly. It is time to study the truth about the origins of the Gentile Christian Faith as well as the texts we read.

The Astrological imagery was the major difference between Gnosticism and later orthodox Christianity and the primary reason the Gnostics were refuted and their texts destroyed or mutilated by later Roman orthodoxy and this went on for 5 centuries. Marcion, himself a Gnostic, and a strong supporter of Paul, whom himself was a Gnostic, gave us the first New Testament which is "Gnostic" through and through and which never taught a "human Christ" or a "historical Jesus". Marcion, himself a Gnostic, was a Pauline supporter and that being so he describes in his writings that Paul was, in his opinion, the **ONLY follower of Christ who understood him correctly. On the surface that might seem contradictory; that is until you find out just whom was this "Jesus Christ" especially since the name and Divine Concept of the "Joshua-Jesus/Karast/Christ" can be found as far back as 10,000 B.C.E. in Egypt!**

Answer for yourself: Now for a very tough question. If Marcion was a Gnostic and a strong devotee of Paul and who also thought that only Paul understood "the Christ" correctly then could this mean Paul was a Gnostic as well and our unfamiliarity with Gnosticism means we don't spot such Gnostic teachings in the writings and theology of Paul which are later mixed in with other "anti-Gnostic" statements through the interpolations of Roman monks down through the early centuries? It sure does. One only has to look at Romans 7 and see how it contradicts the whole of the Torah and what it teaches in providing mankind a mediator Jesus who is a "Mithra copy". The authentic Paul in his original 7 epistles teaches only pure Gnosticism. But again Paul and the "Paul Problem" we must save for later.

There are many references to astrology in the canonical scriptures that are not as clear as those examined herein. **What is clear is that the Hebrews and Essene Christians were no more "astrology-free" than any of their contemporaries or predecessors, although said predecessors, such as the Chaldeans and Babylonians, were in general far more skilled and Gnostic in the astrological arts.** Indeed, Karl Anderson, master navigator and author of Astrology in the Old Testament, calls the Bible ***"that greatest of all astrological works. . ."*** (Karl Anderson, Astrology of the Old Testament, Health Research, 1970, p. 10).

Jordan Maxwell concurs:

The bible is nothing more than the greatest astrological, astronomical story ever told. It is pure astrology, based on the zodiac. The fact of the matter is, if you've done your homework, you're going to find out that the Bible is nothing more than Astrotheology, the worship of god's heaven ("The Naked Truth: video series, IRES, 1990).

Because of this hidden secret in the Bible and the "Jesus Story" the study of Astrology has been made to appear as "the work of the Devil" by Rome when in fact properly understood it reveals God and His will and message to mankind like no other revelation today. Astrology is no more "evil" than are the Sky and the heavenly bodies, which biblical writers claimed were divine emanations of the Grand Architect. The condemnation of all astrology is not merely a sign of ignorance but, by insisting that its adherents were either lacking in wisdom or led astray by the devil is foolish once you begin to study these disciplines for yourself.

Understand this in closing; there exists a progressive revelation of God and this has come during the various Ages where God reveled Himself and "His Christ" in new and successive ways. In the Age of Aries God and His Christ was symbolized by a lamb/ram, in the Age of Taurus by a bull, and in the age of Pisces as "two fish". Without detailed study this might not seem important but let me assure you that it goes way beyond such simple associations for literally the host of our religious beliefs and doctrines that we hold and cherish today have come from the Ancients observation of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and the Heavens. **Understanding this helps us see that God has always had only "one message" and "one religion" where today the world**

is filled with countless "religions" each professing to be the "only way" to God. History is full of the blood of countless numbers of good people who would not convert to such programs adopted by the ignorance of mankind. It is time we cut through the confusion and the chaos that is associated with religions in the world and see what God has spoken consistently from Heaven since time has begun and continues to say today as He has since the beginning of creation. Truly God's message is in the Sky and Heavens and a proper name for it would be "the Theology in the Sky".

With the dawning of the Age of Aquarius God will again reinterpret for mankind Himself in a new and deeper revelation along with His Christ. We should know more about the Creator God today than ever before and we have the opportunity to do so if we listen to Him instead of countless others down through history who meant well but blurred the picture of God given to the world. Primitive man long before the emergence of organized world religions saw the handiwork of the Creator in the Sky and Heavens and understood His message like few since. Their voices and the message of God as they understood it has laid silent to most down through thousands of years of history until now. With the advancement of the science of archeology and the information age mankind has the opportunity and ability today like never before to recover the true Message of God as understood by the Ancients who coined these "religious beliefs" in the first place. No longer do we have to fall prey to their "reinterpretation" whereby they lose their original intended meanings. We can today, as did the Spiritual Masters of yesterday, both recognize and hear God's message to us today like the Ancients thousands of years ago which were first to see and understand this Great Creator as He spoke from His Heavens to all mankind and related His message to all mankind.

Ps 19:1-2 1 The heavens declare the glory of god; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. (KJV)

Primitive man saw in these heavens that God did three things:

- **He created**
- **He sustained**
- **He destroyed**

Primitive man was able to make the same correlations in nature as well as in his own life and body. Primitive man saw that what happened in the Heavens which God was doing impacted upon Mother Nature and the seasons and the growing cycles. Food or famine came and went; it came with the Sun and Spring and Summer and went with Autumn and Winter. Over time mankind came to understand that this Creator God both created, sustained, and destroyed both in the Heavens and Mother Nature as well. The Sun and seasonal changes brought life or death to mankind; feast or famine. The Sun and the Heavens impacted secondarily Mother Nature and this affected the food chain. As man began to grow in knowledge about his own body then over time man saw in his own body the same correlations to these same cyclical events that occurred in the Heavens and Nature; he was born, he lived, and he died. Man recognized that as the moon had a 28 day cycle the woman of his species had a 28 day menses; thus mankind was able to see the same events going on in his own body that was likewise going on above his head in the Sky and Heavens and around him in Nature. In parallel ways man saw and realized that what God was doing in the Heavens being He was doing around him in Nature as well as in his own body. This he understood was the ONLY picture of God that he had and this picture spoke volumes to Ancient mankind. This was understood as God speaking to mankind of these Spiritual realities and within each of them we find today "religious doctrines" which we cherish in both Judaism and Christianity. Likewise God was truly the Creator, Sustainer, and Destroyer. Thus man reasoned that he was created in the image of God as seen in the Heavens and Nature. This is all it took for man to "personify" such events he observed in the Heavens, Nature, and his body and he did so through the medium of "allegory, myth, and legend" and captured these Divine truths and processes observed in the Sky and Heavens and in Nature through the vehicle of his "sungods".

Some of these personifications and anthropomorphic depictions are harmless and teach God's Divine and Cosmic Truth when understood in an "allegorical" way as explained before in this as well as previous articles. However, when such allegory is "made literal" and the personifications are no longer a "picture" or "symbol" but have become "literal" then mankind strays into idolatry and blasphemy of the Creator when he makes his own gods or applies such truths to a man or "godman" which is presented as if real to the readers. Regardless if innocent as have been done with Osiris and countless others and today with Yeshua/Jesus the results are the same; namely, a man is made equal with God. This has been done in Western Christianity by the Hellenized Essenes and the Greek Fathers as they both rejected normative Judaism and in so doing treat the Ancient "allegories" and "myths" as if "literal. Add to this the falsification of the Hebrew Scriptures where many things were written into the Jewish Bible where they are today taught to be taken literally by the reader and applied to the Messiah and later to Jesus when in fact the truth warrants no such interpretation. Thus "the Christ", expressed through the allegorical depiction of Jesus becomes equal with God and we are taught as children to worship him, sing and pray to him. All this is done because we are taught to interpret the "Jesus Story" as if a literal-history when study of Comparative Religion and Gnosticism will show you that the life of Jesus in the New Testament is nothing more than the personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and Sky and Heavens. Your search for truth can begin in tonight's Sky as all world religions came from there one way or the other.

It is my hope as Pastor of Bet Emet to enlighten you; at least to stimulate your own study in order that you see these things for yourself in hope that your worship of the Creator be in Spirit and Truth.

It is to such an endeavor we now continually turn. I pray you have the courage to look into this information. I tell all our students to "believe nothing" I teach but gather the information and access it in 6 months and then step back and reevaluate what you have seen over the prior 6 months of your study. Then and only then make any necessary adjustments to your "religious belief system" and then enter again into another 6 months of serious study and repeat the cycle. I promise you that over time you will see the truth of God like never before.

Answer for yourself: What are some of the areas of the "Jesus Story" that we will study in the following articles and in so doing discover are not "historical-literal" events in the assumed life of a Jewish Rabbi in the first century but rather "allegories" and "personifications" of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac?

- The sun "dies" for three days at the winter solstice, to be born again or resurrected on December 25th.
- The sun of God is "born of a virgin," which refers to both the new or "virgin" moon and the constellation of Virgo.
- The sun's "birth" is attended by the "bright Star," either Sirius/Sothis or the planet Venus, and by the "Three Kings," representing the three stars in the belt of Orion.
- The sun at its zenith, or 12 noon, is in the house or heavenly temple of the "Most High"; thus, "he" begins "his Father's work" at "age" 12. Maxwell relates, "At that point, all Egypt offered prayers to the "Most High" God!" (Leedom, Tim, ed., The Book Your Church Doesn't Want You To Read, Kendall/Hunt, 1993, p. 23).
- The sun enters into each sign of the zodiac at 300; hence, the "Sun of God" begins his ministry at "age" 30. As Hazelrigg states, ". . . the Sun of the visible heavens has moved northward 300 and stands at the gate of Aquarius, the Water-bearer, or John the Baptist of the mystic planisphere, and here begins the work of ministry in the Palestine" (Hazelrigg, John, The Sun Book, Health Research, 1971, p. 163).
- The sun is the "Carpenter" who builds his daily "houses" or 12 two-hour divisions.
- The sun's "followers" or "disciples" are the 12 signs of the zodiac, through which the sun must pass.
- The sun is "anointed" when its rays dip into the sea. (Anderson, Karl, Astrology Of The Old Testament, Health Research, 1970, p. 206).

- The sun "changes water into wine" by creating rain, ripening the grape on the vine and fermenting the grape juice.
- The sun "walks on water," referring to its reflection. (Massey, Gerald, The Historical Jesus And The Mythical Christ, Health Research, p. 21).
- The sun "calms the sea" as he rests in the "boat of heaven." (Leedom, Tim, ed., The Book Your Church Doesn't Want You To Read, Kendall/Hunt, 1993, p. 27). (Mt. 8:23-7)
- When the sun is annually and monthly re-born, he brings life to the "solar mummy," his previous self, raising it from the dead.
- The sun triumphantly "rides an ass and her foal" into the "City of Peace" when it enters the sign of Cancer, which contains two stars called "little asses," and reaches its fullness. (Pike, Albert, The Morals and Dogma of Scottish Free Masonry, LH Jenkins, 1928, p. 465).
- The sun is the "Lion" when in Leo, the hottest time of the year, called the "throne of the Lord."
- The sun is "betrayed" by the constellation of the Scorpion, the backbiter, the time of the year when the solar hero loses his strength.
- The sun is "crucified" between the two thieves of Sagittarius and Capricorn. The sun is hung on a cross, which represents its passing through the equinoxes, the vernal equinox being Easter.
- The sun darkens when it "dies": "The solar god as the sun of evening or of autumn was the suffering, dying sun, or the dead sun buried in the nether world. (Massey, Gerald, The Egyptian Book of the Dead, Health Research, p. 9).
- The sun does a "stutter-step" at the winter solstice, unsure whether to return to life or "resurrect," doubted by his "twin" Thomas.
- The sun is with us "always, to the close of the age" (Mt. 28:20), referring to the ages of the precession of the equinoxes.
- The sun is the "Light of the World," and "comes on clouds, and every eye shall see him."
- The sun rising in the morning is the "Savior of mankind."
- The sun wears a corona, "crown of thorns" or halo.
- The sun was called the "Son of the Sky (God)," "All- Seeing," the "Comforter," "Healer," "Savior," "Creator," "Preserver," "Ruler of the World," and "Giver of Daily Life." (Doane, T.W., Bible Myths And Their Parallels In Other Religions, Health Research, 1985, p. 472, 476, 492, 562).
- The sun is the Word or Logos of God.
- The all-seeing sun, or "eye of God," was considered the judge of the living and dead who returned to Earth "on a white horse." (Doane, T.W., Bible Myths And Their Parallels In Other Religions, Health Research, 1985, pp. 497-498).

Answer for yourself: Is this summary the extent of the personification of the Sun in the life of Jesus as found in the "Jesus Story"? No. It only begins here. [For a more comprehensive account see the contrasts between the life of Horus and Jesus Christ.](#)

Let us not die in ignorance as idolators and blasphemers and meet God with such hideous sin in our lives because we never studied enough to discern the "truth from fiction". It is time for our personal Exodus from the untruths associated with the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament.

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ASTROLOGY AND THE BIBLE...WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and time to pluck up what is planted . . . (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)

The Christian religion was founded upon the numerous gods, goddesses, religions, sects, cults and mystery schools that thrived around the globe prior to the Christian era, even in the Hebrew world, where the Israelites worshipped numerous gods, including “the sun, the moon, and the stars and all the host of heaven.

I know that the above statement might be news to you but you will see in your study that such facts come to the surface over and over again if you are diligent in your study and invest time and energy into such a search for the truth concerning the religious texts that we as Christians and followers of "the Christ" revere today. It helps immensely to know how the Bible was written, by whom and what factors influenced its writings. All of this takes place over hundreds and hundreds of years while God's is slowly revealing His progressive revelation to His people and the world. What we find is that primitive man was in awe of the sky and the Heavens above for it was the picture to him of the only Creator that he knew. Therefore primitive man spent lots of time Star gazing and developed great skills in astrology and astronomy for this reason.

In order to determine the framework upon which the Christian conspirators hung their myths, in fact, we will need to turn to that ancient body of knowledge which in almost every culture has been considered sacred and which the priests have wished to keep to themselves: the science of astrology.

The Christian masses, of course, are repeatedly taught to reject all forms of “astrology” or “Star-gazing” as the “work of the Devil,” and any number of biblical texts are held up to assert that astrology is an “evil” to be avoided at all costs. This animosity towards studying the heavenly bodies and their interrelationships is in reality propaganda designed to prevent people from finding out the truth about the Bible and the “characters” within it. As you study in these areas you begin to see that the Bible is a book of “Theology from the Stars” and is loaded with astrological imagery, as evidenced by the fact that the Hebrew gods were personifications of celestial bodies.

The Bible is, in actuality, basically an Astrotheological text, a reflection of what has been occurring in the Heavens for millennia, localized and historicized on Earth. This fact is further confirmed by numerous biblical passages concerning the influences of the heavenly bodies, but it also becomes clear through exegesis of the texts from an informed perspective.

Although the Catholic Church has feverishly discouraged Star-gazing by its flock so frightened in fact were the people of the Church's wrath in regard to astrology that sailors would not look up at the Stars, a habit crucial to their occupation. The truth is that the Church has been a longtime practitioner of astrology. Many of the Church hierarchy have not only “looked to the Stars” but have been regular, secret adepts of the same “magical

arts” widely practiced by Pagans but publicly condemned by Christians, and it would be safe to assume that this



practice continues to this day behind the scenes. Numerous churches and cathedrals, such as Notre Dame in Paris, have abundant astrological symbols, full zodiacs, etc. Standing beneath the central spire, one can view all three of the rose windows that grace the cathedral. The west rose window that sits above the entrance to the cathedral is centered around an image of the Virgin and Child who are surrounded by more secular images: the virtues and vices, labors of the year, the signs of the Zodiac and the four seasons. In the 19th century the papal throne, St. Peters chair, was cleaned, only to reveal upon it the 12 labors of Hercules, who was a Sun god. More on that later as our study progresses. As Barbara Walker states on page 287 of her Woman's Encyclopedia Of Myths And Symbols:

Astrology survives in our own culture because Christianity embraced it with one hand, while condemning it as a devilish art with the other. Church fathers like Augustine, Jerome, Eusebius, Chrysostom, Lactantius, and Ambrose all anathematized astrology, and the great Council of Toledo prohibited it for all time. Nevertheless, six centuries later the consistory and the dates of popes coronations were determined by the zodiac; aristocratic prelates employed their own personal astrologers; and signs of the zodiac appeared all over church furnishings, tiles, doorways, manuscripts, and baptismal fonts. The traditional Twelve Days of Christmas were celebrated by taking astrological omens each day for the corresponding months of the coming year.

Despite its outward condemnation by the clergy, astrology has also been used by countless kings and heads of state privy to the astrological, as opposed to literal, nature of the Bible. Not being thus privy, biblical literalists claim that everything in the Bible occurred literally and factually upon the earth, including the talking snake, Noahs ark, the parting of the Red Sea, the raising of the dead and numerous other incredible miracles that apparently occurred only to the biblical people at that time in that part of the world. The miraculous and implausible exploits of other cultures, however, are to be tossed aside as being unhistorical, mythological and downright ridiculous. I strongly suggest the reader think about these last two sentences and look around and sky why these same "miracles" don't happen today if God is the "same yesterday and today"!

Answer for yourself: Are we reading "allegories" mistaken for "literal" events today in our Bibles and not know it?

As one will see if he undertakes a serious study in Comparative Religion across the globe almost all Gentile cultures of the world had the identical stories as those found in the Bible; therefore, following the "logic" of biblical proponents, we should also toss out the Judeo-Christian versions as "merely" mythological and allegorical at best, and diabolical at worst. Of course this is silly even to consider but the parallels are there!

Answer for yourself: Could these "parallel" stories where only the names of the principal characters were changed be explained as man seeing the same things in the Sky and Heavens and capturing them in the vehicle of "myth" and "legend" where only the names of the "personifications" of these Celestial orbs were changed when "anthropomorphized"?

Comparing these similar stories down through history as taken from Comparative Religion, many of these various corresponding biblical tales are no more factual than the stories of the Greek gods or the Arabian knights. **As allegory, however, they record an ancient wisdom that goes back well beyond the founding of the Hebrew nation, in to the deepest mists of time!!! We are guilty in Western Christianity of imposing our cultural literalness upon documents that are written as allegory and metaphor of truths. When we do this then we guarantee our failure to arrive at the particular truth the writer intended for his hearers. Thus we end up "believing" so many things that are simply not true and our actions based on this often end up opposing what this "Divine Truth" and this "Divine Wisdom" intended. The Bible defines such actions as sin!**

In ascertaining the astrology of the Bible we should first properly define the word astrology. Although many people think astrology is meaningless mumbo-jumbo, it is not merely casting horoscopes (which is sin) but is in fact a science as well (which is not sin), as **"astrology" means the study of the celestial bodies (astronomy) and their influences on each other and on life on Earth.** The only difference between the well-respected astronomy and the vilified astrology is that astronomy charts the movements and constitution of the celestial bodies, while astrology attempts to determine their interrelationships and meaning. **The sacred science of astrology began with astronomy, when humans noticed that they could determine some regularity in life by observing the skies and heavenly bodies, both nighttime and daytime. They could thus predict the seasons, including the time of planting and harvest, as well as the annual flooding of the Nile, for example. They also noticed the Sun's effects on plants, as well as the Moons waxing and waning and effect on the tides.** The knowledge of the Heavens was also essential in seafaring, as stated, and a variety of ancient peoples were extraordinary seafarers for millennia, an impossible feat without a precise and detailed knowledge of the heavens, which in turn was not possible without the understanding that the earth was round and revolved around the Sun, crucial information **suppressed by the conspirators, to be seemingly rediscovered late in history. Such information, however, has always been known by those behind the scenes like the Priesthoods which used such knowledge to impress and control the masses.**

Thus, in reading the Stars, humans could make sense of the universe and find lessons applicable to daily life. Godfrey Higgins on page 207-208 of his *Anacalypsis* explains:

Among all the ancient nations of the world, the opinion was universal that the planetary bodies were the disposers of the affairs of men. Christians who believe in Transubstantiation, and that their priests have an unlimited power to forgive sins, may affect to despise those who have held that opinion . . . ; but their contempt is not becoming, it is absurd. . . . It was thought that the future fortunes of every man might be known, from a proper consideration of the state of the planets at the moment of his birth.. . . This produced the utmost exertion of human ingenuity to discover the exact length of the periods of the planetary motions: that is, in other words, to perfect the science of astronomy. In the course of the proceedings it was discovered, or believed to be discovered, that the motions of the planets were liable to certain aberrations, which it was thought would bring on ruin to the whole system, at some future day.

As time went on, this science became increasingly complicated, as the infinite Stars were factored in and as the **heavens changed**. Recognizing the interaction between the planetary bodies and their influence on Earth, the ancients began to give the heavens shape and form, persona and attitude. In order to pass along this detailed information, which was, and continues to be, so important to all aspects of life, the ancients **personified the heavenly bodies** and wove stories about their "exploits," giving them unique personalities and temperaments that reflected their particular movements and other qualities, such as color and size. These stories were passed down over the many millennia basically by a priesthood, because they were esteemed for their sacred astronomical, astrological and mathematical value. As Higgins says:

“. . . astrology was so connected with religion that it was impossible to separate them” (Ibid., p. 559).

These celestial movements and/or the revered stories about them were recorded in stone all over the world, in great monuments and in city layouts. A great book that reveals the ancient's theology in stone is by John Lundy and entitled Monumental Christianity. Once you see the "religious beliefs of not only the ancients but the earliest movement of religious zealots later called Christians" written in caves and upon their stone monuments are almost identical then it is impossible to deny the many correlations and associations that these primitive Christians held that were the same that the Roman defined "heathen" did as well.

LITERAL OR ALLEGORY...YOU BETTER GET THIS RIGHT

These monuments constitute much of our proof that the ancients possessed this amazingly intricate knowledge, but we can also find enormous evidence of it in the legends and writings of the ancients, including the Judeo-Christian bible, which is rife with symbolism and allegory. Simply said the uneducated and uninformed and unstudied "believer" knows little of this and these things pass him by in his cursory reading of the early religious texts (take the Essenes for example who are responsible for the Christian movement that separated from Judaism as it did).

Those individuals who believe the Bible to be the “literal word of God” are not only unaware of its symbolism, they are also ignorant of the passages within the Bible itself which clearly reflect that at least certain aspects of the biblical tales are nothing more than allegory.

The Christian cheerleader “Paul” also knew that there was allegory in the Bible, as he so stated at Galatians 4:22-5, in reference to the story of Abraham having sons by two women. As to these women, who we are led in the Old Testament to believe are real, historical characters, Paul clarifies what they actually represent:

Now this is allegory: these two women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

Thus, again, we discover that biblical characters are not always actual persons but allegory for places. We also discover that certain places are allegory for other places:

and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which is allegorically called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. (Rev. 11:8)

Of course, this fact is hidden by some translators, who render the word “allegorically” as “spiritually.” Understand that this has been done with "theological purpose;" namely, to pass on the inherited traditions of the early Fathers of the Church whereby they "LITERALIZED" prior "ALLEGORIES" to the unsuspecting readers.

Answer for yourself: Could this have been done to the "Jesus Story" as well and we not know?

Answer for yourself: Has anyone you know ever studied the Essenes in depth along with the early Church Fathers whom they taught in order to determine the reasons for their "exegesis" of the Scriptures in the way that they did? Could it have been possible that much of this tradition we receive today that discounts the "allegory" of much of the Bible was done on purpose to distance the readers from Biblical Judaism (remember these Essenes had separated from Biblical Judaism) which instructs us that there are 4 ways to interpret the Scriptures: "Pardes".

"Pardes" is an acrostic that stands for:

- **Peshat....."Literal" interpretation**
- **Rhemez...."Referring back to what has been said before"**
- **Drash..."Allegorical or Metaphoric interpretation"**
- **Sod...."Mystical interpretation"**

Other early Christians also knew about the allegorical nature of the Bible, but their later counterparts began in earnest the profitable push for utter historicization, obliterating millennia of human study and knowledge, and propelling the Western world into an appalling Dark Age. St. Athanasius, bishop and patriarch of Alexandria, was not only aware of the allegorical nature of biblical texts, but he *"admonishes us that should we understand sacred writ according to the letter, we should fall into the most enormous blasphemies"* (Albert Pike, The Morals And Dogma Of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, L.H. Jenkins, 1928, p. 266).

In other words, it is a sin to take the Bible literally when the intent of the writer was to express a truth allegorically! And that is what we in Western Christianity have been taught us to do since childhood!

The Christian father Origen, called the "most accomplished biblical scholar of the early church," admitted the allegorical and esoteric nature of the Bible: *"The Scriptures were of little use to those who understood them literally, as they are written"* (G. Higgins, Anacalypsis, A & B Books, Vol. II, 1992, p. 270).

St. Augustine, along with Origen, was forceful in his pronouncement of Genesis as allegory:

There is no way of preserving the literal sense of the first chapter of Genesis, without impiety, and attributing things to God unworthy of him.

Thus, it is understood that there is allegory and symbolism in the Bible.

What is also understood is that, despite protestations to the contrary, the Stars, Sun and Moon are described and utilized repeatedly within an allegorical or astrological context by biblical writers. In fact, in examining biblical texts closely, we further discover that various places and persons, portrayed as actual, historical entities, are in fact allegory for the heavens and planetary bodies. In reality, virtually all Hebrew place-names have astronomical meanings (G. Higgins, Anacalypsis, A & B Books, Vol. I, 1992, p. 423; Vol. II, p. 136).

So prevalent is this custom of creating *"as above, so below,"* it is obvious that the "chosen people" were as enchanted with the Heavens as their adversaries and neighbors, such as the Chaldeans, master astrologers jealously reviled by their Hebrew counterparts. Contrary to popular belief, the reverence displayed by other peoples for "God's heavens" is also exhibited by the Israelites, whose very name is Astrotheological. Indeed, from the very beginning, the biblical people were encouraged to study the Stars and signs in the heavens, as at Genesis 1:14, which basically describes the zodiac:

And God [Elohim] said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years...

Despite the negative comments and exhortations found in the Bible against astrology, Star-gazing, soothsaying and divination, we discover various passages that clearly refer to these magical arts and their objects of reverence with fondness. **In fact, at several points the heavens are personified and appear as wondrous characters whose praises are sung by biblical characters, in precisely the same manner as their Pagan counterparts.** The author or authors of Job is one such character, and it is in this book we find

unambiguous references to astrology. In Job, “the Lord” personifies the “morning Stars” - the “Sons of God” - and has them “joyfully crying out.” In trying to make Job feel small and obey him, the Lord presents a list of his own Godly attributes, including the ability to command the happy heavens:

Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion? Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth? (Job 38:31-33)

The “Mazzaroth” is, in fact, the Zodiac. Orion is a prominent player on the cosmic stage, as is the Bear. The Pleiades, or “Seven Sisters,” have been since very ancient times elements of many mythologies and astrotheologies, including the Egyptian, Babylonian, Indian, Greek and Mexican. The presentation of the seven sisters as “judges” is a common theme, and it was thought at times that they required sacrifice as propitiation. The Pleiades factor into Judaism more than is admitted, as some of the numerous “sevens” mentioned throughout the Bible refer to these “sisters,” as Walker relates:

(The Pleiades) were represented in pre-patriarchal Jerusalem by the holy Menorah (seven-branched candlestick) symbolizing the sevenfold Men-horae or Moon-priestesses, as shown by its female-genital decorations, lilies and almonds [Exodus 25:33] (Barbara Walker, The Woman's Dictionary Of Myths And Secrets, p.804). After the patriarchy took over, it would seem, the Menorah came to represent only the Sun, Moon and five inner planets, as will be seen in further studies.

Also in Job, a book replete with celestial imagery, the author portrays the Lord as he who “described a circle upon the face of the waters at the boundary between light and darkness. The pillars of heaven tremble.. . his hand pierced the fleeing serpent.” In mythology the heavens are depicted as an “abyss of waters,” so this scripture is reference to the zodiacal circle, “described” or drawn by God. The “boundary between light and darkness” is, naturally, the horizon, and the trembling “pillars of heaven” are the same held up by Samson, the “bright Sun.” In addition, “his hand piercing the fleeing serpent” could refer to the Egyptian god Set/Seth, the constellation of Serpens, or the sky itself; however, this last part could also be translated as the “crooked serpent” who does not flee but is formed by the Lords hand, representing Scorpio. Of this mysterious and clearly astrological work attributed to Job, Anderson says, “. . . the whole book is a complete description of the Masonic ceremonies or Egyptian Masonry, or trial of the dead by Osiris..” (Karl Anderson, Astrology Of The Old Testament, Health Research, 1970, p.113).

In Psalms 19, we hear about the heavens *“telling the glory of God . . . there is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.”*

Answer for yourself: To the uninitiated, this sounds strange - how can the Heavens tell the “glory of God?” And how do their “voice” and “words” go out to the end of the world without speech or words? The word for “voice” in the Hebrew is properly translated as “line.” **This line or lines are the cosmic rays coming off the various planetary bodies, lines that were perceived by the ancients to penetrate the earth as well, a perception that caused them to be anxious about establishing the “kingdom of heaven on Earth” by emulating what was happening in the heavens (So Above, So Below).**

Anderson explains the importance of the lines or rays:

Among the Eastern nations it was taught that all spiritual life first came from the Sun, and its magnetic descent to the earth, becoming earth-bound, or dwelling in the earth, and after passing through a series of evolutions, and different births and changes from the mineral, vegetable, and animal kingdoms, ascending or descending the scale [like Jacobs angels], according to the good or evil magnetic rays at its births and its various probationary existences, at last purified and intellectually refined, and master of itself, the *pure Ra*, or *astral* body, at last was drawn back into the bosom of the father, Sun, from whence it was first originated” (Karl Anderson, Astrology Of The Old Testament, Health Research, 1970, p.20).

Thus, astrology, or astrologos in the Greek, has been considered the “word of God,” as is evidenced by the biblical singing Stars and heavens passing along their “voice” and “words” through the earth.

The Psalms passage continues: “In [the heavens] he has set a *tent* for the Sun.” This “tent” or “tabernacle” represents a holy sanctuary or house of worship; thus, the heavens are truly the temple of the Sun, as well as of the other celestial bodies. This heavenly temple was, however, continuously recreated all over the planet, as continues to this day, unbeknownst to the masses.

At Job 9, it is explicit that God is the Divine Architect of the Zodiac “who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south . . .” And again at Amos 5:8: “He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night.” The Lord “builds his upper chambers in the heavens and founds vaults upon the earth.” (Amos 9:6) And he is praised for his astrological creation: “Thou has made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun to know its time.”

Like the Lord himself, his creations such as the Sun, Moon and Skies are considered righteous and eternal, as is reflected at Psalms 89:37 and at Daniel 12:3; thus, the heavenly bodies served as sacred symbols and representatives of God. Dwell on that for a moment!

From these various biblical passages, it is obvious that the Lord is not only the architect of the Heavens but is pleased with both His stellar creations and His ability to command them (Kosmokrator..the Mover of Heavens symbolized by Mithra).

That the Stars, Moon and Sun were considered to have personality is also explicit from biblical texts. Early Church father Origen opined, and was ridiculed by “heretics” and “heathens” for his opinion, that “*all the stars and heavenly bodies are living, rational beings, having souls,*” and he quotes Isaiah 14:12 in his proof of this, saying that the Lord has “*given commandments to all the stars*”

At Psalms 147:4, the Stars have names, given to them by “the Lord.” That biblical writers were aware of the constellations is also clear from Isaiah 13:10: “*For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light.*” The fact that the Hebrews believed the Sun and Moon had personality and animation is further reflected at Isaiah 24:23: “*Then the moon will be confounded, and the sun ashamed.*” The Sun and Moon are again **anthropomorphized or personified at Psalms 148:3, when they are asked to praise the Lord.**

The importance of the skies is repeatedly emphasized throughout the Old Testament, with the Sun and Moon even considered the “rulers” of the day and night, made out of the Lords “steadfast love” (Ps. 136:9). In the Song of Solomon, an embarrassment to God-fearing Christians for its overt sexuality, “Solomon” uses celestial imagery to describe his beloved: “*Who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun..* .” (Sol. 6:10)

The Sun and Moon are also considered to be healing, as is reflected at Isaiah 30:26, in which the light of the Sun and Moon increase “*in the day when the Lord binds up the hurt of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow*”. Furthermore, the arts of medicine and astrology were inextricably linked, because medicines were frequently dispensed not only based upon symptoms but also on natal charts and other astrological castings; hence, “physicians” or “doctors” were also astrologers, as well as priests and prophets. As John Allegro says: To know the correct dosages in these cases required an appreciation of the susceptibility of the patient to the drugs effects, perhaps the most difficult calculation of all. Much depended on the recipient's fate allotted him at his birth, the factor that determined his individuality, his physical stature, the color of his eyes, and so on. Only the astrologer could tell this, so the art of medicine was itself dependent for success on astrology and the considerable astronomical knowledge this presupposed...the combined arts of medicine and

astrology were known and practised by the Sumerians and their Mesopotamian successors, as we know from their cuneiform records as well as the repute they enjoyed in this respect in the ancient world... These traits of character and bodily constitution could be determined by astrological means, so the early doctors were also astrologers. [The early doctor] was also a prophet, a prognosticator. The arts of healing and religion were inseparable (John Allegro, The Sacred Mushroom and The Cross, Doubleday, 1970, p. 31-35).

Now since we have a little background into this topic it is time to turn to the study of the Biblical Sun and Moon Worshipers. This is necessary in order to understand the religious beliefs of such peoples especially in light of their *personification of these Heavenly forces* because is so doing they will develop a very sophisticated religious belief system with an intricate personified astro-theology that parallels the vegetation cycles and their personified powers and forces of the Cosmos which are later applied to "literalized Jesus" and interpreted literally when the concepts were only understood allegorically by the original writers. Out of this article you should be able to see that much of the Bible which you have been taught to read and interpret literally is nothing more than an allegory and was meant to be understood in such a manner; an allegory told in a "human story" to express deeper metaphysical truths to mankind. This same thing has happened about many doctrines taken from astro-theology and applied to "the Jesus of the New Testament." Many such teachings concerning and applied to him were little more than allegory by the original writers but unfortunately taken by us today in a literal meaning which creates false religious doctrines and dogmas connected to Jesus that leads the contemporary Christian into idolatry and blasphemy.

It is to this application of allegory in a literal way to the Jesus of the New Testament that we look as we endeavor to get more information concerning astro-theology as found in both the Old Testament and New Testament texts of the Christian's Bible.

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THE "JESUS STORY" AND PARALLELS WITH THE STORIES OF THE SUNGODS...COINCIDENCE?

"The Jesus-story, as it will be shown through the study of the following articles, has a great number of correspondences with the stories of former Sungods and with the actual career of the Sun through the heavens - so many indeed that they cannot well be attributed to mere coincidence or even to the blasphemous wiles of the Devil! Let us enumerate some of these. There are:

- (1) Birth from a Virgin mother;
- (2) The birth in a stable (cave or underground chamber); and
- (3) The birth on the 25th December (just after the winter solstice).
- (4) There is the Star in the East (Sirius)
- (5) There is the arrival of the Magi (the 'Three King's')
- (6) There is the threatened Massacre of the Innocents, and the consequent flight into a distant country (told also of Krishna and other Sungods).
- (7) There is the Church festival of Candlemas (2nd February), with processions of candles to symbolize the growing light;
- (8) There is the Church festival of Lent, or the arrival of Spring
- (9) There is the Church festival Easter Day (normally on 25th March) to celebrate the crossing of the Equator by the Sun; and
- (10) The simultaneously the outburst of lights at the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem.
- (11) The Crucifixion and death of the Lamb-God, on Good Friday, three days before Easter;
- (12) The nailing to a tree,
- (13) The empty grave,
- (14) The glad Resurrection (as in the cases of Osiris, Attis and others)
- (15) The twelve disciples (the Zodiacal signs); and
- (16) The betrayal by one of the twelve.
- (17) Then later there is Mid-summer Day, the 24th June, dedicated to the birth of the beloved disciple John, and corresponding to Christmas Day;
- (18) There are the festivals of the Assumption of the Virgin (15th August)
- (19) The Nativity of the Virgin (8th September), corresponding to the movement of the god through Virgo; there is the conflict of Christ and his disciples with the autumnal asterisms,
- (20) The Serpent and the Scorpion; and finally
- (21) There is the curious fact that the Church dedicates the very day of the winter solstice (when any one may very naturally doubt the rebirth of the Sun) to St. Thomas, who doubted the truth of the Resurrection!"

Pagan and Christian Creeds, by Edward Carpenter, p. 50.

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HOW THE ANCIENTS VIEWED THEIR SUN GODS AND ITS SPIRITUAL IMPLICATION FOR US TODAY #1

Let us begin with two questions.

Answer for yourself: Why is it important that we have a correct grasp and understanding of how the Ancients viewed and understood their Sun-gods and in so doing then do we find the hidden secret behind the "Jesus Story" that we have heard and read our whole lives?

Simply said we have not been taught the truth concerning how the Ancients understood the "Sun" let alone their representative Sun-gods. So the answer to the above questions is "yes" on both accounts; by correctly understanding how the Ancients viewed what is today termed "Sun worship" we can come to see just whom this "Jesus Christ" truly was before Rome will take this spiritual concept of "the Christ" and put "flesh" on it and create a historical "Jesus" of Nazareth for the world. This might seem to be an over simplification but you will better understand when finishing this article and as your studies into Gnosticism and Astronomy increase. I strongly suggest that all readers of Bet Emet consume this article and begin your own personal study in these areas to verify what I have discovered over my years of study and humbly attempt to lay out for the reader in this article.

In order to understand accurately how the Ancient viewed their "Sun-gods" and the importance of possessing such knowledge and its implications to how we should correctly approach the "New Testament Jesus" we have to **begin at the beginning** and we must develop a realization of the **spiritual nature of our universe**. The Spiritual Masters and Ancients Priests of Egypt **saw the universe, as a whole, as a spiritually living being, a living organism which we might call a complete system. To them the Universe was a picture of "the" One supreme God.** Let it suffice to say that our solar system is one small living part of that being Whom we call typically call "God" today, as a cell is one small living part of a larger organism.

The center of our solar system is, of course, the Sun. What is often overlooked by modern man is the fact that the Sun is more than the physical center of our solar system; to the Ancient Priests of Egypt and subsequent nations who learned from them as well as their own observations and reasonings the **Sun was the spiritual center of the solar system as well.** This explains why so much of the Egyptian religion and understandings of God, the Creator, was based upon observations and measurements of the visible Cosmos. If this is a new idea to the reader then I suggest you begin a study of Egypt and their "sacred geometry" and you will quickly see the point beyond any doubt for them **"so as above so below"** is reflected not only in their architecture but their religious writings as well.

Now I want you to think at what I will say next. **All life on the planet Earth is derived from, dependent upon, and expresses the sun's ENERGY.** The Sun was a picture of the Energy form which all life forms was nurtured. The Ancients understood this God, the Creator, as the sum of all energy which is expressed in the living, ordered, and conscious universe. The totality of the Egyptian civilization was built upon a complete and

precise understanding of universal laws. This profound understanding manifested itself in a consistent, coherent and inter-related system where art, science, philosophy and religion were intertwined, and were employed simultaneously in a single organic Unity. This "Unity" was for them the manifestation of God, the Creator. As you can see they understood that God isn't a supernatural entity apart from the material universe and us. The Egyptians regarded the universe as a conscious act of creation by the One Great God. The fundamental doctrine connected with this One Great God was the unity of the Deity. This One God was never represented contrary to what you might think when looking at pictures of the multiple "gods" and "goddesses". When you study you see the genius of their understanding of this One Great Unity, the God. These "representations" of this One Great God, this "Unity", were but reflections of Him; more like His "attributes". It is the functions and attributes of this One Great God and his domain that were represented. Once a reference was made to His functions/attributes, He became a distinguishable agent; reflecting this particular function/attribute, and its influence on the world which included the highest of His creations...mankind. **His various functions and attributes as the Creator, Healer, and the like, were called the neteroo (singular: neter in the masculine form and netert in the feminine form).** As such, an Egyptian neter/netert was not a 'god/goddess' but the personification of a function/attribute of the One God. To call these Spiritual Masters of Egypt "pagans" and "polytheists" shows one's complete ignorance of the Egyptian religion but this has been done by Christians writers for centuries and goes on today. Of course in so branding these Ancients worshippers of the One Great God and Unity have been severely stigmatized and in so doing no one, especially a Christian, will have a desire to look toward "pagan" Egypt and Egyptian religion, or that is at least the hoped for result for it you do and seriously "crack the egg shell" of Egyptian religion and see these understanding of God and the very depth of their knowledge of this God then chill bumps will rule your body as you drift into deeper understandings of this God and Creator then you ever dreamed possible.

Central to their complete understanding of the universe, was the knowledge that man was made in the image of God, and as such, man represented the created image of all creation. Accordingly, Egyptian symbolism and all measures were therefore simultaneously scaled to man, to the earth, to the solar system, and ultimately to the universe.

The Egyptian thinking that the One God can be represented through his functions/attributes has its equivalence in mankind. Each one of us have various functions and attributes. A person can be a scientist in a laboratory or a mechanic in a garage, a father or mother to their children, a husband or a wife, a player on his team, ... etc. This person does not have multiple personalities, but multiple functions/attributes. Egyptians recognized the universal validity of this kind of thinking, and applied it to all the levels of the hierarchically organized world. Even though it may appear complex at first sight, it is both coherent and consistent with experience. This was the essence of the Egyptian philosophy. It is a real philosophy based on organized, systematic, self-consistent and coherent principles.

Modern science uses terminology which is comparable with the Egyptian thinking of neteroo (gods). We speak of the four force fields of the universe - the weak force, the strong force, gravity, and electromagnetism (and perhaps a fifth, if there is a fifth). These forces have to be subordinate, since they all came from somewhere. The ultimate thing is God. the One. As such, it might be said that the Egyptian neteroo (gods) represent what we today would consider scientific theories that are continually refined, the way Newtonian physics moves toward quantum physics. This is very important for the Ancients "theorized" that Energy/Spirit became "matter" in the visible world, the invisible became visible. Today with the aid of Albert Einstein and others who are proponents of quantum physics we have proved that the "invisible world of energy" (God) becomes matter (the visible cosmos and mankind). They were right tens of thousands of years ago and these ideas are expressed in their religious writings as explained in the examples of these "neteroo". **Neteroo is the ancient Egyptian word for Gods, which when literally translated, means Natures. As stated contrary to popular belief, the Egyptians did not believe in many different Gods and Goddesses. The 'gods and goddesses' in their ancient myths were actually the 'natures' of 'The One & All' or Creator God or Goddess.** They were but "representations" of the many sides and actions of this "Cosmic Unity"; representations which were described anthropomorphically through the medium of personification. These "representations" were given lives in the form of beings, both human, animal, half human and half animal, but again these were but

representations of Cosmic forces and powers at work in the visible world.

Answer for yourself: Would these "representations" of God and His workings in his "Cosmic garden", as expressed through symbols, legends, metaphors, and myths be much, much later be mistaken by subsequent nations for "literal" heroes and heroines and were they taught to those not possessing the correct "interpretative keys" of the Egyptian "neteroo" as literal historical persons in other religions? Do we find this in Christianity with the "Jesus Story"? **THIS IS THE BIGGEST QUESTION THAT YOU WILL EVERY HAVE TO ANSWER; THE ANSWER TO WHICH IS NOT EASY TO DISCERN SOME 2000 YEARS REMOVED FROM THE CREATION OF THIS "JESUS STORY".**

Answer for yourself: Could this explain why there is no existing unforged or tamped evidence that exists today for a historical Jesus outside of one book, given to us by Rome and not the Jews, that is filled with contradictory accounts of him and his life?

Answer for yourself: Could this explain why we cannot find one shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a historical man named Jesus?

Answer for yourself: Can these much earlier representations of this One Great Invisible God, explain why that outside of this one demonstratively forged book, the Roman Bible and the New Testament, that there exists not one piece of unforged or unadulterated evidence for the historical existence of this man from Galilee because "the Christ" is to be understood ONLY as a representation of a spiritual reality that resides inside every man and woman and not "externally"?

If the reader is intrigued at this point then let me recommend a great writer who tells it like it is on a level that all can comprehend. Let me recommend that be become familiar with Moustafa Gadalla as well as all of his books on Egyptian religion for in them you find "Jesus Christ" but not represented as a Christian nor as a "historical personage" but as an Egyptian concept that existed for tens of thousands of years for he is but one of many "neteroo" or representations and working of this One Great God and Unity who works and sustains all matter...including us as His children. I suggest you begin with his book The Egyptian Cosmology, The Absolute Harmony by Moustafa Gadalla.

The cosmological ideas of ancient Egypt were expressed by myth and symbolism, which are a superior means for expressing metaphysical concepts. Understand that these "spiritual concepts" are "literally real" but not necessary "literally historical" as we might expect being programed to think with a Western mindset in this revised Roman empire called America today. Philosophy, mathematics and science are dry subjects with many abstracts. Mythology incorporates philosophical and scientific ideas into a story form, like a sacred drama or mystery plays, which can be easily digested. Pure philosophical and scientific abstracts and terms do not guarantee understanding. Information alone is useless, unless it is transformed into understanding. Well-crafted mythology can achieve understanding of knowledge and it fact it has and this is easy to see and comprehend when studying Egyptian religion and their "neteroos".

Myth is an intentionally chosen means for communicating knowledge. Myth dramatizes cosmic laws, principles, processes, relationships and functions, and expresses them in an easy to understand way. Meaning and the mystic experience are not tied to a literal interpretation of events. **A myth has no historical value. Once the inner meanings of the myths have been revealed, they become marvels of simultaneous scientific and philosophical completeness and conciseness. The more they are studied, the richer they become.** And, rooted in the myth as it is, the part can never be mistaken for the whole, nor can its functional significance be forgotten or distorted. No where is this more true than when you do such studies into "the Egyptian Karast/Christ" and come to see the "Egyptian Logos" and subsequent "Logos" of successive nations was NEVER to be understood as some historical carnalized and fleshly manifestation to the exclusion of the "Logos" in all of God's children. In simple language the "Logos" or "Christ/Sophia" in each of mankind, both masculine and feminine, is the link and communicative pathway between this "Cosmic Unity and Energy" and

matter in which "God" had come to dwell (incarnated). You might have recognized a similar idea here which is very true but not "historical-literal" to the exclusion of all others as has been done in the "Jesus Story".

The Ancients understood that air is to the physical world as God is to the spirit world. God is life, light, time and space, the pattern for all life, that God is the energy of all matter (including flesh), the heart of all that matters, the very essence of all being, the source behind every Sun and star, the source of all light and love, the core of all things, the single point of infinite light and absolute love, and the very life force of the universe. For them no greater symbol could be designated to refer to this God which brings life to all things then the Sun. Naturally, this energy is manifested in other ways as well: the moon, understood by Egypt as symbolic of man's soul and his spiritual transformation in reflecting the light of the Sun (the Sun being symbolic of God and His life). The moon, as it supplies reflected energy from this Sun, is but a reflection of the Sun and in so doing was again but a representation of a reflected source for God and His Life and Energy and in so doing then all mankind was to progressively reflect as well God's image as he progressively reflects more of God in his life as understood in the phases of the moon which mimics increasingly the light and life of the Sun). The soul of man is to spiritually mature and reflect more of God and His will in the world as he chronologically ages and matures whereby he comes to fully manifest, the fullness of God as does the moon when full. Again we see Egypt through the use of "symbol" express a "literal truth" but again man is not a historical "literal moon". You are beginning to see how the Ancient Spiritual Masters used the Sun as a symbolic representation of this One Great God in all of their myths and stories as found in the accounts of Osiris, Hours, and Isis for at the bottom of these myths are the deepest spiritual realities confronting man and his soul let alone his deeds and behaviors in his visible existence.

From this same Sun the seas absorb, transform, and release that same solar energy; plant life stores the energy in a profoundly altered form; etc. And, most importantly, each and every living human being is a repository for the sun's energy, and is blessed with the capacity for using that energy in a highly complex and creative way. In this way man was understood to be the highest manifestation of the "image of God" in the world since it was given to him to manifest God like no other creation made by this Creator in this visible world. Within the hearts of all mankind was God's home....the soul. The Sun you see was not worshiped as if "God" but was but a picture to all mankind what this God is and has to say in its distribution to mankind of God's love as seen in its light, heat, safety, photosynthesis, and resultant harvests that ensured the food chain and provided the sustenance for man's existence. Primitive mankind saw that the Sun was but a picture of this loving Creator God, Whom shared His Life and Energy with man and this was symbolized best by the energy of the Sun. So you see that this Sun was but a picture of the true energy of the Cosmos whom is this God we speak of today. The Kabbalah, known to Egypt by the way, and quantum physics today teaches us this same principle; namely, that energy can and has become "matter". Within the heart of man is a small Kabbalah or ladder to Heaven as such whereby man was eternally linked with this "Sun" and giver of all life. In such a way the Egyptian priests understood that God comprises all things at all times and lives within us and there was no better way for the Ancients to express this concept than looking to the primary visible energy source above their heads...the Sun.

Archeological history demonstrates for us today that from the earliest times, man has recognized the various sources and centers of this spiritual energy from the Sun, and has expressed this recognition in a process of deification of the natural features of the world and its surroundings (the moon, stars, etc.). But remember these "deific representations" are but pictures of the indescribable and man's finite minds struggle, as they do today to express the inexpressable and the invisible whom we call this Unity, this Energy, this God. For most peoples of history, as you are beginning to see, the Sun has played a major and central role in this process, as it should.

To equate the designation of Jesus, or Yawheh for that matter, as a Sun-god with the idea that his worshippers view him simply as a giver of life and warmth, however, is to seriously misunderstand the matter. As an organism or mankind for that matter absorbs, transforms, and expresses the sun's energy, it

partakes of the spiritual essence of the Sun, and moves in the direction of becoming one with that being on a metaphysical plane. Furthermore, just as one kind of plant will share in this process in a way that differs from that of another kind of plant, so the various genetic strains of humanity each have their own way of expressing the sun's energy. The ancient Egyptians, for example, stressed the idea of Majesty, and this theme dominated every aspect of their lives. In contrast to this, the Zoroastrian tradition saw the Sun as man's champion in the struggle against the forces of darkness. For a Christian, the Sun represents a stern but protective father who will save his worshippers if they will only accept him and his ways. Examples could be cited almost endlessly, but the same implicit concept will be found again and again in almost every nation and its history since the beginning of recorded time: the Sun/deity is an all-powerful spiritual being that imposes his will on the people of the world and to whom the world is dependent upon for their very lives.

With the understanding of the above it become apparent that there is not a theme within the entire range of religious interest of such importance as the subject of the Sun-gods and their proper interpretation; especially to a Christian today which has grown up with Christian teachings that stress that Christianity is the only way to God and which stresses that way comes only through faith in and acceptance of the religious doctrines and dogmas connected with historicized, carnalized, and literalized "Jesus Christ". The reason why I can say this is having done the studies necessary over these many years I have "cracked the egg" so to speak concerning the secret of the ancient Sun-gods and their hidden mysteries as connected to various religious icons down through history; for example as manifested in such characters as Osiris, Horus, Attis, Dionysus, Mithra, and of course the final expression of the same as found in the New Testament as the "Jesus Christ" of supposed history. It is a shame that we live our whole lives as Christians and followers of "the Christ" never possessing the knowledge behind the concept of true "Jesus Christ" and believe him to have been a "literal" historical person based upon the writings of one book; a book by the way inherited and accepted blindly without on one's part any scholarly study into the origins for such a book and its plagiarism of Ancient Divine concepts which were "reinterpreted" which were but allegories of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac as well as the Heavens and various associated constellations. If you understood the above then you should by now understand how the Ancient related important spiritual concepts concerning the soul of man through the myths of the Sun which were never to understood and interpreted "literally" as if these spiritual concepts had somehow become "carnalized" and had somehow been "incarnated" in but one person to the exclusion of all others in mankind. This "literalization" and "historicization" of prior spiritual concepts will be Rome's doing where they will not only put "flesh" on this "Christ with" and drop this literary creation into a supposed historical timeline of their choosing but in their ignorance of the Hebrew religion they would later write terribly conflicting genealogies which are but an embarrassment to the learned which were added to their forgeries of the life of "Jesus of Nazareth" after in the early 3rd century. Their goal was to create a "literal god-man" which was to be a spiritual representative of their horrific and monestrous Emperors who set on literal thrones and who were already self-confessed "literal gods" and worshipped as "literal god-men" by the fearful masses. The sword of Rome had terrific power for they not only won the wars but rewrote world history along with the worlds understanding of "the Christ" which as been preserved since Ancient Egypt. The world has never suffered such a great loss of knowledge as we have at the hands of Rome.

The matter at hand is the most important issue we deal with in life. I have come to believe that the study and proper interpretation of the Ancients and their understanding of their Sun-gods to be the most important subject that one can study in his search for God. In the study of the Ancients' understanding of the Sun and their fashioning from it their religious legends and myths of the Sun-gods we find the very central thesis of all world religions. If you begin a personal study of the same you will find as I did that this subject, the proper interpretation of the Ancient Sun-gods to be the cardinal principle of all true religion.

In doing such studies over the years it is my conclusion that the world, especially the Christian world, has drifted so far away from its original base that it no longer recognizes the very first and fundamental conception about which it was in the beginning constructed. The myth of the Sun-gods and their proper interpretation is the very heart's core of religion at its best but their misinterpretation its worst and this is sadly to

which we have fallen prey today. Sadly we grew up in a country conditioned by the biases of Rome and have been led to completely misinterpret such spiritual concepts of "the Christ" and "logos". Sadly the spirituality of the Ancients who compared the soul within mankind to Gods' Sun and its workings have relegated to the trash heap by branding them with the indelible stain of being "ignorant pagans". If you take the time to look and read these supposed Ancient "pagans" and not what some biased Christian writers have to say about them, who inherit blinding one ignorant tradition after another, and erroneously thinking that they have the "only way" to God, who never realizing that they are quoting a forged and highly unreliable New Testament, then you will find as I did that more often than not **these Ancients expressed the most pure and most exalted concepts of the Divine that you have ever read.**

It is commonly supposed and usually reinforced by Christianity that religious honors were paid to the Sun as a deity by a few isolated and misguided peoples or sects, such as the Egyptians, the followers in India of Zoroaster and some other African tribes. In correction of this view the real truth of the matter is that the **worship of the Sun-god (which I found to be always a religious and spiritual concept and not a historical person but we are not supposed to know that)** was quite universal in the ancient world and not isolated to a few "misdirected and ignorant folks". It ranged from China and India to Yucatan and Peru. The Emperor and the Mikado, as well as the Incas, and the Pharaohs were Sun-god figures. **It appears upon study that the worship of God, symbolized and represented by the Sun, was almost universal and is to be recognized as the highest embodiment of religious conception in the spiritual history of mankind. For us the negative connotations of the Sun-gods inherited from the Christian perspective predisposes us to approach such a topic with a closed-mind more often than an objective mind when reading or doing such studies into the Ancient Sun-gods. I know from experience that it sure did for me and it was only in continuing such studies and covering related topics did I stumble onto the "keys" that opened the topic anew for me where I saw beyond the inherited negative bias of misdirected Christian writers to see the beauty and glorious truths expressed by the Ancients when they cloaked their hidden wisdom concerning God and knowledge of the Divine behind the veil and myths of their Sun-gods.**

We will continue in the second article in this series.

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HOW THE ANCIENTS VIEWED THEIR SUN GODS AND ITS SPIRITUAL IMPLICATION FOR US TODAY #2

THE ROLE OF MYTH RELATING TO THE SUN-GODS

Since the **word "myth"** occurs quite often when dealing with the subject of the Ancient Sun-gods, it is necessary to define it so that we may the better glimpse the nature of the subject. To the modern mind the word carries with it a **derogatory implication**. To reduce any subject matter to the status of a myth is the "kiss of death" to most people and immediately renders the subject at hand as worthless. This comes from growing up in a modern culture that is "literalistic" to the core and has either forgotten or never learned that the medium of **"myth and legend" was the very genius of the Ancients to capture Divine Truths for all eternity.** Just think for a moment; here we live some 15,000 yrs removed from Ancient Egypt but the myths of Osiris, Horus, and Isis are yet worldwide in our day and as should be expected the **myth of Osiris, Horus and Isis can be found upon study to be the very underpinnings of almost all world religions today. We have heard of these names but few know that the very substrate of their religious worship today, regardless of the name of their religion, come from this origin of Divine Spiritual Concepts which were originally represented by Egypt in their myths of Osiris, Horus, and Isis. The irony is that our "Jesus Story" which is the center of our Western Occidental thinking finds its origin right there in Egypt with Osiris, Horus, and Isis as well.** Instead of an allegorical understanding of God expressed through the vehicle of myths as was done by these Ancient Spiritual Masters of the Orient or Eastern hemisphere who were not nearly as "literal" as we "westerners" and were more subjective in their thinking and thereby shrouded their wisdom in symbols, metaphors, legends, and myths, we living in the Western hemisphere usually regard everything "literally" and consider such religious myth of Egypt and "pagan" as a worthless fiction and a falsity. To show that a theory or a belief is only a myth, is to relegate it to the world of non-reality, and dismiss it from further consideration as a thing of value. This is sad for such is not the case at all as I was to find in doing my studies over the years.

I found the above idea of the worthlessness of a religious myth as viewed by the Occidental (Western) Hemisphere today to be a serious miscalculation and misjudgment of the facts at hand and this terrible misunderstanding can and should be laid at the feet of Christian biases once again since most Egyptologists today and for the last one hundred or so years have ties with Christianity and their own writings make clear that they are out to prove the "truth of Christianity" from their evaluation of Ancient Egyptian artifacts and religious studies. **The only problem with this is not the link with Christianity, for it is there without a doubt, but the denial by leading Egyptologists today of the fact that Ancient Egypt found the genesis of their spiritual myths being influenced by areas such as Astronomy and Astrotheology as well as the role of these "religious" myths held sacred by them which came from these celestial observations and which were the origins and genesis of such Egyptian religious figures of Osiris, Isis, and Horus, etc., which also can be shown to be the very pattern for the "life and sayings of the**

New Testament Jesus. I don't know about you but when the reader sees these hundreds and hundreds of existing parallels between the life events of **Osiris** and **Horus** with the New Testament Jesus of Nazareth and as well as Isis (contrasted with Mary, the mother of Jesus) and then see these same identical "wisdom teachings" and "wisdom sayings" from the myths of Osiris and Horus later put into the mouth of the New Testament Jesus Christ then to be alarmed is understatement considering that this "historical Jesus" has been taught as the only way to Heaven and that trust and faith in the "Jesus Story" is necessary for Eternal Life. Such plagiarism of the Ancient Osiris and Horus myths when contrasted with the "Jesus Story" must not be ignored. But current Egyptologists today seem to take little if any note of such identical parallelism. I believe we have to consider the implications that hit us in the face that comes from contrasting these Ancient Egyptian Myths with the "Jesus Story".

With the Ancients, take for example the Egyptians, a myth was a valuable instrumentality of knowledge. It was an intellectual, even a spiritual, tool, by the aid of which truth and wisdom could at one and the same time both be concealed from the unworthy and expressed for the worthy. Again when considering "religious myths" we find the concept so often mentioned of the "Inner Mysteries" and the "Outer Mysteries" of which I so often speak. We as Christians and followers of "the Christ" grew up in the "Outer Mysteries" in America since having for our main source of knowledge concerning "the Christ" basically only "one book", the Christian Bible and New Testament which was given us by Rome who won the war over the Jews, which presented everything concerning "this Christ" as an assumed "historical narrative". We as obedient parishoners, never knowing that we needed to study the origin of this New Testament before we attached our emotions to it let alone an almost unbreakable faith in its "inerrancy and infallibility", never studied one scholarly book on how we got this New Testament let alone its 600,000 discrepancies. We never studied scholarly books which showed us that the hundreds and hundreds of quotes in it are purposefully misquotes, purposeful mistranslations, and pure inventions of the Hebrew Scriptures. We never knew to study comparative religions and contrast the Ancients "Jesus stories" with the one Rome gave us. We were NEVER aware that behind the mundane historical narratives of "the Christ" and this "Jesus" lie a wealth of Ancient Egyptian myths and legends from which the "Jesus Story" was later "carnalized" and "literalized". We grew up NEVER aware that these same "logia" and "wisdom sayings" of "the Christ" which we find put into the mouth of an assumed historical Jesus and which seem to us as "apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov. 25:11) are first found in Egyptian sacred writings coming from such characters as Osiris, Horus, Toth, Isis, etc., some 10,000 years B.C.E. or earlier. **Once you see this for yourself then you will never be the same again.**

Alvin Kuhn, one of my favorite authors in these types of categories of studies and the author of The Lost Light says it best:

"The ancients rightly regarded spiritual truth and experience as being incapable of expression or impartation by means of words simply. A myth or an allegory could be made the better means of conveying subtly and with a certain added force, **the truth veiled** under a set form of dramatic presentation. The myth would enhance spiritual truth as a drama reinforces moral situations. **It was all the more powerful in its message precisely because it was known not to be outwardly a true story. No one was caught by the literal falsity of the construction.** Attention could therefore be given wholly to the hidden import, which was not obscured by the outward occurrence. **The myth was known to be a fiction; therefore it deceived nobody - until the third century (more on that later).** But at the same time it was most ingeniously **designed to instruct in the deepest of spiritual truths. It was a literary device to embalm lofty wisdom in the amber of a tradition that could be easily remembered, in the guise of a human story. It was truth incarnated in a dramatic occurrence, which was known to be untrue. Outwardly fictitious, but inwardly the substance of a mighty truth, was the myth. And as such it was the universal dress in which ancient knowledge was clothed.**

I hope you heard that and understood what Kuhn meant when saying that things will change in the 3rd century, especially after the Council of Nicea, when Rome takes control of "early Christianity" and drives almost out of

existence the early Gnostics who safeguarded, preserved, and cherished this Ancient Spiritual "gnosis" and knowledge which they had inherited from Egypt. The Nag Hammadi Library, a collection of thirteen ancient codices containing over fifty texts, was **discovered in upper Egypt in 1945. Understand that this knowledge of "the Christ" has been absent from the minds of men for some almost 2000 years....almost the same time as the assumed existence of a "historical Jesus".**

Answer for yourself: Can you estimate the importance of such a discovery and the uniqueness of the time that these writings have remained absent from the minds of men and have been almost obliterated out of existence by Rome?

This immensely important discovery includes a large number of primary Gnostic scriptures -- texts once thought to have been entirely destroyed during the early Christian struggle to define "orthodoxy" -- scriptures such as the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Philip, Pistis Sophia, and the Gospel of Truth. **The discovery and translation of the Nag Hammadi library, completed in the 1970's, has provided impetus to a major re-evaluation of early Christian history and the nature of Gnosticism.** My Seminary never taught me about these let alone my church and when you look into them you will see why Orthodox Christianity cannot handle such a "hot-potato" for it shows that the earliest Christians were not followers of an "assumed historical person" but rather knew beyond any doubt that "the Christ" is a "Spiritual Concept" only which resides in the bosom of every man and woman and child of God.

I continually have my breath taken away by such wisdom of the Ancients cloaked in the disguise of their spiritual myths which today receive but laughter and denigration by the ignorant. I used to be such a one, being conditioned by Christianity, until my associated studies into Biblical Judaism and my beginning search for a "Jewish Jesus" opened to me, my eyes, and my mind repeatedly to the "African roots" to Judaism which seemed to me of greatest interest. That being so I had to go find out what lay behind these "African origins of Judaism" since I tried to never leave any promising road of knowledge untraveled in my studies since beginning my quest for the truth behind my Faith as a former Christian. I found the "motherload" when I set foot into Egypt and their religious myths but that was only after I had studied sufficiently to learn the "keys" necessary to interpreting these "myths" for as you read closely they also were written in the "guise of a human story" as was the "Jesus Story". Being conditioned you have the tendency to think in "literal" and "historical" parameters but I come to realize beyond any doubt that such an approach to Egyptian religion will never lead me to the truth concerning the Egyptian religion and its "spiritual concepts". A year or so had passed in my scholarly and earnest Egyptian studies where I studied 4 or 5 hours a day as if my life depended upon it and I had come to find no historical Osiris, no historical Horus, no historical Isis. What I had seen beyond any doubt was the hundreds of parallels between these Egyptian myths of Osiris, Horus, and Isis and the "Jesus Story". These parallels existed both in events and the sayings and teachings in the mouth of this New Testament Jesus. At that time in my life I was beginning to question the "unthinkable". I had to in all honesty ask myself before God that if these same "stories" and same "sayings" which I had come to see paralleled the life of "Jesus Christ" in the New Testament which had their origin with Osiris, Horus, and Isis were but Egyptian "myths" teaching "Divine Spiritual Concepts" (usually about the soul) then was I to even dare to think that my "assumed historical Jesus" might possibly be a nothing more than another replay of prior "religious myths" but in this case designed to appear as if a "historical person". As a Christian Pastor I challenge you to try to understand the crisis which faced me at that time in my life having a very successful ministry at a mega-church in Dallas, Texas. I would have to stop right there and investigate with all my might the evidence for and against the existence of a "historical Jesus" and this information was the most unsettling thing that I have every had to confront as a human being.

In order to arrive at such a point in my studies I had to get beneath the negativity of Christian writers to such topics as Egypt; such negativity which had conditioned me to not seriously consider Egypt earlier in my studies since so much is written negatively about it in the Hebrew Scriptures. It would be later that I would find out that Ezra, himself a Persian and not a Jew, re-wrote basically the Old Testament before and after the return of the Jews from Persia following their conquering of Bablyon. In would be in this rewriting of the history of these Jews where Ezra would give these "black Jews" a different history as a people in order that they would not look to "black Egypt" and their biological "black" parents. Archeology today is teaching us that these Jews were the

offspring and children of these Egyptians through their intermarriage with Semites. We should also note the fact that Persia at that time was at war with these returnees' Egyptian parents. The puzzle pieces were coming together and now I understood this negativity toward Egypt in the Hebrew Scriptures especially when I learned the truth about the 18 Dynasty in Egypt and just how these Pyramids were actually built "voluntarily" contrary to the depiction in the Old Testament. Surely I came to see why Persia did not want these black Jews returning home to ever get the idea that their parents were the Egyptian opponents of Persia for if they did then Persia could not count of them be an "outpost" for them in the fertile crescent. I never could understand how this Moses, whom many believe to be one of the head Pharaohs of the 18th Dynasty of Egypt, who led a religious revolution and rebuilding and unification of Egypt, would turn his back on his land and people and write so derogatorily about them in his writings. Now I knew where this negativity came from; namely Ezra a Persian with both political and religious agendas. Because his efforts as well as Rome we as Christians and followers of "the Christ" are taught not to look toward not only Judaism but surely not Egypt as well.

Answer for yourself: Why is that again? Because if we do then we find not only the beginning of the Jewish Roots there but the very genesis of Christianity as but a pure allegory with Horus, the Son of God, the earlier prototype for the later "Jesus". Rome has reinterpreted everything "literally" and intended the world do the same since they won the wars and controlled the documents and rewrote the history of the world and in such arrogance and deception gave the world their version of religion and history and we read it only only in their New Testament but the writings of the early Church Fathers as well which only fueled the later development of the New Testament.

When I began to read about the Egyptian religion from authors like James Bonwick, Moustafa Gadalla, Ahmed Osman, Robert Bauval, Graham Hancock, John G. Jackson, Colin Wilson, etc., my eyes and heart opened to new depths in my understanding of God and my Creator and "His Christ". This depth of this understanding of the Creative Energy of the Cosmos whom we call God far eclipsed anything I was ever taught or understood that came from my previous Christian perspective including Southwestern Theological Seminary where I earned my Masters Degree. Understand my prior depth of my understanding of the Creative Energy of the Cosmos whom we call God derived from my Jewish studies was wonderful and I cherish it today but it pails in comparison to what I learned of God when doing my Egypt studies. So enlightening over the earlier years of my studies was what Egypt knew of this One Cosmic Unity, this One Creative Energy, that I often had to stop and thank God for letting me see these truths. Judaism for me was liberating as a Christian pastor but what I found in Memphis, Heliopolis, Hermopolis, and Thebes was beyond my wildest imagination as my closeness to this God became greater and greater as I saw and understood wisdom that outshines the very Sun if possible; wisdom that today is being re-ignited by the light being shown on the resurrection of Egyptian truths concerning Amen...the Hidden One which was represented as the Sun. To my amazement when comparing Judaism with Egyptian religion I began to see unbelievably that Judaism is but a modified continuation of Egyptian religion as mentioned above and I found the parallels to be striking and most of the religious concepts in Judaism maintained the integrity of their Egyptian origins as seen in their love for the Torah and Laws of God. There is not "literal God-man" in Judaism as in idolatrous Christianity and this is only the beginnings. Christianity cannot make such a claim since they re-make God after the image of a man. Egypt wrote similar stories of God-men but as stated before they were in the beginning NEVER to be understood to be historical personages like what was done with this "Jesus" and were understood by Egyptians as but myths and allegories and personifications of various forces, powers, and energies (neteroo) that comprised what we call God and Creator of the whole Cosmos as understood by Egypt.

Things were to change and not for the better and God would raise up Moses to deal with it. Let me explain. It would be much later that there would come a division even in Egypt whereby these earlier and deeper metaphysical understandings of God would be hidden in Egypt's "Inner Mysteries" and the laymen given similar to what we have inherited today....a "watered down" version of earlier Spiritual truths in the form of a "god-man" which began to rob the worship intended for Only this One Great God. Osiris worship was at its highest point ever in the 18 Dynasty of Egypt; the same Dynasty which produced Akhenaton, whom many believe to be the Egyptian Moses who will return the nation to the worship of Aten whom was again the visible manifestation of the Sun which was understood to be ONLY symbolic of the Uncreated Energy of the

Universe....whom we call God.

Before Moses Egypt, like Constantine Christianity, fell prey to a terrible misunderstanding of earlier Spiritual Concepts; concepts which were never intended to be taken "literally". With this loss of "gnosis" and proper knowledge of just whom and how to worship this Cosmic Unity over time came an over-emphasis on the "god-man" as we find no differently with Jesus today as recorded in the New Testament as well and established for all time by the Council of Nicea when this "assumed historical person" was declared to be of the same essence as God. Jesus was made God at the Council of Nicea. This perversion of truth, allegory being mistaken as "literal history", is the very thing that Moses reacted against in his religious revolution in the 18th dynasty for it was then that Osiris (the Egyptian god-man) worship was at its highest in the history of Egypt. Moses set out to reverse this since he knew that such a view and worship of the "god-man" is incorrect and idolatry. **Moses knew what Christians don't; that the "god-man" and the "Sun-god" is only an allegory and that behind such myths and allegories of the Sun-gods and "god-men" were but Spiritual concepts, principles, patterns, and cycles of energy, and missing from all of them is any "historical fleshly personage". It is time for this truth to be renewed through education and repentance from erroneous concepts which has come into being basically due to ignorance and neglect of the Ancients wisdom. What was true for Moses in the 18th dynasty is true for Christianity today as we must deal with our inherited "god-man" in the New Testament in the same way.**

To indicate the universality of the Sun-god myth it is only necessary to enumerate some thirty of the chief figures known as Sun-gods amongst the nations about the Eastern Mediterranean, before the advent of Jesus. There were in Egypt, Osiris, Horus, Serapis, Hermes or Taht (Thoth), Khunsu, Atum (Aten, Adon, the Adonis or Phrygia), Iusa, Iu-sa, Iu-em-hetep; in Syria, Atis, Sabazius, Zagreus, Kybele (feminine); in Assyria Tammuz; in Babylonia, Marduk and Sargon; in Persia, Mithra, Ahura-Mazda and the Zoroasters; in Greece, Orpheus, Bacchus (Dionysus), Achilles, Hercules, Theseus, Perseus, Jason, Prometheus; in India, Vyasa, Krishna, Buddha; in Tibet the Boddhisattvas; besides many others elsewhere. And as indicated by one of the last articles sent by Bet Emet Ministries concerning the [hidden mystery in our alphabet](#) concerning the etymology of the earliest word or words for God ("I", "O" and "A"...."IO", "IAO", etc.) **we saw conclusively that all nations at one time or another understood this "same God" as symbolized by the Sun by these same letter, or letters, consonants and vowels; the name and names only translated differently due to different dialects as the languages differed according to the various nations down through time.**

Answer for yourself: What is the implication and conclusion we can draw from the above?

Simply that this means that all nations, at their very core, had a religious belief in the "same God" but only called Him by different and various names and expressed this "same Divine Concept" (God, the Uncreated Energy of the Cosmos) by different symbols and myths such as we find in Egypt in the neteroo as Osiris, Horus, Serapis, Hermes or Taht (Thoth), Khunsu, Atum (Aten, Adon, the Adonis or Phrygia), Iusa, Iu-sa, Iu-em-hetep and as others enumerated above.

Likewise we find in the ancient Mystery dramas the central character of these dramas and stage plays that were performed for the initiates into this secret and "Inner Mysteries" was always the Sun-god which had his role "played out" by the candidate for initiation into this secret wisdom and higher knowledge which was always reserved for those who "desired to go deeper beneath" the mundane story of a Sun-god that was much later told for those laymen who were content to remain within the "Outer Mysteries" down through history. Unlike those in the beginning who knew the stories of these Sun-gods were but allegories and myths expressing Divine Truths, those who came centuries and thousands of years later, take Rome for example, having not been given or possessing the secret "gnosis" concerning these Sun-gods (also like Christians today), could and often did think that these prior Sun-gods had been literal persons like themselves (for example a literal Jesus); never knowing that they were but allegories and myths intended to exist forever as a vehicle for these metaphysical Divine Truths concerning the One High God and His relationship to matter (the human being). You can burn books and libraries and Rome certainly has done that often but you cannot destroy an "idea" or a memory of a "myth". These religious ideas live today thousands of years later and have survived attempted purge after purge

to eradicate this knowledge and many attempts to eradicate such knowledge from this world only because they were burned in the memory of mankind as "myths" and "legends".

Today as Christians we don't know the real truth behind the "Jesus Story" we are taught our whole lives. Few Christians ever studied to the level necessary to see behind the "Jesus Story" and consequently it never dawns on them to ever think that something could be amiss with the "Jesus Story" as we have received it. I believe all good Christians should desire to know what really lays behind the supposed "Historical Jesus". If one takes such a challenge to study as objectively as possible the origins of his faith and what lies behind the "Jesus Story" then he will be confronted with facts that will show him that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. Such scholarly study of the "literal historical Jesus Story", found in this provable forged book, the Roman Bible and the New Testament, reveals that there exists not one piece of unforged or unadulterated evidence for the historical existence of this man from Galilee. An unbiased through study of Comparative Religion reveals that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, event after event, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus. If you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology one finds not only that the "sayings" of "the Christ" can be found in the wisdom sayings of Osiris and Hours over 10,000 years B.C.E. but also that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. Personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through chapter 28 at the end of the book. Such knowledge escapes the casual Sunday Church attendee who is taught since childhood to have "belief" in Jesus as found in a supposed "God-breathed" book; a book which few if any have every submitted to intense scrutiny necessary to determine its reliability.

The facts you gather in such study indicate that this "initiate" into the "Higher Mysteries" went through the several initiations where he was himself the type and representative of the solar divinity in the field of human experience just like Osiris and Horus patterned for him. One can see when having done the comparative studies involving the "Jesus Story" that this initiation is not very different from one following in the footsteps of another "Solar Hero" like Jesus of Nazareth. Having failed to study out these "hidden mysteries" concerning "the Christ", so many today are unknowing of the fact that ironically we walk in the same path as the Ancients only the "names" and "types" have been changed. Behind our Christian Myth and "Jesus Story" is the same God symbolized by the Sun and its path through the Heavens whom can be shown to be personified in the life, events, and sayings of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

From the study of a mass of the ancient material, beginning with a through study of Osiris and Horus of Egypt and working down through recorded history regarding the chronological secession of other "Sun-gods", the sincere student who "cracks" the books and does the necessary research becomes strongly convinced of the fact that the "Jesus figure" of the Gospels, although portrayed as a historical person in the Gospels, is just another in the long list of the solar gods which were but personifications of the Sun and its path through the Heavens and especially the 12 houses of the Zodiac. I can make that statement because I have seen and studied thoroughly the overwhelming evidence and read these same "Jesus Stories" in the Egyptian archives and the Egyptian Book of the Dead; stories ascribed to Osiris and Horus who were but intended symbolic representations of the Sun and its movements; movements which were seen in a spiritual sense by the Ancients and which conveyed a deep spiritual knowledge of the soul within man and his responsibilities before God. These Egyptian parallels to the "Jesus Story" are there for anyone to read if they have the interest and devote the time. Gerald Massey's books are full of these parallels. They only have to know that these same parallel stories "exist" between Osiris and Horus and Jesus and that the same "sayings" or the "Logia of the Lord" as taken from the Egyptian Karast (Christ)" are echoed in the sayings and teachings of the New Testament Jesus. These sayings of Jesus can be shown to come right out of the Egyptian Book of the Dead and the rituals

contained in them. These Egyptian wisdom sayings were only later put into the mouths of later "Sun-gods" that were modeled on the previous types that originated in Egypt - the culmination of which was the last of a long line of "Sun-gods" which we find down through history with the Roman depiction of the New Testament "Jesus". Let us not miss the point; these Sun-gods were figured by ancient poetic genius as embodiments of divine solar glory living among and within men and which were presented through the medium of the mythical constructions of the Ancient allegorists. These Sun-god characters, none of whom can it be said positively that they were living personages, were, it must be clearly noted, purely typical figures in the national epics of the several nations. They were only symbols, one might say for Divine realities which were captured in the medium of myth.

Let us continue in the 3rd and final article in this series where we look at the relationship between these myths of the Sun-gods and the human soul.

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HOW THE ANCIENTS VIEWED THEIR SUN GODS AND ITS SPIRITUAL IMPLICATION FOR US TODAY #3

IS THERE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE SUN-GODS AND THE SOUL OF MAN?

Answer for yourself: Of what were these Sun-gods symbolical?

You see this is the point of central importance regarding these allegorical representations of these Sun-gods which were only pictures of the Only One God which was again symbolized by the Sun. The Sun, like God, was the life-giver and sustainer of man's physical existence. Again let me quote Alvin Kuhn who says it best: "They (these Sun-gods) were representative characters, summing and epitomizing in themselves the spiritual history of the human individual in his evolutionary trek across the field of evolving life on earth. They were the types and models of the divine potentiality pictured as coming to realization in their careers. They were the mirror held up to men, in which could be seen the possibilities locked up in man's own nature. They were type-figures, delineating the divine life that was an ever-possible realization for any devoted man."

Mr Kuhn is saying that these "Sun-gods" were metaphors and symbols for an ever-coming deity, an ever maturing soul within flesh that was designed to come to an even ever fuller expression and liberation in the inner heart of every son of man as his soul/spirit rose to dominance over his fleshly urges as he matured and grew spiritually. The Ancients witnessed and came to understand the Sun and its movements through the Heavens in a spiritual sense and in so doing extrapolated from the laws and cycles of its motion spiritual realities that related perfectly to the Divine soul within all humankind. In so doing these Spiritual Masters found unique relationships between this Sun and its movements and the maturation of the soul within mankind and its intended expression through righteous acts and deeds which reinforced and brought harmony and peace in God's Universe. Kuhn goes on to say that "the solar deities were the gods that ever came, that were described as coming not once upon a time, but continuously and regularly. Their radiant divinity might be consummated by any earnest person at any time or achieved piecemeal."

Answer for yourself: Were the Egyptians then looking for the coming of "Karast" (Christ) like we are? Yes and no. Let me explain.

According to Kuhn, speaking of these Sun-gods says: "they (Sun-gods) were typed as ever-coming or coming regularly because they were symbolized by the Sun in its annual course around the zodiac of twelve signs, and the regular periodicity of this natural symbol typified the ever-continuing character of their spiritual sunlight (illumination). The ancients, in a way and to a degree almost incomprehensible to the unstudied modern, had made of the Sun's annual course round the heavens a faithful reproduction of the spiritual history of the divine spirit in man. The God in us was embalmed by the Sun in its course, and the Sun's varied experiences, as fabulously construed, were a reflection of our own incarnational

history. The Sun in its movements through the signs was made the mirror of our life in spirit. To follow the yearly round of the zodiac was to epitomize graphically the whole history of human experience. Thus the inner meaning of our mortal life was endlessly repeated in the daily, weekly, monthly and yearly cycle of the Sun's passage, the seven or twelve divisions of which marked the seven or twelfold segmentation of our spiritual history or our initiations. These initiations and spiritual steps in the history and formation of the soul within mankind were figured at first as seven, later as twelve, when the solar gods came upon the cosmic scene.)"

Two things need to be said here. If you understood the above paragraph then understand as well that the Egyptian Gnostics knew that the coming of "Karast" (Christ) within all mankind is realized over and over again in "many comings of God's Karast" as seen in the soul's evolutionary development in the heart of man whereby man grows spiritually and patterned his life, ideas, beliefs, deeds, and actions after the God of the Cosmos whom He witnesses operating, teaching, and speaking to him through observations of His laws, cycles, and patterns observed and understood both in the Heavens above in the movements of celestial orbs, in Nature around him which provided the same laws, cycles, patterns, and physiologically in the processes and cycles, laws, and pattern operating within his own body. This "Karast" (Christ) was to come anew to man with each repentance and obedience and submission of each man to these Laws, patterns, and cycles taken and understood from the observation of this Uncreated Energy of the Cosmos...this God who was speaking to all His creation and who continually witnessed His will through such patterns and cycles of Heaven and Nature. It was the responsibility of the Egyptian Priesthood to interpret and relate these laws to man and in so doing we now understand the Egyptian anxiety of their faith: "So above, so beneath; so beneath, so above". Earth was to be a pattern of Heaven come down to man. It was to be God's home. God was to experience His creation through mankind and his life. To the degree that man patterned his life after these laws of harmony and unity which was the accomplishment of his soul's spiritual growth and maturation then God could experience unheeded His creation through mankind. The "Karast/Christ" teaches us in one of his wisdom sayings or "logia"

Matt 6:10 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (KJV)

You just read the heart of Egyptian religion expressed in the New Testament: *"So above, so beneath; so beneath, so above"*.

All Religions and Traditions teach that knowledge of God may be gained. Most religious people believe that such knowledge can only be gained after death as a reward by following a set of rules. Jews and Christians call their set of rules the "Commandments". The rules laid out by other religions are very similar, if not the same. And, in contrast to the more popular belief, all Religions agree that God can be found now as opposed to later. They even make it our most important task (Matt 6:33 *"First seek the Kingdom of God...."*)

The commandments may in fact be much more than a set of rules. When we look past ceremonies and symbols, it turns out that, at least in the approach to finding God, Religions are not so different after all. Thus, the path to God can be summarized in one sentence: *"Love God with all you Heart, with all your Soul, and with all your mind."* This is called the greatest and most important commandment and is shared by Jews, Christians, Moslems, Hindus, and Others. All major Religions agree in essence, but only when we bother to look deeper for the real essence and the real meaning. If God, as omnipresent Awareness, is at the Heart of our Soul, then it stands to reason that we may stand a better chance of discovering this pure Awareness through an act of pure Concentration than by bothering to keep various religious rituals. Concentration is required if we follow the first commandment. Loving God with all our Heart, Mind, and Soul really leaves very little room for any other thoughts. And it is only during these moments of steady tranquillity that God, who is our very own Self at the Center of our Soul, reveals Himself.

Let us go deeper if we can. If you understood the above paragraphs then you now understand why every one of these Sun-gods can be found being allegorically symbolized and depicted as being born in the sign of Capricorn (the constellation whereby the Sun passes through in December at the Winter Solstice on Dec. 25th...just like

Jesus) and ended up "crossified" or "crucified" in Spring at Vernal Equinox (just like Jesus) only to be followed by a resurrection from the dead 3 days later (just like Jesus). This cycle in Heaven was a pattern of self-discovery whereby one finds the Presence of God within his very own self. This Heavenly pattern of movement of the Sun at these equinoxes and solstices again is but a cycle and pattern which is not to be understood "historically" or "literally" but only as expressing and symbolic of a higher allegorical spiritual truth. **This "rebirth" (spiritual birth of man and the domination of his soul over his flesh) of the Sun-gods following their death (symbolic of the death of man to his flesh) was symbolic of the evolution of the "Christ Within" each of us or the Soul and Divine Self of mankind asleep in these fleshy bodies whereby the Self within, the Soul within man, eventually comes to awaken to the truth that he is "Divine" and posses the very spark of God in his flesh and thereby comes to a point knowing this that he submits his flesh to the residing Spirit of God within which desires to instruct and lead him into higher spiritual experiences in his life. Such a "birth" from one's dead flesh and unawakened spirit, is spoken of by Paul**

Eph 5:14 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (KJV)

In the above verse Paul is speaking to the people who are already alive but considered by the Gnostics to be "dead while they live" since they have not yet come to understand that they, in their physical existence, are literally God manifested in matter. I am speaking the descent of the Soul, of God into matter where the very Divine Spirit that is the "All" became incarnated in all matter (eventually in flesh). **Most people and all religions share the conviction that the Soul as man's essential nature is able to survive the body since the Soul (God) is in essence immaterial consciousness or awareness.** Years ago in study Kabbalah I found the same teaching whereby God diminishes Himself in ten steps (Seifrots) whereby pure Spirit (En Soph), through a process of emanations, eventually takes upon Himself "matter" at the lowest stage of creation and emanation. As for Judaism, the fundamental corpus of esoteric knowledge known as Kabbalah, must certainly have been born from Egypt. **The Ka and the Ba in the term Kabbalah are the spirit and the soul respectively in Egyptian terminology.** The structure of Jewish and Christian scripture and the basic Christian story rely heavily on initiatic knowledge and mythic allegory derived from Egypt. The Gnostics taught this same analogy of the Descent of the Soul through the passion of the "Sophia" which is the feminine "Karast/Christ". Before there was even a passion of "the Christ" there is to be found the passion of the Sophia. That is a great study for another day. We find the descent of the Soul expressed in allegory form in the New Testament as the "Christ" descended into the flesh of mankind:

Phil 2:5-7 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (KJV)

Knowing we are literally the Divine laying asleep and "waiting" for our resurrection in our clay bodies before we actually die is a big, big revelation and should be a life-changing revelation. Sadly too few ever hear it or it seems not to dawn upon them yet hearing repeatedly that they are the "temple of the Holy Spirit". Just look at our country, a Christian nation basically, and look at the crime, violence, drug addiction, and unrighteousness that is rampant. Religion has not worked and never will as long as we are sadly waiting for "the Christ without" to come while the "Christ within us all slumbers and rejects his mission".

The Gnostics teach us that we have failed to understand whom we truly are. That is why the Gnostics always said: **"Know whom you are, from where you come, and where you go when you die"**. We are gods (small "g").

Ps 82:6 6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. (KJV)

John 10:34 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What should this mean to me?

The careers of these solar gods and **"god-men" you see then, were a type of what is to occur inside every man and woman who has dwelling within the spark of divine soul within their body.** The Sun-gods were never to be confused with some historical person to the exclusion of everyone else created in the image of God who possessed "the Christ within" (God within as the Soul). Each one of us has had or hopefully will follow the pattern of "the Christ" and have his festival of spiritual awakening at our personal Christmas, at the darkest part of the year (our lives symbolized by the longer days of darkness with less light which occurs at the Winter solstice) which only comes after the "death of the Sun" (told as the symbolic death of the Sun which is a picture of the death of our flesh), and hopefully will experience his glorious resurrection from dead fleshly body of this life while yet alive at his personal Easter/Passover (resurrection of the inner Light of God's Sun to a higher spiritual recognition of his life upon the revelation of one's true identity as the Divine God encased in matter and fleshly bodies...which is our Vernal equinox and which is symbolized by the Sun "crossified" or "crucified at this same Vernal equinox). To those who have studied the "[Jesus-Astrotheology](http://jesuastrotheology.net)" website then this should be self explanatory at this stage of your study. You might need to rethink on what I just said for it truly is deep.

As you see there is no "historical god-man" but yet the metaphysical reality symbolized by these Sun-gods is very real. They are the foundation of all religions and their goals. All the more we should want to study Osiris, Horus, Isis, Egyptian religion etc., and learn how these myths were understood by the Ancients to refer to God in us, our Souls and how we develop, nurture, and develop our spiritual destiny as manifestation of God encased in fleshly bodies. We should want to trace the parallels of this Egyptian revelation of the Divine to Biblical Judaism and embrace it as the closest manifestation of the Ancient truth that exists today. A Christianity who gives us a forged book purposefully misquoted and mistranslated from the Hebrew will not suffice once you learn this and of course at the same time negates this Gnostic understanding of "the Karast/Christ within" whereby we are given a fictitious historical god-man by the name of "Jesus of Nazareth" whom we are taught to worship, sing to, and pray to in "his name". This is a hideous desecration of the Ancient revelation of our God and Creator and simply must not be tolerated in the light of knowledge and truth that comes to us today as but one of many manifestations and comings of "this Christ". As long as we mistakenly await for one to "come" and fix the world instead of rising with our Soul to our responsibility to fix this world then we abdicate our God-given responsibility for Tikkun Olam in repairing this world ourselves.

Typical Christian doctrine says the Christos came once in a single character in history as Jesus of Nazareth and says little if nothing his coming to Everyman at all times of his life. But this was not always the case as evidenced by the discovery of the Nag Hammadi Gnostic gospels over 50 years ago. Unknown to most today and as modern archeology is teaching us daily the earliest "Chrestians" (the name for the followers of the Gnostic Christ" or "Christians" were not the typical Western Roman Catholics we see as evidenced in the proto-Early Church Fathers but rather the Gnostic Christians whom these proto-Catholics persecuted and murdered almost out of existence and whom they drove "underground" over the first five centuries of the early Gentile Church. In so doing Rome would burn many of the libraries of the world including the library of Alexandria in 398 C.E. as well as others to cover up these prior allegorical Gnostic documents which told of the "non-historical Gnostic Christ" along with the events of his life and "logia sayings" which paralleled the Roman Jesus within their New Testament. Many knew of this forgery of Rome but in time without these documents the world forgot this gross plagiarism. The result is that these Gnostic Christians went underground and remained hidden from the swords of Rome in such movements as the Manichaeans and later Knights Templars who feigned Christianity in order to not be murdered by Rome but were anything but examples of orthodoxy but were in truth Gnostics. **In the vacuum of the absence of these Gnostic documents the juggernaut of Rome and their professed "orthodoxy" presented to the world their version of the "Christ-without" as the "Only-Begotten Son of the Father", confusing in one historical figure two distinct characters of ancient philosophy, the Logos and the Christos, and making both historical in a human being born of virgin woman. It goes without saying that neither the "Logos" nor the**

"Christos" were historical in any of the ancient religious systems from which these doctrines were stolen and later "literalized" by Rome and which was as well put into a fictitious historical timeline of their making. The Logos and the Christos were always known and expressed by the Ancient priests as cosmic forces, since God was but Creative Energy, and the erring Christians, either ignorant of the needed "gnosis" or rejecting it outright, confounded these "personages" of ancient philosophy with a supposed and assumed career of a man called Jesus whom they inherited by oral tradition. The irony of the whole thing is that this "Jesus", as shown in the last article, was but a "religious concept" which can be traced back to Ancient Egypt some 10,000 years ago who was not other than one of the mythical Sun-god heroes, or national type-figures which in its genesis was but a personification of the movements of the Sun which was to these Ancient priests a symbol of the grown of the Sun within all mankind, his soul. What a travesty of truth the Christian depiction of this "Jesus" as a historical person deserving of worship has become! What a travesty the Gospels have made of the divine spiritual principle in all mens lives!

Alvin Kuhn again has something interesting to point out: "The ancients had no "only-begotten" son because the term used in their systems, woefully mistranslated "only-begotten," was something with quite a different connotation. It was in Greek "monogenes," and in Latin "unigenitus," and was far from meaning "only-begotten." It meant that which was **begotten of one parent, the father, alone**, not the offspring of the union of father and mother."

Answer for yourself: Why is this important?

Kuhn relates: "By the term the ancients meant to **designate him who was the projection into matter of the spirit forces of life (the descent of the Soul), not the final product of the union of spirit and matter, or the male and female elements**. Had the early Christian Fathers known of the inner meaning of the symbolism of the Egyptian Ptah, as Khepr-Ra, who was typed by the male beetle that incubated in the ground and without union with the female transformed and regenerated himself after twenty-eight days (exactly a moon cycle...just one of the patterns of which I mentioned earlier) in the form of the young scarab, symbol of the **new-born Sun in the moon (symbol of God being born in matter..ie. flesh)**, they would have been intelligent enough to have avoided the great schisms that divided the Church into Roman and Greek Catholic bodies over the absurdities this very origin of the persons of the Trinity."

But further from Egypt was Rome of the third century, not only in miles but religious philosophy, than it is from us who have the advantage of the information age, who can now read the inscriptions on the Egyptian temples and monuments that were sealed from Rome till much later. **If one has the courage to study Egyptian religion and find the "Jesus Story" carved in Egyptian stone monuments that have existed well over over 10,000 years B.C.E. then he will see of what I speak as the evidence is undeniable.** As a Pastor I can remember the tears and my broken heart that came from finding out these truth; namely that I had been lied to concerning this Jesus and he New Testament by my spiritual fathers of my faith; both ancient and modern. I often wondered why they had failed to study as I had done to find these truths since they, especially since 1950, had been visible to all who would care enough to look. I guess they cared to little having bought into the assumption that we cannot be wrong as Christians.

All this ancient scriptural data accentuates the fact that not the historical Jesus, but the spiritual Christ, or the god within the individual heart as expounded in Platonic Philosophy, which finds its final expression as Gnostic Christianity, is the subject of the sacred writings of old, and the kernel of the whole religious ideology up until the 3rd century when Rome changes the Ancient religious traditions and creates as well as forges existing documents to both "write in" as well as "replace" the previous ideas of the "Christ within" with a "fleshly Christ without".

DID YOU KNOW WE FIND JESUS IN EGYPT 10,000 YEARS AGO?

By the benefit of antiquated sacred books we have been enabled today to trace authentically the origin of the

name Jesus. And it is of great importance to see this because it throws a flood of clear light upon the ancient conceptions of the Messiah and the coming Son, or Sun-god. **In this light the name will be seen to be a type-designation and not the personal name of an historical being.**

It is derived from the two letters (or numbers) which in the beginning of typology symbolized the two first elements, spirit and matter, into which the primal One Life separated. They are the **"I"** or the number "1" symboling the male or spirit, and the **"O"** (letter) or "0" (zero) symboling the female, womb, or material universe. Together they represented the biune male-female deity. We have, then, the letters **"IO"**, or the number "10". As the vowels were freely interchanged, in ancient languages, the name was written either **"IO"**, **"IA"**, **"IE"**, or **"IU"**, and all these forms are found. Next the **"I"** was over time transformed into consonantal value and became a **"J"** (as it is yet in Latin), so that we find the names **"JO"**, **"JA"**, **"JE"** and **"JU"**, from each of which many names have arisen. When the creation had combined the male and female and the two had given birth to the Son, or Logos and Logoic universe, the name was given the form of three letters, and we then find such forms as **"IAO"**, **"JAH"**, **"IEO"**, **"JEU"**, **"ZUE"**. When the universe became founded on the four cardinal points or the square of four dimensions, the name was spelled variously as **"IEOU"**, **"JOVE"**, **"ZEUS"**, **"JEVE"**, **"DIOS"**, **"T/HEOS"**, **"HUHI"**, **"IHUH"** and others. In its character as a sevenfold or seven-lettered name, it took the form of **"JEHOVAH"**, **"SABAOTH"**, **"DEBORAH"**, **"DELILAH"**, **"SEP/HIROT/H"**, **"MICHAEL"**, **"SOLOMON"**, and others of seven letters. The **"I"** permuted with **"L"** (el) or "1" (one), so that **"IE"** became **"LE"** or, inverted **"EL"**, the great Hebrew character of deity. The **"EL"** and the **"IAH"**, or **"JAH"**, became the most frequent determinatives of divinity, as a host of names will testify. There are **"Bethel"**, **"Emanuel"**, **"Michael"**, **"Israel"**, **"Gabriel"**, **"Samuel"**, **"Abdiel"**, **"Uriel"**, **"Muriel"**, **"Azazel"**, and many others, in which the **"EL"** is prefixed. The **"JAH"** is seen in such names as **"EliJAH"**, **"AbiJAH"**, while the **"IAH"** comes in a host of such names as **"Nehemiah"**, **"Jeremiah"**, **"Obediah"**, **"Hezekiah"**, **"Isaiah"**, **"Messiah"**, **"Alleluiah"** and more.

Answer for yourself: But whence comes the "s" in Jesus's name?

This is of great importance. It is derived from an Egyptian suffix written either **"SA"**, **"SE"**, **"SI"**, **"SU"**, or **"SAF"**, **"SEF"**, **"SIF"** or **"SUF"** (**"SAPH"**, **"SEPH"**, **"SIPH"** or **"SUPH"**) and meaning **"the son," "heir," "prince" or successor to the father**. The **"F"** is an Egyptian ending for the masculine singular. When the original symbol of divinity, **"IO"** or **"IE"**, **"JO"** or **"JE"**, was combined with the Egyptian suffix for the succeeding heir, **"SU"** or **"SA"**, the resultant was the name **"IUSA"**, **"IUSE"**, **"IUSU"**, or **"IOSE"**; or **"IESU"**, **"JESU"**, **"IUSEF"**, **"IOSEF"**, **"JOSEF"**. One of the many forms was **"JESU"** and another was **"JOSEF"**. The final **"F"** became sibilant at times and gave us the eventual form of **"JESUS"**.

Answer for yourself: Need I remind the reader that this was a "religious concept" and not a historical personage in Ancient Egypt? Could we have in our Bible an erroneous understanding of this "religious concept" mistakenly represented as a historical person when in fact no historical person was ever intended by the Ancients who gave us these religious concepts and words in the first place?

The name then meant the **"divine son,"** and combined in the Egyptian **"IU"** the idea of the coming one. Hence **"JESUS" was the Egyptian "Messiah"**, the coming son of the divine life. **There we find "Jesus" existing in Egypt for ten thousand years B.C. but only as a religious concept and idea which was expressed in all of creation and not confined to just one person. We find the character of this functionary under the name of "IUSA". Later he was the "Iu-em-hetep", which means "the divine son who comes with peace (hetep).** But most interestingly, this last word also means seven. Hence "Jesus" is he who comes as the seventh principle to complete the six elementary powers of natural evolution with the gift of divine intelligence, which supplants the elementary chaos with the rulership of love and intelligence and thus brings peace into a warring situation. Hence finally, Jesus is the seventh cosmic principle, announced in all religious lore as he who comes to bring peace and good will to men. And as such he was announced in the Christian Gospels. **But there was more than one "Jesus" or "IUSA" or "IU" before the coming of the alleged historical Jesus.** Startling as are the implications of this bit of etymology, a far more amazing denouement of Bible study is the

revelation that not only were there over thirty Sun-god figures in the cults of the various nations of old, but there are immediately in the Bible itself, in the Old Testament, some twenty more Sun-god characters under the very name of Jesus undervariant forms of this one name! But that is a study for another day.

LET US SUMMARIZE

Answer for yourself: So what have we said so far? Let us recapitulate.

If you have understood what I have tried to teach up to now then it becomes plain to you that we see that **the Sun-gods, their stories, their actions and their "sayings" and "teachings" were intended to convey to the initiates of the "Inner Mysteries" the conception of one's divinity hidden within these bodies of flesh in which God dwells in the form of man's Soul-Spirit and the responsibilities that man had to the Creator that gave him life in the first place.**

Answer for yourself: Do we find this idea put into the mouth of the Christ in the New Testament? Yes we do as we saw above:

John 10:34 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Should what these Sun-gods and their stories and sayings meant to the Ancients mean the same to us today?

If you answered the above question with a "yes" then it means that **the divinity hidden within us, our divine soul or Self, was itself the Sun-god, or solar deity.** This explains why the Ancient Egyptians desired to become "Osiris".

Answer for yourself: And what does this signify in concrete terms for us? Just this; that the God within us is constituted of the imperishable essence of solar light and energy! In short, we ourselves, in our higher nature, are solar gods in potentiality! Our highest nature is an incorruptible body composed of the glorious essence of the Sun's energy! It might now have dawned on you why the "gods" in the Bible were always symbolized by the light or fire of the Sun.

Ps 84:11 11 For the LORD God is a Sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (KJV)

Deut 4:24 24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. (KJV)

We are now enlightened to see how the term "Sun-god" truly meant to the Ancients as it described man's own nature as veritable truth and fact. We are Sun-gods. Our immortal spirits within us are composed of the radiant substance of solar energy drawn from God and the Cosmic source from which all life originates.

Many read the Bible never understanding what they read. If we use a watchful eye we can see that the Bible speaks to our solar constitution. Beside the above two passages drawn from many let us look at what "the Christ" has to say:

"I am come to send fire on earth," meaning he came to scatter the separated sparks of solar essence amongst mankind, a spark to each soul.

Then says John the Baptist: ***"I indeed baptize you with water, but he that cometh after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire!"***

Says Jesus: ***"When I am in the world I am the light of the world."*** Again he said: ***"Ye are the light of the world,"*** and ***"Let your light so shine that others may . . . glory your father which is in heaven."***

The Lord, say the Psalms, *"made his angels messengers and his ministers a flame of fire."*

The New Testament depiction of Christ, following the well-known Egyptian diagram of the Ankh, the solar disk with the spread wings, is described as *Mal. 4:2 "the Sun of righteousness, risen with healing in his wings."*

John declares that the Christos "was the true light" which was to come Messianically for the redemption of our lower nature. And again he declares that with the Christos "light is come into the world." No cry echoes with more resounding intensity down to this age than Paul's exhortation to our souls buried in lethal darkness: *Eph 5:4 4 "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon thee!"*

And in Revelation there are those mighty pronouncements: in the spiritual resurrection *Rev. 21: 23 23 there shall be no more need of the Sun to shine by day nor the moon by night, for the glory of the Lord did lighten it."*

And there is no more heartening assurance anywhere in the Bible than the further statement of the Ephesian writer: *Eph 5:8 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (KJV)*

And these are only a gleaning from the great score of similar passages with which the Bible teems. Upon second look it gets harder to think that there is references to the idea of God and His Christ being manifested as "the Sun" or the "Sun-god" idea in the Bible!

And from the great old Egyptian Book of the Dead we take just one passage among scores: *"Lo, I come from the Lake of Flame, from the Lake of Fire, and from the field of flame, and I live."* And again, from an old Book of Adam and Eve we quote a great passage in which the Lord says: *"I made thee of the light, and I wished to bring out children of the light from thee."* If only we had been taught by our religious teachers that our spiritual natures are woven and fabricated of solar light, we should have had a clearer apprehension of our potentialities for divine education.

With the emergence of the Greek philosophers we see these same ideas expressed in somewhat a simpler manner. When we look at Greek Platonic philosophy, which is the lost link between science and religion, we find such statements as from the learned Proclus, last of the Great Platonists: *"The light of the Sun is the pure energy of intellect."*

Answer for yourself: Did you catch the significance of that statement? The fiery radiance of the Sun is already the motivating genius of intellect! **Matter is itself intelligent and intelligence!** Here is the basic link between all naturalism and all spirituality. **Matter (the flesh of man) enshrouds and contains the soul of mind and spirit. The light of the Sun is basically the deific flash of intellect imparted to us from the First Cause of all creation. And the very core of our conscious being is this "Divine Spark" that emanates from that Infinite Indestructible Energy of solar light whom we call "God". This intellect, residing in the highest of all of God's creatures makes us being created in "the image of God" and you can go so far as to understand that it is this intellect that makes us a "god".**

This intellect, symbolized by the fire of the Sun, is sent to earth to inhabit matter. It is the duty of the fiery spark to enlighten the whole dark realm of mankind's life, to transform the baser dross of animal inclination into the finer motivation of love which is the very essence of this Life-Giver we call "God". This transformation is a process of altering this matter of mankind into the likeness of God. We call it "Christlikeness" today. In Egyptian scriptures the twelve sons of Ra (the twelve sons of Jacob, and the twelve tribes of Israel) were called the "twelve saviors of the treasure of light." An Egyptian text reads: *"This is the Sun within us, the*

seminal source of light. Do not dim its luster or cause it to suffer eclipse."

We see the same wisdom expressed by "the Christ":

Matt 5:15-16 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (KJV)

In closing let us look quickly at Ps 24:7 *7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. (KJV)*

Answer for yourself: Who is this King of Glory?

The above passage exhorts us to lift up our heads (intellect) and open the doors of our hearts to let this King of Glory enter into our lives. This King of Glory has been symbolized by the Ancients as the Sun-soul within all mankind, raised the fullness of His Christ-like stature to where our flesh (matter) is submitted to the will of God through the indwelling Christ (the intellect of God). This King of Glory you see is the immortal Sun-god, the very deity that resides in our heart and soul; and when he awakes from his slumber as man comes to realize just whom he is which is the dwelling place for God, where he has come from which is the realm of Heaven, and where he goes when he passes following death as his Sun-soul returns of this Cosmic Intelligent Energy whom we call God, then this "indwelling Christ" can arise to come fellowship with us and live through us. In this way God can experience and enjoy His creation through man. Only with this revelation can we man fully come to behold God's glory that dwell within, as of the alone-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. And when this revelation appears to those still sitting in the shadow of darkness and ignorance of their true condition and being, they then can respond and identify with the passage: *"they have seen a great light, and to those that sat in the valley of darkness did the light shine."* And it is this light, when man "awakes from his sleep and rises from his spiritual death" that he can see and realize his true nature; for it is this light from our Sun-soul *"...that lighteth every man that cometh into the world" Jn. 1:9.*



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THE HIDDEN SPIRITUAL TRUTHS IN OUR ALPHABET...FINDING JESUS CHRIST IN EGYPT 10,000 B.C.E

With the enlightenment of Europe and the advances made by archeology in these last two hundred or so years the the modern world is awakening slowly to the fact that in the days which describe by the noun "ancient", though it was but a few thousand years ago in the run of millions, advanced men with a heightened spirituality and deserving of the name "sages" were deeply experienced and versed in profound philosophy and possessed knowledge of things both human and the Divine that exceeds quite often the fare we see exhibited by "religious" men and women today. These "Spiritual Masters", as I prefer to call them, well comprehended the great sciences of both cosmology and anthropology. Possibly these terms need to be defined for new readers:

- **Cosmology:** the branch of philosophy dealing with the origin and general structure of the universe, with its parts, elements, and laws, and especially with such of its characteristics as space, time, causality, and freedom. It included the branch of astronomy that deals with the general structure and evolution of the universe.
- **Anthropology:** the science that deals with the origins, physical and cultural development, biological characteristics, and social customs and beliefs of humankind which includes of course religious beliefs and their origins. It is also called philosophical anthropology and includes the study of the nature and essence of humankind.

The fruits of archeology and historical discovery has made evident today that it is men of this caliber who inscribed and recorded the great Scriptures of ancient religions which have won and held the reverence of mankind. It is the great wisdom found within these sacred writing which have made them the unique objects of religious veneration and the canons of spiritual authority for most of the world over long ages. Indeed for many the reverence paid these "sacred writings" has been often described as "worship": something of the character of reverence offered to something regarded as Divine. So we find that over the whole of the world various traditions that have prevailed for thousands of years that attests that the Bible authors were men of a divine or semi-divine order, or at least men inspired by a divine inspiration to transmit to mankind the heavenly dictation of sacred truths which they witnessed both above, around, and within their own species.

Many never undertake such a study of these sacred writings but if one were do attempt such a scholarly study he will be amazed as I was that there exists within these writings we call "the Bible" as well as other exiting tomes of ancient literature the presence of a definitely formulated and high organic truth-structure that shows all the marks of an much earlier period or ancient period beyond the time of their assumed writings. But not only that these "spiritual truths" that we grow too revere often overlaps between various ancient nations which when considered can be shown to form a "unity" that consists of essential elements of a great logical systematization of fundamental principles of a cosmic order of being, expressed in many varied forms of representation everywhere over the field of ancient culture. Primarily, of course, the great wisdom was embodied in volumes of a vast body of literature, a literature so cryptically profound that its hidden and original secret meaning has almost completely eluded the most scholarly of the world's wise men today. In other

words we have lost a tremendous amount of Ancient knowledge about the Divine from the ancient day to the present and just in the last one hundred or so years as this "lost knowledge" concerning these Ancient secret writings have once again seeing the light of day. Owing to the loss of this "gnosis" or knowledge concerning the proper interpretation of what mankind has erroneously read for some 1700 years when considering alone the Christian Bible needless to say we often arrive at religious beliefs 180 degrees contrary to what the original writings first intended let alone what the writers originally desired to convey. Due to this loss of "gnosis", the key to proper interpretation of the sacred documents we inherited, we have fallen prey to perversions and misinterpretations of that ancient corpus of wisdom which has afflicted the religious consciousness of the world, particularly in the West, with an intellectual fog that approaches the status of a universal madness for some two millennia.

Not only in the scripts and handwritings of religion, however, but also in a wide variety of other modes of expression was the wisdom tradition of the Ancients embodied and transmitted by these Ancient "Spiritual Masters". It is found, but always in subtle forms of concealment and because of this method or preserving of these Divine Truths by the Ancients mankind since has been bewildered and confused at many of the later conclusions of investigators. The areas of which I speak include ancient art, architecture, myth-making, secret society ritual, dramatic scenario, music, mathematics, anthropological science, logic, rhetoric, philosophy, astronomy, semantics, psychology, festival ordinances, social ceremonies and throughout life generally. Now, perhaps strangest of all the channels through which it was given expression, comes the momentous revelation that the shrewd genius of antiquity had even insinuated a form of its basic outline into the very structure of that ground-base of all literature; namely the alphabet. The announcement and elucidation of its presence in this, the fundamental semantic code for the transmission of human thought, should rank as an epochal event in the history of world culture.

Contrary to what we might think growing up in our "literalized Western culture" the Ancients who possessed such incredible wisdom viewed the high spiritual culture in a different light from that in which it is envisaged today. While modern intelligence desires to share and disseminate its blessings and knowledge over the widest popular area, hoping that it may edify the greatest number of people generally, the sages of old did not hold to such a "Modus Operandi". These "Spiritual Masters" who possessed these heightened Spiritual insights viewed the cultural potential of the "vulgar masses" as practically nothing, and therefore deemed it a sacrilege to cast the precious jewels of esoteric truth and knowledge to the "swine" that would trample them in the mire of unconscionable crudity of misunderstanding. This should bring to mind one of the teachings put into the mouth of "the Christ" in the New Testament:

Matt 7:6 6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. (KJV)

This religious philosophy did not begin in the first century with some unique saying by some Jewish Rabbi but rather can be found exiting to the beginning of Ancient Egypt some 13,000 years B.C.E. It may be said that the history of religious practices and devotion of many religious groups have over many centuries and millennia demonstrated the practical wisdom of this conservatism in preserving higher "Spiritual Truths" in the veil of secrecy known only to their "initiates". This process of preservation of higher Spiritual Truth is known by various names but the two most common are divided between the terms "Inner Mysteries" and "Outer Mysteries".

Matt 13:10-11 10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. (KJV)

John 16:12 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. (KJV)

As you can see there were groups privy to special revelation and even within them there were divisions to be found between those "in the know" and those "not in the know".

It is my conclusion having done the necessary study into the Ancient wisdom of the nations, including both Egypt and Judaism, that the perversion, corruption, materialization and especially the "literalization" of the lofty mystical sense of ancient cryptic literature, has caused perhaps the most colossal debacle in the culture of spiritual values in the course of known history. Its easily discernible evil fruit is found in the complete misrepresentation of the Occidental mind regarding all things religious, theological and Scriptural. This loss of "gnosis" and the keys to interpreting these Ancient writings has caused the "literalization" of the "Mystical" and "Spiritual" has caused mankind to ascribe erroneous understandings and meanings to these volumes of inherited spiritual writings that on the surface seem reasonable and valid but that actually are unrelated to the true interpretation of them intended by the Ancients who wrote them in the first place. Such a loss of the "keys of interpretation" of these inherited spiritual writings has caused millions down through the Roman history of the Church of knowing the sublime meaning of the Jewish-Christian Scriptures, which are a collection of ancient mythographic portrayals of spiritual truth, sadly and grievously mistaken for history.

Not only were the Sages constrained to adopt methods of crypticism of varied forms to safeguard precious cosmic and "Divine Truths" from desecration by the "rabble," but they employed a technique which found its basic authentication in nature itself. As the world below is a mundane reflection and copy of an overshadowing world of spiritual truth, they strove to portray the structural forms of that higher truth by representing it under the forms of its counterparts everywhere existent in the natural world. Egypt had a term for this: "So as above so below". Let me stop right here and show you a case in point. Most everyone is familiar with the "Star of David" as it is associated with King David of the Jews.

Answer for yourself: But are you aware that its origin comes again from Egypt? What we find is this Spiritual principle, "So as above so beneath" modeled in these intersecting pyramids; one pointing up toward Heaven and one pointing downward to earth which is to be a reflection and embodiment of these "Spiritual Truths" given to mankind from Heaven above. Again we find the same principle echoed even in the New Testament but again stripped of its greatness and reference to the Ancients:

Matt 6:10 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (KJV)

This beautiful verse and Divine Truth is but another manifestation of the Ancient wisdom of Egypt: "So as above, so beneath".

LOOKING AT THE ALPHABET...CAN WE FIND GOD AND HIS CHRIST?

It is time we begin to focus on the alphabet to see wonders beyond our own imagination that lay there unnoticed by many. Remember as we begin that this great structure of elements comprising the cosmic logic of creation was woven into the pattern of all human cultural expression and even the alphabet itself as we shall see presently as we look, possessing these "keys of proper interpretation", just what lies hidden and in cryptic form in the "words" of our Bible and the individual order of letters and the alphabet beneath them.

It is the words themselves which carrying the elements of the original letters that represent the forms of the archaic thought of the Ancient Spiritual Masters which only as their symbols they portrayed. We find the deep "Spiritual Insights of the Ancients", hidden in their thoughts which was reserved for initiates, in the examination of the groupings of letters making up the word which captured the Spiritual Truths long lost to the world today. It is in reconstructing the hidden outlines of meaning from the alphabet that we pierce into the very core and heart of the most profound undertones of all literature.

Answer for yourself: What is a letter in the alphabet?

It is a commonplace of present educational theory to say that letters of the alphabet are symbolic representations of the sounds universally possible to the human vocal organs. Unknown to most is that the very letter's shape is more than mere algebraic x's or sheer echoic imitations. **They are in fact evident forms**

shaped to picture basic ideas. In other words letters express ideas. Let us look at one example when considering the capital letter A. The letter "A", for instance, is obviously the cardinal letter **"I"**, the symbol of primordial unity (since it is also the number "1"). This **"I"** is split apart from the top and spread apart representing, as the Ancients describe it, the creative duality of spirit and matter, the cross-bar indicating the interrelation which dynamically subsists between both spirit and matter. This is seen in the **"A"**.

Answer for yourself: How many of you ever saw the dichotomy between spirit and matter when looking at the letter **"A"** before now or its importance since being the first letter of the alphabet? What is the message to mankind owing to the fact that the letter **"A"** is the first letter of the alphabet and contains such a hidden meaning right from the start in man's communication with both God and others made in His image?

Let us look at other examples. The letter **"U"** or **"V"** symbolizes, exactly as it is drawn, the descent of spirit into matter and its return above. We are speaking here of the "descent of the Soul or God into matter". We express this concept by the more common saying today that man is the "Temple of the Holy Spirit". This basically is quantum physics as understood by the Ancient Spiritual Masters. Quantum physics is such a vast subject I will leave that for your own study but basically what it teaches is that "energy", or "God", can become "matter" or "flesh". Now you have it in a nutshell.

Now the letter **"W"** pluralizes the **"U"**, and we find, not strangely, the "W" to be the letter that pluralizes words in the Egyptian hieroglyphics. The **"O"** readily symbolizes the endlessness of matter and of eternity; a never ending cycle of time. Often the wedding ring is mentioned in such a capacity at marriage ceremonies. These concepts are very, very important; so important that the Gnostics, when they named the unit of deity in the cosmos, chose the **"IAO"**. In so doing they had condensed by three letters a Eternal Spiritual Concept in the triadic name which signified the initial dividing of the first unit divine consciousness, the **"I"** (primordial unity), apart into the duality, **"A"** (spirit and matter), and the concept of the eternal cycle "O" (the pattern and cycle of spirit conjoining with matter). And so even the book of Revelation can say: **"I"** (am the) **"A"** (and the) **"O"**, the beginning and the end, the first and the last,"--**IAO**.

It is possibly true that literacy started with the utilization of the two simplest elements of written symbolism, the vertical line "I" and the circle "O". **An amazing fact to note is that nearly all divine names in antiquity were built up from and upon these two letters: "I" and "O"**. For the Egyptians of remote past time had combined the two in the form of what is almost certainly the most ancient of cross symbols, the **crux ansata**, ansated cross, called by them the **A N K H**. When looking at the A N K H notice if you will we have an **"O"** topping an **"I"** with a horizontal line at the point of contact. It represents by the **"O"** above, the **endless existence** of that which is the indestructible primordial matter, the eternal Mother of all things; and by the **"I"** below, it indicates the emanation of Universal Soul or creative Mind of God, or Spirit power, from the heart of the great sea of first matter plunging downward. Not to be missed **"the horizontal bar" shows both their conjunction and their separation**, as does any boundary line between two areas. This is similar to what we have just learned about the **"A"**. But the median line is important also because it marks the meeting point between the two poles of spirit and matter, since it is at this point that all reality is brought out to manifestation through the union of the two. The ANKH is also an astrological symbol. **The Ankh is the Egyptian symbol of eternal life**. The circle is a symbol known worldwide in many different cultures. It represents the woman, eternity, cycles, seasons. It is the representation of the wheel of the year, the wheel of fortune, and the wheel of life.

The two symbols with which literate symbolism begins are thus with the **"I"** and the **"O"**.

Answer for yourself: Can you, when looking at the **"I"** and the **"O"** see gender?

The item of the gender connected to the **"I"** and the **"O"** comes first to notice to many. The **"I" is masculine**, as standing for the Father's power of generation, **which is spirit**; the **"O" is the eternal feminine, which is matter**, the universal Mother, **personalized and personified** in ancient religions by such goddesses as Isis,

Cybele, Mylitta, Aditi, Venus, Juno and others. The appropriateness of this symbolism **"I" denotes the phallus of the male and the "O" the womb of the female**. As all progeneration of life can come only through the union of male and female elements of the cosmic duality, a symbol that would dramatize **life** would have to **combine both the "I" and the "O"**. We find the first recognition of this with the Spiritual Masters of Egypt as they captured this truth with their great A N K H symbol, which thus is their written word for **life**, and which carries also with it the connotation of two other elements entering into life, or necessary for life as taught by Egypt, namely **"love" and "connection"**. Even more than the **"IAO"** the Ankh condenses in its three renderings the meaning of life. **Rendered in one sentence the symbol means life because life can exist only where two things, spirit (I), and matter (O), are bound together by a sufficiently cohesive power which Egypt tell us is "love". Love ties the two together to procreate life. The "A N K H" is therefore the first and greatest symbol in the world, which should make us aware that "the cross" is the first and greatest symbol because it is the symbol of life and not of death.**

Answer for yourself: How have we misunderstood the meaning of the cross down through history?

The ancients taught differently than what we have been taught in Roman Christianity. Their writings and their religious mysteries are the origin for all religious concepts we have today; both those that have been "blurred" almost beyond recognition which we have inherited from Rome today and those which have not. Egypt has left us today a great treasure which is being restored to us in only these last two hundred years and it teaches us that the soul, when incarnated in the body on earth, was in its spiritual "death," and therefore the cross became the emblem of death but not the death of the body but the death of the soul since its descent into matter was but a prison and limitation imposed upon it. The Gnostic Paul, the real Paul, teaches us that in the New Testament:

Rom 7:24 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (KJV)

Because of the later Roman corruption and forgery of Paul's letters his "Gnostic faith" is blurred almost beyond recognition but with a little study you can find the "keys" needed to reevaluate Paul and see the very truth of his Gnostic views strewn throughout his "forged" letters we have inherited from Rome today.

We are not speaking of body-death but rather a soul-death; a death viewed wrongly by almost all Christian theology since the days of ancient mystery teaching was suppressed by Rome in the early centuries of the emerging Gentile church, since the reference is to the **"dead" condition of the soul** when immersed in body, and **not to the demise of the physical body. Even in this view it equally signified life, for it was the soul's relative "death" that gave life to the creature and matter, whose bodily demise in turn liberated again the soul for its freer life above. This is the teaching not only of Egypt and other nations which were bequeathed this Ancient wisdom by these Egyptian Priests and Spiritual Masters but was the same "belief" as held by the Christian and Gnostic Jews whom Rome would torment and eradicate in its 5 centuries of persecution and murder in order to censor any and all Gnostic spiritual views not endorsed by the Papacy and the Roman church.**

Answer for yourself: What else is "hidden" in the **"IAO"**?

Detaching the two emblems from each other as they are united in the A N K H symbol, the **"I"** and the **"O"**, and combining them in lateral juxtaposition, we have the first divine word and name in all literature, **"IO"**. That it figures with equally fundamental significance in ancient typological numerology is evident from the fact that the two, now converted into numbers, constitute the cardinal base of all mathematics, the number "10" [ten]. Modern study seems not to have recognized this close connection, amounting almost to identity, between the letters of the alphabet as originally devised, and numbers. Numbers were indicated by letters. In fact before letters and words primitive man first noticed the digits on his hand and fingers; it is from here primitive man first became acquainted with "number" before "letters" and "words". "God built the universe on number."

Pythagoras, himself taught by Egypt, would tell us this. Only then could it be said that "God built the universe on the letters of the alphabet" as found in the Zohar.

Each letter carried a number value. Hence words were composed of those alphabetical units that would together express an idea, a mental value, but as well a numerical value. As far as the Scriptures are concerned, even whole sentences were constructed to total a number quantity. I was fascinated when seeing this years ago in my beginning studies in Biblical Judaism. The Jewish faith has a word for this entitled "gematria" which is a cabalistic system of interpretation of the Scriptures by substituting for a particular word another word whose letters give the same numerical sum. As Pythagoras has said, God geometrized in creating the world; he built the universe on number. Such esoteric works as The Zohar, of ancient Jewish Cabalistic literature, reveal clearly also that the deity formed the creation by means of the letters of the alphabet. This can have sense only on the predication that as (according to the Scriptures) God spake and the worlds formed themselves in order under the vibratory impact of the letter tones of His voice, every letter sound of the creative reverberation became a constituent element in the cosmic framework. Every letter expressed or in fact constituted a principle or fundamental part of the universal structure. Perhaps this is one of the greatest keys to our recovery of the cryptic meaning of ancient writing. This is all the more important when your studies come to see how Egypt used "vibration" and "sound waves" to not only cut stones "made without hands" but "elevate them" to the necessary heights required to place these 2 million limestone blocks, each weighing an average of 2 1/2 tons, which were required to build the pyramids to such great heights.

The antiquated "IO" (10) then should be understood as the first projection of God's creative "thought-force", but only in its first partition into duality, not in its later and further subdivisions and derivations as we shall see momentarily.

Duality becomes triplicity. Let me explain. From the "two" we derived the "three". In its expression as the prime triplicity the "IO" would later become the "IAO" which became "IAH" and "JAH", and its still further differentiation toward endless multiplicity at the quaternary stage brought it to the form of the great Tetragrammaton, the Cabalistic "J H V H". What I have just expressed is the evolution of creative ideas which form the understructure of later derivation of words which carry this same idea. Genesis says God "separated" and "divided" and in so doing increased His creation. The same we see with the evolution of "IO" into "IAO" and "JAH" and even later into "JHVH". We recognize it today in its full seven-letter evolution or later expression, "Jehovah". This seven letter name is the same only now including vowels. The Greek alphabet still retains seven vowels, "a", short "e", long "e", "i", short "o", long "o" and "u". This was to express the fact that every cycle of creation runs through seven sub-cycles, each of which sounds out the reverberation of one of the seven successive component form-tones.

Godfrey Higgins, in Anacalypsis, Vol 1, p. 323, states that in the ancient books of the Jews we constantly find mention made of the god "Jehovah," who ought to be called "Jah" or "Ieue". This God answered to the person whom the Hindoos designate by the name of Cristna, the second person in their trinity, or their God the saviour or preserver; and was he whom the Persians designated by the name Mithra, the second person in their trinity, and also their preserver or saviour; and was he whom the Romish Christians designate by the name of "Jesus", also the second person in their trinity, and their saviour and preserver.

Answer for yourself: Did you catch this? Godfrey Higgins, in his great two volume work Anacalypsis, shows how the "IAO" become later the "Jah" which later was likewise evolved into "Jehovah" and which was later connected with both the Hindoo "Cristna" and the Persian "Mithra" and all of this predated the later appearance of the Roman "Jesus" or "Ieue" which follows the same pattern of etymology. Etymology, by the way, is the study of historical linguistic change, especially as manifested in individual words or derivation of words from associations of various letters.

It is plain that Cristna of India and the Persian Mithra furnished the copy for the later Jesus of the Romish Church, all of whom mean one and the same thing—the second person in the Solar Trinity. This explains why there are so many similarities between Mithra and the "Jesus Story".

This same entity is called by the Jews the "Lord of Hosts" and God of Sabaoth" which means **"God of the stars and constellations"**.

Answer for yourself: Did you catch this? We just got our first glimpse of the **connection between the later New Testament "Jesus" and the stars and the constellations (Keep This In Mind)!** If you have been studying our new website, the [site on astrotheology](#) and the personification of the path of the Sun through the Heavens as told through the "Jesus Story" then you should be seeing the puzzle pieces come together rather well by now for this site reveals to the interested student how the events in the "Jesus Story" are nothing more but the personifications of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and the Heavens which have been mixed with the "logia" or "sayings" of "the Christ" which have been collected down through Ancient History. You have to see it to believe it.

Now it is time we go deep; possibly deeper than you have ever gone before. This same name, **"IAO", "Jah" (Jehovah), and "Ieue" (from which I will later show you we derive the name 'Jesus')** with the Greeks, Romans, and Gentiles in general, was understood and meant to **designate both the Supreme Being (God) and the Sun, Dominus Sol, the Lord of heaven and the heavenly host. The Sun was the Lord of heaven and the heavenly host. We must not loose sight of this connection.**

The titles "lamb," "anointed," etc., which were applied to Christ, and all appear attached to former incarnations of the sun, the first named standing for the sun in Aries (lamb, ram). Now pay attention. Effigies or representations or sculptured images, as on monuments, of a crucified savior found in Ireland and Scotland have been found in connection with the figure of a lamb, a bull, **and an elephant, the latter of which is not a native of those countries.**

Answer for yourself: Why is this finding of a crucified elephant so astounding?

Simply because it shows that these effigies or crucified representations do not represent Christ, a human being, but a crucified sun-god worshipped by the inhabitants of the British Islands ages before the supposed birth of the great Judean philosopher and teacher.

For those not acquainted with our "sun-worship" website and the crucifixion of the Sun from which all later crucifixions of later sungods derive some background is in order. In the poetical myths of the ancients the sun is yearly overpowered by cold or by the destructive agencies in Nature following the Summer solstice and the sun's slow death and descent into "hell" following the Autumn equinox. Astronomically, or astrologically, the sun wanders in darkness and desolation during the winter months; in fact it was said to die on December 22, the Winter solstice, which it remains motionless in the sky in its trajectory, and is resurrected 3 days later at December 25th as it begins to reverse its course in the sky, and during these three days the Ancients told myths about this celestial orb as it was human and in so doing described it as descending into hell following its death at the Winter solstice. This hell is nothing more than personified darkness, and this descent was necessary in order that he may rise from the darkness of Winter and continue its resurrection on its way to Spring and the Easter season where with renewed warmth and photosynthesis and renewed harvest it would gladden the hearts of mankind and make all things new again. Literally man was saved by the resurrection of the Sun which was later personified into the "resurrection of the Son" of "the Sun". Then you got it. Mythologically, this new sun, through the medium of "personification", becomes incarnate; enters again his mother's womb, and is born into the world in the form of a man whose mission is to renew human life. Hence we have an explanation of the Eastern Buddhas and Crishnas, all of which were born of virgins at the winter solstice. This is the genesis of the later "Jesus Story".

The new sun at this "Spring" or Vernal equinox following the Winter solstice (which at the close of each cycle was believed by the more ancient people of the globe to "issue forth from the womb of Nature to renew the world," now that the truths underlying Nature-worship were lost), **became a redeemer or mediator between earth and heaven, or between spirit and matter.** It is stated that at the time for the supposed appearance of

the New Testament Christ it was just the Jews who were expecting this "Coming One", but the Persians, the Romans, the ancient Irish, and in fact all the nations of the earth, were anxiously awaiting the event of another incarnation of the solar Deity; and that maidens of all classes and conditions were in a state of eager expectation, the more pious, or at least the more ambitious among them, being in almost constant attendance at the temples and sacred shrines, wither they went to pay homage to the male emblem of generation, thereby hoping to be honored as a Mai or Mary. The Ancients understood what we have forgotten as a people; the "Coming Sun" of a New Age, the Age of Pisces that was replacing the Age of Aries, was announced by the rising Sun at the Vernal Equinox and such an event as the Sun "crossing" the intersection or "CROSS" of the celestial orbit of the earth and the equator of the earth was its rising from the dead (as it rises from the southern hemisphere into the northern hemisphere" from which it brings the hope or renewed life and salvation which was commemorated at the Spring or Vernal equinox). The Sun was understood as man's savior from darkness and the death of winter. The Sun echoed this same message of salvation daily in its cycle of sunrise and sunset, yearly at the Winter solstice and the resultant emergence of Spring, and every 2,160 years with the changing of the age when a new constellation would become the stellar backdrop for the rising sun. The message of hope and salvation was ever tied to Sun and its path through the heavens.

On the wall of the temple at Luxor are a series of sculptures, "in which the miraculous annunciation, conception, birth, and adoration of Amunoph III., the son of the Virgin Queen Mautmes, is represented in a manner similar to what is described in St. Luke's Gospel (ch. 1 and 2) of Jesus Christ, the son of the Virgin Mary, and which is found also in the Gospel of St. Matthew (ch. 1) as an addition not met with in the earliest manuscripts, "which fact has caused Samuel Sharpe, from whom the above is quoted, to suggest that both accounts may have been of Egyptian origin. I don't know whether you caught it or not but the "nativity" is inscribed in hieroglyphics on the Temple of Luxor and again this is the but the personification of the birth of the Sun in its paths and cycles.

Again it is important that we stop and notice that no person actually believed the "Sun" was the literal God of all creation but ONLY a representation of the Uncreated Intelligent Energy-Architect Father of the Cosmos which was the First Cause of all Creation and ONLY a symbol of God who is the ONLY Savior! This "God" and "First Cause" was symbolized by many different ideas and ALLEGORICAL concepts down through history and we must be careful to not "literalize" them since those who created them to express the inexpressable, God, never intended these concepts be understood in such a manner or fashion. Personification is one thing but when we literalize these concepts and believe that it referred to a "real historical person" in any age then we err greatly. These are but symbols and pictures expressing deep Divine Truths.

Of this God, "IAO", "Ieue", "I H S", "Jehovah", the author of Anacalypsis, Vol i, pp. 323-327, says that he was the son of the celestial virgin, which she carries in her arms; the "aur" or the Horus of the Egyptians, the Lux or "light" of the Egyptians, the same "light" expressed by the writer of the Gospel of John. It is from this infant that Jesus took his origin; or at least it is from the ceremonies and worship of this personified infant (the birth of a new sun), that the Egyptian religion came to be corrupted into what we have today. From the traditionary stories of this god "IAO", which was represented by the Sun, which feigned annually to be born at the Winter solstice, and to be put to death and raised to life on the third day at the Vernal equinox, the Romish searchers after the evangelion or gospel, made out their Jesus. The total destruction of every thing at Jerusalem and in Judea, buildings, records, every thing, prevented them from coming to any absolute certainty respecting the person who, they were told by traditions (the Sun now personified), had come to preach the gospel of peace, to be their saviour, in fulfillment of the prophecy which their sect of Israelites found in their writings, and who had been put to death by the Jews. Simply they lacked the "gnosis". From all these circumstances the Roman Jesus would come to have applied to him the monogram of "IHS", the name of "IHSouj", and to him at last all the legendary stories related of the god "IAO" were attributed. This "Jesus" was commonly now called Christ.

The three letters I H S, from the very earliest age of the Romish Christians, have been adopted for the insignia

of their religion. We now very commonly see them embroidered in golden letters upon the velvet pulpit cloths of the churches in England, and the clergy say they mean **Jesus Hominum Salvator**. It is amazing when you study and find for yourself that these three letters, **IHS**, in the Greek language, are the **insignia of Bacchus or the Sun, and stand for the mystical number 608, which is sacred to him; a pretty striking proof of the identity of the "IHS" and the Sun being identical.**

Diodorus Siculus, a Greek historian, born at Agyrium in Sicily, lived in the times of Julius Caesar and Augustus, and he says that that Moses pretended to receive his laws from the God called **"IAO"**.

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us? This shows that the Greeks considered the name of the Jewish God to be, **not Jehovah**, but, **"IEU"** or **"IEO"** (Beaus. Hist. Manich. Vol. II. liv. iv. chap. iv. p. 59).

M. Beausobre says, "One must allow that it is that of Jehovah, which the ancients have written and pronounced sometimes **"Jaho"** (Euseb. Dem. Ev. Lib. iv. p. 129), sometimes **"Jevo"** (Euseb. Præp. Evan. Lib. i. x.), and sometimes **"Iaou"** (Clem. Alex. Strom. Lib. v. p. 562). But it is necessary also to allow, that **"IAO" is one of the names that the Pagans give to the Sun.** Higgins goes on to say that he has noticed in the oracle of Apollo at Claros, in which **Pluto, Jupiter, the sun, and "IAO", divide the seasons amongst them.**

Answer for yourself: What divides the seasons? It is the Sun.

Gen 1:14 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us? Namely that **Jupiter, Pluto, the Sun, and Bacchus (Dionysus) have the same identity; namely they are all names for the Sun.** Higgins goes on to say "I declare to you that **IAO is the greatest of the Gods.** It would be doing too much honor to the Demon, if one believed that the god called **"IAO"** is the Jehovah of Scripture, or the true God. **This is no other than the sun....**" (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i, p. 323).

One more fact we must consider. In innumerable places in Italy very old paintings may be seen of Christ in various situations, labelled with the words in the middle of the painting, **"Deo Soli"**. These words have two meanings:

- To God alone
- To the God Sol

In most cases of the mention of the above two terms in relationship to the paintings we see the attributes of the latter (the God Sol), such as the glory or halos above the head of Jesus Christ indicating his solar attributes. The former sense (to God alone) is in no way applicable to Christ, because as one person of the Christian Trinity he cannot be called "solus" or "sole" since there are 3 identities in the Christian Trinity. **These pictures and paintings of the Christ, with their two different meanings and terms, show two different "meanings" of Christ;** one for the priests (**the Hidden Mysteries**) and one for the common people (**the Outer Mysteries**). Dr. Parkhouse, in his Lexicon, proves from the authority of Diodorus Siculus, Varro, and Saint Augustine that **"IAO", Jehovah, "IEUE" or "IE"** of the Jews was the **"JOVE"** of the Latins and Etruscans. He goes on to say that this **"IE"** is the name of Apollo which stands over the door of the Temple of Delphi. This he also admits **"IEUE" or Jehovah** is also the same as **Jesus Christ** and this let us keep in mind is centuries before the historical time assumed for the birth of a literal Jesus Christ.

Answer for yourself: Are we beginning to see that the terms "Jesus Christ" may refer more to a concept than to a literalized person? Well that is something to really think about is it not?

The Latin god Sol, associated with the Greek god Helios, was the deity who drove his chariot, which carried the

sun, across the sky every day. Understandably this made Sol a god of some importance to farming and crops as we should expect seeing the Sun plays such an important role in the growing seasons and harvests of mankind. It is in his guise as 'Sol Invictus' that this god became a major deity in later Roman history, when he can be found on many coins. Several emperors of the later era seemed to show preference to Sol in their worship. Some might therefore see this preference for Sol Invictus as a stepping stone from a Roman pantheon littered with hundreds of gods towards Christianity with only one god. In particular Sol's presence on the Arch of Constantine in Rome is the cause of some controversy. In any case the Roman Senate, after the Battle of Milvian Bridge, erected a triumphal arch in the Coliseum. According to the inscription on this arch Constantine's victory was won "through the prompting of the Deity." But the deity in question was not Jesus. It was Sol Invictus, the pagan sun god. Constantine was almost certainly a Mithraic, and his triumphal arch, built after his 'conversion', testifies to the Sun-god, or 'unconquered sun'. Many Christians did not make a clear distinction between this sun-cult and their own. They referred to Christ 'driving his chariot across the sky'; they held their services on Sunday, knelt towards the East and had their nativity feast on 25 December, the birthday of the sun at the winter solstice. During the later pagan revival under the Emperor Julian many Christian found it easy to apostasize because of this confusion; the Bishop of Troy told Julian he had always secretly prayed to the sun. Constantine never abandoned sun-worship and kept the sun on his coins. He made Sunday into a day of rest, closing the law courts and forbidding all work except agricultural labor. In his new city of Constantinople, he set up a statue of the sun-god, bearing his own features, in the Forum; and another of the mother-Goddess Cybele, though she was presented in a posture of Christian prayer.

Answer for yourself: For if Constantine dedicated the arch to celebrate his Christian victory over the Pagan Maxentius, then why is this Pagan god depicted on the arch? Simply for this reason; Constantine connected Christ with the Sun.

As we can see from the words above "to God alone" is no way applicable to Christ, because as one person of the Christian Trinity he cannot be called "solus" or "God alone". Thus we see that the words "Deo Soli" under many paintings of Christ Jesus in Italy and the Vatican officially declare Jesus Christ to be the God Sol or the Sun god. As you can see this does not refer to a human being but more to a "concept" which was later "literalized" and "carnalized" as if a human being.

Stukeley is recorded to say "I doubt not but it is the great name of Jehovah, which they learnt among the Jews: and that Evòhe Sabòhe is the Jehovah Sabaoth, Lord of Hosts, in the Scripture; whence Bacchus was called Sabazius likewise. Diodorus Siculus says expressly, the Jews call God **IAO**; and the learned universally agree that this is **Jehovah**. Evòhe (Jehovah) is but another awkward way of pronouncing it" (Stukeley, Pal. Sac. No. 1 p. 21).

According to the ancient historians Theodoret, Diodorus Siculus and Clemens Alexandrinus, "IAO" is the ancient Hebrew version of the modern Jehovah, Yahweh, or God.

IAO=JEHOVAH=YAHWEH=GOD

This name of **"IAO"** also occurs in the ancient Askew Codex or Pistis Sophia. In the Oracles text, "IAO equates with Yahweh". When used in conjunction with Elohim, **"IAO"** refers to the masculine side of Deity.

Alvin Khun states "None dare to enter the temple of Serapis, who did not bear on his breast or forehead the name **"JAO"** or **"J-ha-ho"**, a name almost equivalent in sound to that of the Hebrew **Jehovah**, and probably of identical import; and no name was uttered in Egypt which more reverence than his of **"IAO"**."

Shuckford says, "The name Jehovah was, I believe, known to be the name of the Supreme God, in the early ages, in all nations." As you can see now this name of Jehovah was know by almost all nations as **"IAO"** or

"JAO" and it finds its origin in Ancient Egypt and not Israel.

Answer for yourself: Did other nations in the world know of Yahweh other than the Jews? Were you aware that we can find the name of Yahweh as far back as Ancient Egypt, Arabia, Babylon, etc?

Concerning the name Yahweh it might be surprising to note that this name was common to religions other than Israel's, according to Friedr. Delitzsch, Hommel, Winckler, and Guthe, having been found in Babylonian inscriptions. Ammonite, Arabic and Egyptian names appear also to contain it (Davidson, Old Testament Theol., 52 f); but while, like 'Elohim', it was common to primitive Semitic religion, **it became Israel's distinctive name for the Deity. But let us not forget what we have learned so far; it all began with "I" and "O" and from this we arrived at "IAO" and through successive evolutions of words even later became "JAH" and even later into "JHVH" and "Jehovah". Jehovah is "IAO".**

Nothing has been more revealing than the list of words, in English, Greek, German, Hebrew, which can be traced to the old Egyptian name of this mighty symbol...the ANKH. If you have kept up this all began with the ANKH. Its central idea, it was noted, is the production of life through the bonding or union of spirit and matter and eventually the masculine/feminine combination. The central clue to the meaning of all these derivatives is the idea of binding two things together. It must be elucidated that in building words upon the **A N K H** stem, the "H" may be virtually dropped out of consideration, as "K H" is equally well expressed by "K" alone. But **"K H"** is also equivalent to **"C H"**, which often replaces it. The vowel "A" is of inconsequential value and can also be dropped. So there is the bare **"N K"** left as the hard root.

The next matter to be noted is that in later philosophical usage it was immaterial whether it was written **"N K"** or **"K N"**. In other words the letters were often reversed. And in Greek the **"N K"** or **"K N"** became **"N G"** or **"G N"**. This as we will see will be a significant item. **With these specifications it is possible now to discern a whole new world of meaning in many common words never dreamed to have come down from so divine a lineage.**

WHO IS JESUS?

As important as this is there is one area where it is mandatory that we understand these linguistic concepts and interpret them correctly; namely, the derivation and proper interpretation of the name of "Jesus" and the proper interpretation of the concepts behind the term "Jesus".

By the aid of archaic sacred books we have been enabled to trace authentically the origin of the name Jesus. And it is of great importance to present this material, because it throws a flood of clear light upon the ancient conceptions of the Messiah and the coming Son, or Sun-god. In this light the name of "Jesus" will be seen to be a **type-designation** and **not the personal name of an historical being.**

Building upon what we just learned above **the name of "Jesus" is derived from the two letters (or numbers) which in the beginning of typology symbolized the two first elements, spirit and matter, into which the First Cause, or the Uncreated Energy of the Cosmos, God, divided as we saw above when "spirit" and "matter" divided.**

Answer for yourself: And do we remember what are these two letters?

They again are the **"I"** (or #1) symboling the male or spirit, and the **"O"** (letter) or the number "0" (zero, cipher) symboling the female or material universe. Together they represented the biune male-female deity.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that until 2000 B.C.E. God was primarily known as "female" and not "male"? Let us not forget as well that the Hebrew Scriptures contain both masculine and feminine names of God; in fact God was first recognized as female long before recognized as male for it was only around 2000

B.C.E. that the masculine understanding of God overtook and replaced the feminine understanding of God (Merlin Stone, When God Was A Woman).

We have, then, the letters **"IO"**, or the number **"10"** once again. **As the vowels were freely interchanged, in ancient languages**, the name was written either **"IO"**, **"IA"**, **"IE"**, or **"IU"**, and all these forms are found when one does the research. Next the **"I"** transformed into consonantal value and became a **"J"** (as it is yet in Latin), so that we find the names **"JO"**, **"JA"**, **"JE"** and **"JU"**, from each of which many names have arisen. **When the creation had combined the male and female and the two had given birth to the Son, or the Logos**, the name for the Logos/Son was given the form of three letters as we saw above in its 3rd and 4th generations and it is there then find such forms as **"IAO"**, **"JAH"**, **"IEO"**, **"JEU"**, **"ZUE"**. When the universe became founded on the four cardinal points or the square of four dimensions, the name was spelled according to the next generation variously as **"IEOU"**, **"JOVE"**, **"ZEUS"**, **"JEVE"**, **"DIOS"**, **"T/HEOS"**, **"HUHI"**, **"IHUH"** and others. In its character as a **sevenfold or seven-lettered name**, it took the form of **"JEHOVAH"**, **"SABAOth"**, **"DEBORAH"**, **"DELILAH"**, **"SEP/HIROT/H"**, **"MICHAEL"**, **"SOLOMON"**, and others of seven letters. Later the letter **"I"** permuted was interchanged with the letter **"l" (el)** or **"1"** (one), so that **"IE"** became **"LE"** or, inverted as **"EL"**. Now we have the great Hebrew character of deity. The **"EL"** and the **"IAH" ("JAH")**, became the most frequent determinatives of divinity, as a study of the many names of deity will testify. There are Bethel, Emanuel, Michael, Israel, Gabriel, Samuel, Abdiel, Uriel, Muriel Azazel, and many others, in which the **"EL"** is prefixed. The **"JAH"** is seen in such names as EliJAH, AbiJAH, while the **"IAH"** comes in a host of such names as Nehemiah, Jeremiah, Obediah, Hezekiah, Isaiah, Messiah, Alleluiah and more.

Answer for yourself: Where comes the "s" in Jesus's name? Now this gets very interesting and we go to Egypt once again. All roads I found do not lead to Rome, no matter how much they would like this, but they lead to Egypt. Let us see this.

This is of great importance. We are looking for the "s". It is derived from an Egyptian suffix written either **"SA"**, **"SE"**, **"SI"**, **"SU"**, or **"SAF"**, **"SEF"**, **"SIF"** or **"SUF"** (**"SAPH"**, **"SEPH"**, **"SIPH"** or **"SUPH"**) and meaning **"the son," "heir," "prince" or "successor to the father"**. The **"F"** is an Egyptian ending for the masculine singular. When the original symbol of divinity, **"IO"** or **"IE"**, **"JO"** or **"JE"**, was combined with the Egyptian suffix for the succeeding heir, **"SU"** or **"SA"**, the resultant was the name **"IUSA"**, **"IUSE"**, **"IUSU"**, or **"IOSE"**; or **"IESU"**, **"JESU"**, **"IUSEF"**, **"IOSEF"**, **"JOSEF"**. One of the many forms, as you saw above, was **"JESU"** and another was **"JOSEF"**. The final **"F"** became sibilant at times and **gave us the eventual form of "JESUS"**.

Answer for yourself: Do you mean we find "Jesus" in Egypt from thousands and thousands of years ago and was all of this, as shown above, is connected to "IAO" which we have seen above was understood as the Sun?

The Egyptian name "JESU" is the name that meant the "divine son," and combined in the Egyptian "IU" carries the idea of the "coming one". When your study advances in this area you realize that Egypt never worshipped the "Sun" but only as a "SYMBOL" for the Uncreated Intelligent Energy of the Universe whom we call "God" today which was represented in perfect manner by our actual Sun in our solar system. The "Sun" was a picture of the God to them. It goes without saying that the idea of the **"coming one," or "Jesu" was connected with the Sun in its regular course** not only through the sky daily from sunrise to sunset, through the sky through the equinoxes and solstices (seasons) as followed through its rising and setting in different "signs of the Zodiac" or constellations connected to various months, but also carried the idea of the "coming one" (the Sun) as connected with the precession of the equinoxes as each new Sun was welcomed by a different constellation of the Zodiac at each new age that existed for some 2,160 years. Truly the "Sun" was the "coming one" who "came" over and over again and was understood in Egypt as "JESU" which is our "Jesus" today. We have this hidden knowledge or "gnosis" as evidenced by the carnalization of this concept by Rome.

Answer for yourself: And who was this "coming one"? It was Sun at sunrise, at the Vernal equinox following its resurrection at the Winter solstice, and the Sun on the cross at this same Vernal equinox where it gave its life

and energy for all man, and it was the Sun every 2,160 years at this same Vernal equinox as it announced the new age as a new constellation of the Zodiac moved itself behind the Sun for another 2,160 years due to the precession of the equinoxes.

Answer for yourself: Does this explain why Jesus is made to say following his resurrection (personified sun rising from the death of winter):

Matt 28:20 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What is wrong with the above verse? The word for "world" has been altered in many manuscripts. Scholars today teach us that originally the word used in the verse was "age".

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

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- 1) forever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity
- 2) the worlds, the universe
- 3) a period of time, an age

Of course if you are keeping up then you notice that the Sun is with man for eternity and definitely from "age" to "age", from unbroken time only separated by divisions of time as determined by the Zodiac; from the age of Gemini, Taurus, Aries, Pisces, and will be with us throughout the age of Aquarius. The change of the word was necessary again to cover up the real intended meaning known in the Ancient oral traditions; that the personified Sun, in the life of Hercules, Mithra, Horus, and Jesus, is the actual identity of the characters expressed through the religious myths of history and this Sun "never

Matt 24:3 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world (age)? (KJV)

It all began in Egypt as you now can see and if you want to find Jesus, the Egyptian Messiah long before the creation of the "Jews" who were the children of intermarriage between Egyptians and Semites then you begin to look at Ancient Egypt. This coming one was the personification of the Sun at the Spring or Vernal equinox as it "crossed" the intersection of the ecliptical orbit of the earth around the Sun with the equator of the earth. It was at this "Crossification" or "crucifixion" that the Sun was not only on the "cross of the Zodiac" but was rising from the death of winter to bring mankind in the Northern Hemisphere their salvation which they experienced through renewed light, heat, photosynthesis, safety, security, etc. Man's salvation came in the form of the Sun whom was but their personification of the Invisible Intelligent Uncreated Energy and Architect of the Universe. They called this Energy God and He had many names and attributes as exemplified by Egypt as their "neteru" or "gods" and "goddesses".

"That the Sun rising from the lower to upper hemisphere should be hailed the Preserver or Savior appears extremely natural" (Drummond, Cedip. Jud. p. 195).

The word Jesus is the same as the word Joshua in Hebrew, and has the same significance. Joshua literally signifies the preserver or deliverer and that by such titles he was known.

Answer for yourself: Should we be surprised that Joshua made the "Sun" stand still as we read in the texts?

Joshua, just like Jesus may be correctly derived either from the Hebrew word "ISO", or from the Greek word "to save". It may be correctly derived from the Greek as well as the Hebrew, because the Greek is itself derived

from the Hebrew. It may be derived from **"IE"**, the name of the Hebrew God, often rendered **"JAH"**, and **"ISO"**, savior; or Jehovah or **"IAO"** savior (Higgins, *Anacalypsis*, vol. i, p. 326).

As we summarize then you can now see when this God divided Himself into Spirit and Energy and the masculine combined with the feminine they produced a "Logos", a "Son", a Messiah which is the "Son of the Sun". This Son was as much their savior as the Father. This Son was first the Egyptian Messiah before it was inherited by the Jewish children of Egypt and adopted as "their Messiah". That explains for those who read the Hebrew Scriptures closely why the first "messianic promise" in Isaiah is made to Egypt and not the Jews. Hard to believe but check it out.

These concepts began with Astronomy and Quantum Physics as expressed by the Ancient Masters of Egypt. Hence **"JESUS" is an Egyptian word for their Messiah, the coming son of the divine life who was pictured and personified as Horus, the Son of Osiris, to the Egyptians for thousands of years. Our "Jesus" is but another "personification" just like so many other nations that in antiquity learned from Egypt; the difference is whereas all other "messiahs" for other nations were but allegories or personifications of celestial forces and powers which benefited mankind ours as Christians was later "literalized" by Rome in their rejection of the "Gnostic Christ". This "rejection" of the Gnostic Christ "within all mankind" is today found in the New Testament where we find the "literalized" and "historicized" and "carnalized" fleshly Christ whom we call "Jesus" today.**

This coming one was the Sun rising to new life following its death at the Winter solstice. There he can be found in Egypt for ten thousand years B.C. in his personified character of this functionary under the name of **"IUSA"**. **Later he was the "lu-em-hetep", which means "the divine son who comes with peace (hetep).** He is the Prince of Peace. But most interestingly, this last word also means seven. Hence Jesus is he who comes as the seventh principle to complete the six elementary powers of natural evolution with the gift of divine intelligence, which supplants the elementary chaos with the rulership of love and intelligence and thus brings peace into a warring situation. **Hence finally, this Jesus is the seventh cosmic principle, announced in all religious lore as he who comes to bring peace and good will to men.** And as such he was announced in the Christian Gospels. But there was more than one Jesus or **"IUSA"** or **"IU"** before the coming of the alleged and presumed historical Jesus. There were many down through history as every nation under the Sun personified this same Power whom they identified with God the Creator.

As we close this article there is something I hope the close reader noticed in this article. As we can see from the evolution and derivation for all words relating to God; from **"I"** and **"O"** and the **ANKH** of Egypt we find that **all nations down through history have known the "same" God but only called Him by different names.** I grew up in a Christianity that told me that "only we as Christians" had the truth and all other nations were damned not having our "Jesus" or not having a faith in "our God" through belief in this Jesus and the acceptance of his sacrifice on "the cross" for their sins to redeem them from some fall. In fact we prided ourselves as having the "only way to God" and this fueled the missionary outreach and the collection of large inestimable sums of money to "save the world" which often was achieved during the history of the church by the sword and the murder of over 18 million people at best estimates of modern scholars. Well if you have been reading closely then you should have seen a completely different view of the "Pagan world" than what Christianity have given us. In fact I have come to see that these supposed "pagans" often knew this God we love much better than we "learned" Christians. I mean to tell you my studies confirmed it to me beyond a doubt over these last 20 or so years; namely, that **God... "IO", "IAO", or the God "Amen", Amun", or "Aten" of Egypt, the God "IEUE", Jehovah, "IE" or "Jah" of the Jews, the God "EL", the "Apollo" of Delphos, the "Jupiter", "Jovis", "Jovispiter" of the Latins, the god "Mithra" of the Persians, and all the gods of the Heathens, are identically the same person or being as the God Jehovah of the Jews; not merely derivatives from one another, but that they are one and the same; and this same being, the Sun, or Shekinah of the self-existent Being Whom is the Uncreated Intelligent Creator and Architect of all the Cosmos.**

In short, **that Jehovah was the sun; for if Jehovah was "IAO", and "IAO" was the sun, Jehovah must**

be the sun. Dr. Parkhurst, in his Lexicon, admits that Jesus was Jehovah; but if Jesus was Jehovah, and Jehovah the sun, it follows that Jesus, that is, the Romish Jesus must be the sun. Study where you contrast the personified events of the prior sungods and the sayings or "logia" of the sungods with the events and sayings of the New Testament Jesus Christ will **CONFIRM** such an identification beyond any doubt; a blind man can see this for himself.

It cannot be said that these doctrines are merely a fantasy or some incredible coincidence, an invention of one's own imagination; almost every assertion which is made in this article is taken from and supported by the authority of some one or other of learned Christian divines who have studied the subject most carefully that the average Christian. Jesus being mistaken through inherited oral traditions, by the founders of the Roman church, was identified with the god Sol and thus the sun may be expected to be found in their religion and one is not disappointed in such a search for similarities and patters for such identification of Christianity with Sun worship. Upon study one finds that most of the rites and doctrines of modern Christianity are nothing more than the rites and doctrines of the old religion, collected by devotees of very diluted understandings, and applied either to an assumed real historical personage when looking back some one hundred to one hundred fifty years by the likes of Ignatius, Justin Martyr, or Irenaeus , or to an imaginary personage which never lived but whose traditions got mixed up and misunderstood by those lacking the "keys" to interpretation of such traditions since lacking the required "gnosis" to properly understand the inherited "oral traditions" and "logia" of the Lord (whom was the personified Sun). **That is why Rome called Sun-day the "Lord's Day" instead of honoring the Sabbath as did the Jews.**

I have expressed a very simple but yet very important principle in this article so far. The farther removed we are from the origin of a concept, be it religious or not, the further we move away from its intended interpretation given by those who originated these dogmas in the first place. All one has to do is read James Bonwick's Egyptian Belief and Modern Thought to see that almost all Christians religious doctrines today had their origin in Ancient Egypt and that being so then we should desire to know what these "dogmas" meant to the Ancient revelators of such concepts and trace them down through history to see how they changed in "meaning" with the pens of Rome.

Answer for yourself: Having read this book and many other good ones like then they you must ask yourself these questions: "Why did these ancient religious concepts change? When did they change? Who changed them? Did God change them or did man change them for hidden agendas?" Such a quest to find these answers has consumed me for almost 20 years presently and the answers slowly came and so did my religious freedom and my ultimate joy and happiness in seeing the plan of God so clearly as I do today unincumbered by the guilt heaped upon me by the later "fables" and "religious bondage" of man's religions which rejected the simple understanding of God given man in the beginning of time. Christianity heads the list!

Simply said we as Christians and followers of the Roman literalized "Christ" have lost the Gnosis of the Ancient Spiritual Masters and without the "keys" to interpret correctly what we read today we follow blindly every "wind" of doctrine never realizing that we do not have the truth. In particular and the reason for the existence of Bet Emet Ministries is that without such restored "gnosis" or knowledge we are left alone in the sea of idolatry worshiping a fictitious godman, a historical creation of Rome officially adopted at the Council of Nicea, which set about destroying these Ancient Gnostic truths from Egypt and other nations which existed in the first century in the teachings of the earliest Christian and Jewish Gnostics which never believed in or could ever accept a "carnalized Christ" or a fleshly historical Jesus. Now you see what Rome tried to cover up and conceal not only by burning the libraries of the world but by the murder of over 18,000,000 people who knew and accepted this "gnosis" of old. We call what we have in the absence of this "gnosis" today "replacement religion" and its is responsible for most of the wars that this planet has known over the last 2,000 years.

Answer for yourself: How are we to understand these personifications of the sun which are represented to us as assumed historical characters and their messages to us?

Now let us see what the conception of our divinity as a Sun-god in reality meant to the sages of old, and what it should mean to us. It meant that the divinity resides within us, our divine soul or Self, was itself the Sun-god, or

solar deity that fell into matter in times of old and today lives through us to experience His creation through us. All the more reason to live holy lives and "be holy for I am holy" says the LORD.

Rom 6:13 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. (KJV)

Understood correctly the above passage says everything. When one came to the understandings of old, as old as Egypt itself (an understanding that Rome would do their best to destroy and mutate by focusing this "divinity" in one assumed historical person to the exclusion of all others); an understanding of divineness within these mortal bodies of clay which entrapped the soul or Christ of God as taught by the first century Jewish and Gentile Gnostics, an understanding that mankind was "divine" which when realized was understood as man's resurrection from the dead as they came to see that they were God's presence, God's Christ and God's potential Messiah in His world, that man and woman were the sons and daughters of Ra of old, the sons and daughters of God who were to let their light shine from their clay bushels, their internal sun, and bring Heaven to bear upon this world through their actions and deeds as they restored and maintained harmony and order among the whole of the earth and its inhabitants and let their "leaven leaven the whole lump" of human existence for the better. This was the dream which was the responsibility of every man and woman personally who realized this potential that lies dormant inside himself until awakened.

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

This is the real Christ and the real Paul whom Rome has tried to mask with a "historical Jesus". Rome, not wanting this righteousness which comes with the resurrection of Christ within each of us which is now revealed in our day through the restoration of the Nag Hammadi Library and the Gnostic's "gnosis" which proves the fallacy the New Testament Jesus and the assumed historical Christ who never came to the neglect of all "Christs" within each of us which slumber and sadly await some supposed "coming of a historical Christ" which is so long overdue. It is time to realize that the "coming of Christ", like the Sun, is but a moment away and only dependent upon our awakening to the truth of "God's Sun within, God's glorious light within that slumbers waiting on no one but ourselves to arise to the truth to our identity as divinity and the experiential truth that we truly are the Temple of the Holy Spirit and that God resided within waiting to get out through our surrender and our righteous deeds. We have waited too long for another to come when it is us who remained dead in ignorance believing a lie in a black book and thereby have so often missed our day of visitation and our unveiling as God's Christ in the world.

Mal 4:2 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth... (KJV)



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THE FAMOUS QUOTE OF ST. AUGUSTINE: HOW COULD THERE BE A "CHRISTIANITY BEFORE JESUS CHRIST"?

I remember those days in Seminary quite well as they were definitely a turning point in my life; one that I had not expected. First of all I love history and at one time has wanted to be a history teacher when in high school but events would lead me elsewhere. I would end up almost going to Medical School but would reconsider and end up in Pharmacy and would practice this profession for about ten years before entering Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas on the way to my Pastorate. But I never lost my love for history and this love will serve me well when I attended Seminary later in my life. I can remember while in Seminary learning of the Apostolic Fathers of the early church. I, at first, was overwhelmed when confronted with volumes and volumes of written works from the Ante-Nicene Fathers, the writings of the Fathers down to A.D. 325, the Nicene Fathers and the post-Nicene Fathers. It would take several years of reading them familiarize myself with not only what they said and taught but to competently follow the chronological synthesis of religious ideas and theology which would develop over these several hundreds of years. But alone the way in my voracious reading and studying of my faith in preparation for my later ministry I was often taken back by what they said. I found that often within their personal writings came confessions of deceit and dishonesty regarding the message that they were leaving the world about Jesus as "the Christ". Some of these Church Fathers and their own declarations on the pages of these early works from these Church Fathers pulled the rug right out from under my "theological feet" and shook my very life. It seemed to me the more that I read that behind all the rhetoric was an "Ancient Story" of which they knew and were but "remolding" for their time and age. It appeared to me that many of them, who addressed this issue, knew quite well of the existence of this "Christ" in the Ancient past and was only retelling the story again for the ignorant laymen of their day. What amazed me more was that some of them thought it sport and jest to teach this "Ancient Christ" and "Jesus" to these ignorant people who knew no better. Equipped with the authority of the Roman Church who held the "keys" of Heaven and Hell and who dosed out large amounts to fear to control the masses it was easy to manipulate the minds of these people and teach them what you will regardless of truth. Understand Rome had a Empire to build an they would use religious ignorance of the vast majority of the illiterate people to build it. This brings me to St. Augustine.

Saint Augustine, who became Bishop of Hippo in 395, is touted today as one of the four greatest fathers of the Christian Church. Augustine was born in Tagaste (modern Algeria). He has been called the "most erudite" and the "most prolific" of all the Early Church Fathers and the greatest theologian of all Christian history. Augustine's writings developed the theory on the Church that he is given the designation as "Doctor of the Church". It it time now to look at one of his "writings".

One of the great admissions by Augustine in his writings is one which pulls the underpinnings out from under the whole of the "unique" Christian Religion as the "only" path to Heaven which Roman Christianity attests today. I can remember it well when studying Augustine and his theology the passage that jumped out at me like few that I had read in that time of my life. In what I was reading of Augustine one day I was startled by what he said and it stopped me on a dime and I had to re-read it several times to see not only the

picture of what Augustine was painting but at the same time identify with his own concern about how could there be Christianity before Christ? I read more I felt the concern and identified with the great mystery of which Augustine had written. I began to see that Augustine, the supposed greatest Church Father ever, had studied this question regarding a "Christianity before Jesus" and answered it accordingly as follows:

That which is known as the Christian religion existed among the ancients, and never did not exist; from the beginning of the human race until the time when Christ came in the flesh, at which time the true religion, which already existed began to be called Christianity. (Retractt. I, xiii, cited by Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn in his *Shadow of The Third Century*, Elizabeth N.J.: Academy Press, 1949, p.3). Please take the time to re-read this quote above from Augustine.

I wondered at what this astounding quote from Augustine could mean. It would take several years of study on my part to identify exactly what Augustine meant by that quote. **He was speaking about Egypt and the Egyptian religion which was a mixture of the Mystical and Mythical representations of Divine Truth given to the earliest of mankind on this planet.** Now Augustine wrote around 400 A.D. and mind you this is far removed from the time period supposedly of the "historical Jesus". I would come to see with more study that Augustine "assumes" something that was not in this "TRUE RELIGION" which "ALREADY EXISTED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE HUMAN RACE" which is not true; namely, that nowhere in this "TRUE REGION FROM THE BEGINNING" was there ever a "Karast/Christ" who was to come in "the flesh". This is a major study to say the least that took several years to get to the bottom of it thoroughly on my part but I did and the fruits of my studies are becoming available in various websites as time permits.

Augustine's astonishing declaration was made in the early fourth century of our era. It can be asserted with little chance of refutation that if this affirmation of the pious Augustine had not sunk out of sight, but had been kept in open view through the period of Western history, the whole course of that history would have been vastly altered for the better. **It is only too likely the case that the obvious implications of this startling passage were of such a nature that its availability to the public was purposely frowned upon by the ecclesiastical authorities in every age. Augustine startling honesty in this quote held the kernel of a great truth the common knowledge of which would have been a stumbling block in the way of the perpetuation of priestly power over the general Christian mind. It would have provoked personal inquiry and disarmed the ecclesiastical prestige of much of its power.**

Augustine's quote sure set me to studying like I had never before. I was slowly beginning to see that as a Christian my religion and faith might not be as "sure" as I had assumed and the more I pursued such courses of study I found that all I had was a "Swiss cheese Christian theology" which was full of holes. But it was too late for me; Pandora's box was now open thanks to Augustine and I wanted to know what this ***"True Religion that had already existed since the beginning of the human race"*** truly consisted of and I would slowly gather the pieces to this tremendous 18,000 year old puzzle together and in so doing I was equally alarmed and shocked to see that the picture "painted then by these true Ancients of Egypt about the Creator", going way back before 13,000 B.C.E., had been blurred almost beyond belief in my present day with its false presentation of the Egyptian "Karast/Christ" to me through Rome's New Testament and its falsification and misrepresentation of these earlier Ancient Truths in their depiction of the "Jesus Story".

The commentary further stated:

For what is it that the Christian saint actually says? It stands as hardly less than a point-blank repudiation of all the chief asseverations on which the structure of Christian tradition rests. Every child born to Christian parents in eighteen centuries has been indoctrinated with the unqualified belief that Christianity was completely new, and the first true, religion in world history; that it was given to the world by God himself and brought to earth by the sole divine emissary ever commissioned to convey God's truth to mankind; that it flashed out amid the lingering of Pagan darkness as the first ray of true light to illumine the pathway of evolution for the safe treading of human feet. All previous religion was the superstitious product of

primitive childishness of mind. Christianity was the first piercing of the long night of black heathenism by the benignant gift of God (John G. Jackson, Christianity Before Christ, p. 1-3). ***(nothing could be further from the truth)!***

Finally, the commentary stated:

Augustine shatters this illusion and this jealously preserved phantom of blind credulity. From remotest antiquity, he asserts, there has always existed in the world the true religion. It illuminated the intellects of the most ancient Sages, Prophets, Priests and Kings. It built the foundation for every national religion, the tenets of which consisted of reformulation of its ubiquitous ageless principles of knowledge and wisdom. It went under a variety of designations:

- Hermeticism in ancient Egypt;
- Orphism in early Greece;
- Zoroastrianism in Persia;
- Brahmanism in India;
- Taoism in China;
- The Eleusinian Mysteries in Greece
- Mithraism in Rome
- Shintoism in Japan and China.

Answer for yourself: But I thought all the above were "pagan" and wrong and evil and full of idolatry? Well they can be when you lose the "gnosis" and the secrets of how to interpret these higher Divine that were captured for all of Eternity by these Ancient Spiritualist through the agency of symbol and religious myths. When we look at the above list and read their accounts and "literalize" them as we have done with Jesus in the "Jesus Story" then we are guilty of falling into idolatry but if we possess the wisdom and knowledge as these Ancients did, who never looked at these myths at "literal" but only as "allegories expressing higher Divine Truths, then we are awe struck and taken back by the knowledge and wisdom of these Ancient sages and Priests of God. I cannot describe it as it should be, but I have found little in life as satisfying to my Soul and Spirit as the study of Egypt, the parents of the Jewish nation, and their faith as these higher Ancient Divine Truths come alive to me as I stand startled and amazed at the depth of their knowledge of God when compared to mine growing up with a "literal" Christianity. I have attempted to bring the reader the richness of this knowledge of God possessed, like Moses for example, who grew up in Pharaoh's house. Let me say that I have been breathless by what I have uncovered and seen the Creator as more awesome today than words can convey and sadly this knowledge lays covered with millennia of sand and neglect today with the world's refocus upon Rome and its lying replacement religion with a "literal godman" instead of the Mystical and Mythical Christ which only lives "within".

In no matter what garbled and perverted form, even tribal religionism fostered this ***"true" and "already existing religion from the beginning of time"***. I sadly had to admit as I studied the depth of Augustine's quote that as an Ordained Pastor of a mega church in Dallas that I did not have this "true" religion as has mankind down through time until the emergence of the Holy Roman Empire. Mystery cultism dramatized and ritualized it in many lands. Social usages, all the annual festivals centered around the equinoxes and solstices, folktales, tales, traditions, myths, legends, and oral traditions of the common people, carried these "Ancient Truths" down the corridors of time. ***Always it existed among men; never was it not present in the world. Hardly ever apprehended at its real value, its representations badly misconceived, its import warped and travestied at every turn in popular practice, it yet existed and came down to Augustine's day.*** (Kuhn, Shadow, pp. 3-4)

But Augustine was not through as he goes on to say more startling things few have ever heard today.

"I would not believe in the Gospel myself if the authority of the Catholic Church did not influence

me to do so." Against the letter of Mani, 5,6, 397 A.D.

Answer for yourself: Is this an admission that Augustine knew that the "literal" Jesus of the Catholic "Jesus Story" was a lie and that only the Mystical and Mythical "Jesus Christ" as a Heavenly Concept was true? Did Augustine know that, as the Ancients had taught since the beginning of time, through both oral traditions first and then later with recorded works, that the only true faith given by God was one that expressed unity with the Creator through the Mystical Christ within and the representation of this "Indwelling God/Christ" through the agency of Myth (the Mythical Christ)? He sure did but few reads these men today and are relegated to listening to what others have heard preached on cassette tapes by other and assorted such hearsay instead of the truth.

There is an extensive literature on the Pagan origins of Christianity. Most of these works, written by scholars for scholars, never reached the general reader. It is time they do. Email us and we will send you a recommended book list whereby you no longer have to remain in the dark concerning the truth behind the "Jesus Story". We also provide to the interested student a ministry CD containing the study materials from all 13 of our websites. Let us know if you would desire to have one. In the study of this CD the dedicated will see how the "historical Jesus", first used a teaching tool and vehicle to express Divine Truths in Judaism, will dissolve in the light of today's evidence to the contrary and in its place emerge the Divine Truth behind the Mystical Christ within as believed by the earliest Christian Jewish and Gentile Gnostics and how these Divine Truths were captured for all Eternity by the Ancients through the medium of religious myth. With acquisition of the "gnosis" and proper way to interpret these Ancient writings then one sees the puzzle pieces for what they truly are and is capable of recovering the original truths behind the "Jesus Story" as first understood by these Ancient Sages and Priests. Thank you.

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SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN GOD OSIRIS AND THE JESUS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT...COINCIDENCE?

Having been requested by several of our readership at Bet Emet Ministries to share information we might have on the similarities between Jesus and the Egyptian God-man Osiris I thought this might be a good time to share some of the unique similarities between both these “godmen.” You, the reader, will have to evaluate and study it out for yourself if the truth as been told concerning the Jesus of the New Testament or if “copies” of pagan gods have found their way into the Jesus story of the New Testament. Let us not be confused to believe that such a “similar pattern” only existed in Egypt because such similarities of various “godmen” found their way down through the path of Gentile history until it finally culminated in Rome and its final expression of Gentile Christianity. Now, let us look at the similarities.

OSIRIS AND JESUS SIMILARITIES COINCIDENCE?



What form the details of the history of Osiris took in the early dynasties it is impossible to say, and we know not whether Osiris was the god of the resurrection to the predynastic or prehistoric Egyptians, or whether that role was attributed to him after Mena began to rule in Egypt. There is, however, good reason for assuming that in the earliest dynastic times Osiris occupied the position of god and judge of those who had risen from the dead by his help, for already in the 17th dynasty, about B.C. 3800, king Men-kau-Ra (the Mycerinus of the Greeks) is identified with him, and on his coffin not only is he called “Osiris, King of the South and North, Men-kau-Ra, living for ever,” but the genealogy of Osiris is attributed to him, and he is declared to be “born of heaven, offspring of Nut, flesh and bone of Seb.” It is evident that the priests of Heliopolis “edited” the religious texts copied and multiplied in the College to suit their own views, but in the early times when they began their work, the worship of Osiris was so widespread, and the belief in

him as **the god of the resurrection** so deeply ingrained in the hearts of the Egyptians, that even in the Heliopolitan system of theology Osiris and his cycle, or company of gods, were made to hold a very prominent position. **Osiris represented to men the idea of a man who was both god and man, and he typified to the Egyptians in all ages the being who by reason of his sufferings and death as a man could sympathize with them in their own sickness and death.** The idea of his human personality also satisfied their cravings and yearnings for intercourse with a being who, **though he was partly divine**, yet had **much in common with themselves**. Originally they looked upon Osiris as a man who lived on the earth as they lived, who ate and drank, who suffered a cruel death, who by the help of certain gods triumphed over death, and attained unto everlasting life. **But what Osiris did they could do, and what the gods did for Osiris they must also do for them, and as the gods brought about his resurrection so they must bring about theirs, and as they made him the ruler of the underworld so they must make them to enter his kingdom and to live there as long as the god himself lived.** Osiris, in some of his aspects, was identified

with the Nile, and with Ra, and with several other “gods” known to the Egyptians, but it was in his aspect **as god of the resurrection and of eternal life** that he appealed to men in the valley of the Nile; and for thousands of years men and women died believing that, **inasmuch as all that was done for Osiris would be done for them symbolically, they like him would rise again and inherit life everlasting.** However far back we trace religious ideas in Egypt, we never approach a time when it can be said that there did not exist a belief in the Resurrection, for everywhere it is assumed that Osiris rose from the dead; sceptics must have existed, and they probably asked their priests what the Corinthians asked Saint Paul, “How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?” But beyond doubt the belief in the Resurrection was accepted by the dominant classes in Egypt.

The centre and home of the worship of Osiris in Egypt under the early dynasties was Abydos, where the head of the god was said to be buried. It spread north and south in the course of time, and several large cities claimed to possess one or other of the limbs of his body. The various episodes in the life of the god were made the subject of solemn representations in the temple, and little by little the performance of the obligatory and non-obligatory services in connection with them occupied, in certain temples, the greater part of the time of the priests. **The original ideas concerning the god were forgotten and new ones grew up; from being the example of a man who had risen from the dead and had attained unto life everlasting, he became the cause of the resurrection of the dead; and the power to bestow eternal life upon mortals was transferred from the gods to him. The alleged dismemberment of Osiris was forgotten in the fact that he dwelt in a perfect body in the underworld, and that, whether dismembered or not, he had become after his death the father of Horus by Isis (immaculate conception).** As early as the XIIth dynasty, about B.C. 2500, the worship of this god had become almost universal, and a thousand years later Osiris had become a sort of national god. The attributes of the great cosmic gods were ascribed to him, and he appeared to **man not only as the god and judge of the dead, but also as the creator of the world and of all things in it. He who was the son of Ra (son of God) became the equal of his father, and he took his place side by side with him in heaven (forming a type of coequality with God & basis for the Egyptian Trinity).**

We have an interesting proof of the identification of Osiris with Ra in Chapter XVII. of the Book of the Dead. It is a noticeable fact that even at his meeting with Ra the soul of Osiris preserves the human face, the sign of his kinship with man.

Now Osiris became not only the equal of Ra, but, in many respects, a greater god than he. It is said that from the nostrils of the head of Osiris, which was buried at Abydos, came forth the scarabaeus which was at once the emblem and type of the god Khepera, who caused all things to come into being, and of the resurrection. In this manner **Osiris became the source and origin of gods, men, and things, and the manhood of the god was forgotten (human nature deemphasized and Divinity emphasized).** The next step was to ascribe to him the attributes of God; thus we see how a man became a God and served as the “prototype” for all other Godmen which would come after in the “image” of **Osiris..the first Godman.**

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COMPARISON OF THE LIVES OF HORUS AND JESUS: COINCIDENCE?

Event	Horus	Jesus Of Nazareth
Conception:	By a virgin.	By a virgin.
Father:	Only begotten son of the God Osiris.	Only begotten son of Yehovah (in the form of the Holy Spirit).
Mother:	Meri.	Miriam (a.k.a. Mary).
Foster father:	Seb, (Jo-Septh).	Joseph.
Foster father's ancestry:	Of royal descent.	Of royal descent.
Birth location:	In a cave.	In a cave or stable.
Annunciation:	By an angel to Isis, his mother.	By an angel to Miriam, his mother.
Birth heralded by:	The star Sirius, the morning star.	An unidentified " <i>star in the East.</i> "
Birth date:	Ancient Egyptians paraded a manger and child representing Horus through the streets at the time of the winter solstice (typically Dec. 22-25).	Celebrated on DEC-25. The date was chosen to occur on the same date as the birth of Mithra, Dionysus and the Sol Invictus (unconquerable Sun), etc.
Birth announcement:	By angels.	By angels.
Birth witnesses:	Shepherds.	Shepherds.
Later witnesses to birth:	Three solar deities.	Three wise men.
Death threat during infancy:	Herut tried to have Horus murdered.	Herod tried to have Jesus murdered.
Handling the threat:	The God <i>That</i> tells Horus' mother " <i>Come, thou goddess Isis, hide thyself with thy child.</i> "	An angel tells Jesus' father to: " <i>Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt.</i> "
Rite of passage ritual:	Horus came of age with a special ritual, when his eye was restored.	Taken by parents to the temple for what is today called a bar mitzvah ritual.
Age at the ritual:	12	12
Break in life history:	No data between ages of 12 & 30.	No data between ages of 12 & 30.
Baptism location:	In the river Eridanus.	In the river Jordan.
Age at baptism:	30.	30.

Baptized by:	Anup the Baptiser.	John the Baptist.
Subsequent fate of the baptiser:	Beheaded.	Beheaded.
Temptation:	Taken from the desert of Amenta up a high mountain by his arch-rival Sut. Sut (a.k.a. Set) was a precursor for the Hebrew Satan.	Taken from the desert in Palestine up a high mountain by his arch-rival Satan.
Result of temptation:	Horus resists temptation.	Jesus resists temptation.
Supporters	Twelve disciples.	Twelve disciples.
Activities:	Walked on water, cast out demons, healed the sick, restored sight to the blind. He " <i>stilled the sea by his power.</i> "	Walked on water, cast out demons, healed the sick, restored sight to the blind. He ordered the sea with a " <i>Peace, be still</i> " command.
Raising of the dead:	Horus raised Osiris, his dead father, from the grave.	Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave.
Location where the resurrection miracle occurred:	Anu, an Egyptian city where the rites of the death, burial and resurrection of Horus were enacted annually.	Hebrews added their prefix for house ('beth") to "Anu" to produce " <i>Beth-Anu</i> " or the " <i>House of Anu.</i> " Since "u" and "y" were interchangeable in antiquity, " <i>Bethanu</i> " became " <i>Bethany,</i> " the location mentioned in John 11.
Origin of Lazarus' name:	Asar was an alternate name for Osiris, Horus' father, who Horus raised from the dead. He was referred to as " <i>the Asar,</i> " as a sign of respect. Translated into Hebrew, this is " <i>El-Asar.</i> " The Romans added the prefix " <i>us</i> " to indicate a male name, producing " <i>Elasarus.</i> " Over time, the " <i>E</i> " was dropped and " <i>s</i> " became " <i>z,</i> " producing " <i>Lazarus.</i> " ¹⁰	As described by the author(s) of the Gospel of John.
Transfigured:	On a mountain.	On a high mountain.
Key address(es):	Sermon on the Mount.	Sermon on the Mount; Sermon on the Plain.
Method of death	By crucifixion.	By crucifixion.
Accompanied by:	Two thieves.	Two thieves.
Burial	In a tomb.	In a tomb.
Fate after death:	Descended into Hell; resurrected after three days.	Descended into Hell; resurrected after about 30 to 38 hours (Friday PM to presumably some time in Sunday AM) covering parts of three days.
Resurrection announced by:	Women.	Women.
Future:	Reign for 1,000 years in the Millennium.	Reign for 1,000 years in the Millennium.



COMPARSION OF CHARACTERISTICS BETWEEN HORUS AND JESUS

Characteristics	Horus	Yeshua of Nazareth, a.k.a. Jesus
Nature"	Regarded as a mythical character.	Regarded as a 1st century C.E. human man-god.
Main role:	Savior of humanity.	Savior of humanity.
Status:	God-man.	God-man.
Common portrayal:	Virgin Isis holding the infant Horus.	Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus.
Title:	KRST, the anointed one.	Christ, the anointed one.
Other names:	The good shepherd, the lamb of God, the bread of life, the son of man, the Word, the fisher, the winnower.	The good shepherd, the lamb of God, the bread of life, the son of man, the Word, the fisher, the winnower.
Zodiac sign:	Associated with Pisces, the fish.	Associated with Pisces, the fish.
Main symbols:	Fish, beetle, the vine, shepherd's crook.	Fish, beetle, the vine, the shepherd's cross



COMPARISON OF THE MESSAGE OF HORUS AND JESUS

Characteristics	Horus	Yeshua of Nazareth, a.k.a. Jesus
Criteria for salvation at the place of judgement:	<i>"I have given bread to the hungry man and water to the thirsty man and clothing to the naked person and a boat to the shipwrecked mariner."</i>	<i>"For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me..."</i> Matthew 25:35-36 (KJV).
"I am" statements	<i>"I am Horus in glory...I am the Lord of Light...I am the victorious one...I am the heir of endless time...I, even I, am he that knoweth the paths of heaven."</i> 12 <i>"I am Horus, the Prince of Eternity."</i> <i>"I am Horus who stepeth onward through eternity...Eternity and everlastingness is my name."</i> <i>"I am the possessor of bread in Anu. I have bread in heaven with Ra."</i>	<i>"I am the light of the world....I am the way, the truth and the life."</i> <i>"Before Abraham was, I am"</i> <i>"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever."</i> <i>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven."</i> (From the Gospel of John)

Answer for yourself: I assume that you are a "thinking believer". Now knowing this what is the chance that the Jesus of the New Testament is not a rehash of the life and being of Horus, the son of Osiris, as expressed in Egyptian myths? What does this mean for the reliability of the New Testament as a document we can trust for our Eternal Life? Don't you think that it is time we investigate seriously Biblical Judaism and see why these early Church Fathers attacked it so and just maybe we will find in it the truths hidden from us for the last 2000 years that will explain why this "Jesus Story" is not accepted by the Jewish Rabbis and sages down through history. Not only that, belief in a "literal" and "historical" interpretation of the "Jesus Story" is impossible

given this information. We should ask: "What then does this 'Jesus Story' represent"?

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THE FAMOUS QUOTE OF EUSEBIUS: HOW COULD THERE BE A "CHRISTIANITY BEFORE JESUS CHRIST"?

In an earlier article we took notice of a very famous quote of Augustine which says that the "Christian religion" has been with mankind since the beginning of time. We noticed that it would be an impossibility for a "historical Jesus", presumed to be the historical Christ of the first century, to have been the center of such a religion for thousands and thousands of years. We looked at the alternate understanding that this "Christ" might have been understood since the beginning of time as a "Divine Spiritual Concept" expressing the "Descent of the Soul" into the physical realm of existence (our flesh) rather than some historical person and the likelihood that we have not been taught the truth concerning "this Christ" by Rome. We looked at the evidence that helps us understand this saying of Augustine and came to the conclusion that this ancient understanding of "the Christ" had been differently understood and interpreted for thousands of years from what we have been taught by Rome since the 3rd century. Let me say that Augustine is not the only Church Father to make such an announcement for in this article we will look at Eusebius and his famous quote. But before we do some things need to be said about Christianity and its claim to be the sole possessor of God's Divine Truth for the world.

In my studies over these twenty years I have found that Rome has been very successful to foist upon the minds of men and women for some 1,800 years, the false idea that the world, before the coming of Roman Christianity, was enveloped in a "heathen" darkness and had never been the beneficiary of the proclamation of the real truth from God. According to Rome no messenger, Avatar, or mediator had ever been sent from God to proclaim the knowledge of the One True God and His plan of salvation for mankind which supposedly had remained hidden from mankind since the beginning of time until the coming of the "carnalized" Christ of in the first century C.E.

Answer for yourself: Is the above scenario actually true and if not how has Rome succeeded in covering up God's revelation of Himself and His message given to the Ancients over these last 1,800 years?

The answer is **"reinterpretation, it is all about reinterpretation"** by Rome of what came before and what had served mankind faithful since the beginning of time. Let me explain. By a clever redefining of the word "Pagan" and "Heathen" Rome stigmatized all previous Ancient Wisdom religions and philosophies of mankind since the beginning of recorded history. As a Christian, being preconditioned to think that when I read the word "pagan" that it automatically meant blind, dumb, stupid, misled, and even satanic, I would discount all that was connected with such terms in my reading and study. If you consult a dictionary you will find that basically the term means one who does not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam or one who does not profess any religion whatsoever. It slowly dawned on me that this term had been "Christianized" and basically included all the people of the Old Testament like Moses, Solomon, Abraham, etc., and that seemed strange. As my studies increased over the years I began to see how my "Jesus Story" was the same story of events and saying that had been with mankind in every Aryan nation since the beginning of time and it was then I came to understand why Rome has branded all the Ancients and their religions and philosophies of life as "pagan" or "heathen". This was done to assure that we don't "look" at these Ancient

religions and philosophies closely for if we do we will discover the Roman ruse and lies passed off to us today as "orthodoxy".

Basically over time this word "pagan" was used by Roman Christianity to mean a "non-Christian" or one who "does not acknowledge 'your' God"; in this instance the Roman interpretation and presentation of God and His Christ. Let me tell you that there existed in the earliest century, from the first century on, millions that did not "acknowledge" the God of Rome or the "literalized, carnalized Christ"; in fact some 18 million, at best count by modern scholars, were put to death by Rome during the Dark Ages for believing in a "different" understanding of the Creator God and His Christ than the one that Rome will espouse. I find it ludicrous, and so did some 18 million or more that God set by silently since the foundation of time and the beginning of His creation of mankind and as a Father to His children never tried to communicate Himself, His Christ, or His will for mankind until the emergence of the Holy Roman Empire in the 3rd century C.E. Through the force of this **traditional indoctrination** no Christian child in 1,800 years has ever held any other belief than that in the inherited body of sacred literature that Rome declared to be the supernatural message of God's first historical mediator, Jesus Christ, who was, according again to Rome, the supposed only vehicle from God given mankind for learning of the true knowledge of this God that had ever been given mankind for their salvation. According to this belief then be thankful you were born after the first century and in this Western Hemisphere for evidently God had a strong dislike for all mankind since the beginning of time and offered them no revelation of Himself nor His plan for their spiritual maturation while on this plane of existence until Rome takes control of the emerging Gnostic Christianity of the earliest centuries C.E. This belief as the sole bastion of religious truth, as attached to the Roman Jesus, was taught to the world and is today and in so doing we are taught that God at last revealed His plan of salvation to mankind but only through Rome's preaching of "their Christ". This was genius as I see it and easy to pull over the eyes of the unsuspecting and trusting ignorant masses. This plan served the interests of the Roman Christian establishment well and continues to do so today as it prevails over the minds of nearly all Christians and has throughout Rome's long period of Christian dominance. **In so doing Rome assured that no one looks "backwards" in time for a prior existing revelation of God and His Christ and His will for mankind, because if they did, then one might become able to spot a host of similar "Jesus Stories" that existed since the foundation of the world and realize that a "deeper and higher spiritual truth" must exist in these stories other than a "literalized Jesus Story" as it has been presented from the 2nd and 3rd centuries down through time.**

This falsehood and misrepresentation of the facts by Rome stands today exposed for all to see; only if they look and study the right materials. It is rather easy today to demonstrate how tragically erroneous this indoctrination has been, for history and modern scholarship and comparative religious studies has pronounced the verdict upon such religious indoctrination by Roman Christianity and labels it today a "bald-faced lie". Scholars will tell you and your diligent study into comparative religions over a period of time will show you that the Roman Jesus Christ nor the religion he is asserted to have founded presented one single new or unique item of truth that had not been taught previously in the Egyptian religion for thousands of years prior to the supposed life of this Galilean. **I found to my amazement and horror as a Christian pastor as my Jewish studies advanced after Seminary that every word that this Jesus uttered in the New Testament and every act he performed could be matched by material that was Ancient; either in the literature of the Hebrews or in the Ancient writings of the Egyptians which lie carved on the walls of their temples and pyramids.** I found to my continued amazement that every religious doctrine promulgated by the Roman Church that sprang to being seemingly on the basis of the Roman Jesus' life and work can be identified with its archetypal forms in most of the antecedent literature all over the Ancient world. **But there is one difference, that being the Ancient meanings of these "religious doctrines" have been, at the hands of Rome, adulterated, doctored, debased, purposefully misrepresented, perverted, twisted, warped, distorted, falsified, and wrested from their original meanings held sacred for thousands of years prior to the rise of the Holy Roman Empire. No greater miscarriage of truth can be found than that involving the Ancient understanding of the Christ. In others words "there is nothing new under the Sun" until Rome comes along.**

You will find, as I did when you find the time to do the correct studies, that this very narrative of this **Jesus'**

life in the Roman New Testament is for all intents and purposes a facsimile and reduplication of the mystical biography of some fifteen to fifty previous figures of Sun-gods and Avatars of the Ancient world that existed thousands of year previous to the assumed "historical Jesus". In reality Rome gave the world nothing more than a terribly mutilated and disfigured copy of the Ancient Religious world and Ancient Religious Wisdom literature when they "literalized" the "Christ/Soul Within" and limited it to one supposed man who lived in the first century in Judea, who was believed killed, ascended to Heaven, and which one day will return. Sadly too many people have never opened their minds with sufficient dispassion and objectivity to examine the "Jesus Story" and information presented to us today which shows the truth about the derivation of the Christian faith from the prior "Pagan" religions that existed long before it. **But "Pagan" again does not have to mean "bad"; you will find as I did it means more often than not "correct"!** As long as we continue to allow ourselves to be brainwashed by the hot term "pagan" and never realize that this Wisdom Religious Literature holds the most profound and deepest secrets of the Divine realm ever given to mankind then we are hopelessly consigned to forever wandering amidst the lies and deceptions of Rome never coming to the truths that lay behind the "Jesus Story". It is our failure to do adequate comparisons and do the comprehensive studies necessary to connect the links between Christianity and its prior antitypes as well as our failure in underestimating the importance of the all so **necessary allegorical interpretation of the "Jesus Story"** that has caused us to fail to draw the "truth out from fiction" in our "Jesus Story". No wonder the ecclesiastical power of Rome has shunned comparative religious studies until just recently since embarrassed by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Nag Hammadi Library in Egypt which have cracked the egg shell of their deceit. The information age is slowly cracking this egg shell of ignorance and the light of truth is again shining out and upon the "Jesus Story" and in so doing liberating those who desire to look away from traditional lies and deceptions handed them for some 1,800 years in the name of "truth" by Rome.

So the Roman ecclesiastical power, as well as her Protestant daughter, has shunned comparative religious study until now when the pressure of open inquiry is forcing them to face the conclusions of modern scholarly study. Coming out of the web work are honest and diligent scholars, who when confronted with such evidences, see finally through the Roman charade over the last 1,800 years and can and will no longer hang with the "party line" even if their jobs and reputations suffer. I can identify for I was forced in the light of my studies to resign a very successful pastorate for truth is more important than position. For those not possessing such integrity then you can expect the answers that emanate from Rome and Evangelical Christianity to be unsound and clever enough to continue this ruse. Expect these challenged Christian leaders to fall upon the embarrassing tactics of the early Church Fathers when confronted with such damning evidences to the plagiarism of the "Jesus Story" and blame the Devil somehow for all of this. To the credit of many who desired truth more than their lives the rack and the stake having failed to stop the tide of empirical research into obtaining the truth behind the "Jesus Story". Now again the Church, finding itself endangered from the side of secular research in this information age by the study of comparative religion, but unable to stem the tide by induced fear, the rack, murder and excommunication, will have to meet this assault of knowledge with whatever resources of subterfuge and evasion it can to try to prevent the disclosure of its own origins from Chaldea, Greece, Judea and old Egypt being made public. For the voice of truth is rising in this land exposing the lies of religious dogmatism and freeing those who have "ears to hear" and "eyes to see". **Let me say as we move on that the knowledge of Christianity's derivation from Egypt will not only undermine its very doctrinal foundations, which, all its advocates agree, rest not with the Roman Gospel witness to the supposed historical life of a Jesus of Nazareth, but with a slain Pharaoh of Egypt in 1,350 B.C.E. along with the neteru of Egypt!** And that life, as an event of the first century, and those Gospels, as original literary productions of the late first century, both are challenged by the identity of their data with the **allegorical "life" of Horus (neteru) of Egypt in the Book of the Dead.** It is not too strong an assertion to say that those Gospels, as the supposed biography of a man who lived in the first century, are reeling, staggering and tottering today ready to be blown over and away by the winds of archeological Truth! Christian historians, archeologists, and Egyptologists and Scriptural exegetists are themselves dismantling the once solid fabric of this Roman impenetrable structure. It is about time. Science forced Christianity to shift its position on many of its dogmas and minor tenets but comparison with archaic Egyptian Religion will cut to the very heart of the Roman lie and their false "Christ". The truth never set anyone free but the "knowledge" of the truth does.

*John 8:32 32 And ye shall **know** the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (KJV)*

It is indeed a testimony to the total absence of discernment on the part of modern Christian theologians that, in spite of [Augustine's declaration that the true Christianity had been in existence from remotest antiquity](#), Christian scholars continue to express surprise when, as in the case of Akhenaten's campaign to bring that archaic true Christianity out from under the stagnating influence of a debased priesthood in 1,350 B.C.E. which had strayed too far down the road of worship of the Osirian "literalized godman", they run across the evidences of the existence of a higher "Allegorical Spiritual Truth" than the corrupt popular superstitions of the "literalized Christ" to which they remain blind to the manifestations of this same phenomenon in the past of old Egypt because they remain remarkably blind to an identical situation visible under their eyes at the present day. **Having not understood the Egyptian religion correctly they fail to understand Christianity and "the Christ" correctly as well.** These Christians scholars simply don't "Know" this truth because they never studied it out sufficiently.

It has never been seen as the ultra-significant fact it is, that the Renaissance was engendered by the discovery and dissemination of old classical Greek and Latin literature, **restoring to functional power the enlightening influences of symbolism and allegory and the analogical method, and that it was indeed this very magic of symbolic intimation that went far to implement this notable and fairly dynamic revival of the "true religion" of Augustine's vision.** The "lesson" of this circumstance and phenomenon is that obviously the **immemorially true religion of primordial times had embodied itself pretty completely in the philosophy and mysticism of the great Greek nation at its peak of Platonic excellence.** It is important for the reader to understand that when we speak of Plato we speak of a worldview pervaded by the presence of Egypt. The Greeks were taught by the Egyptians.

[The indebtedness of Christianity to ancient Egypt is outlined at length at another of our websites](#) because Egyptian religion lies at the heart of all later world religions and this fact is of utmost importance for us when considering **Augustine's broad assertion of the existence of an ancient universal true religion that undergirds Christianity of his day.** The Christianity of Augustine's day was in the midst of evolving and altering the dogmas of "the Christ" where they were being "literalized" and the "allegorical" understandings of the "the Christ Within" was in decline. It will serve us well to cite a passage such as the following from von Mosheim's well accredited history of the early centuries of Christianity (Vol. I, p. 383):

*"Long antecedent (prior) to the coming of Christ, there were to be found, not only amongst the Egyptians, but also among the **Jews, who copied after the Egyptians** (as is placed out of all question by the Essenes and Therapeutae), as well as in other nations, certain persons who made it their study by means of fasting, labor, contemplation and other afflictive exercises, **to deliver their rational Souls**, which they considered as the offspring of the Deity unhappily confined within corporeal prisons (bodies), from the bonds of the flesh and the senses, and to restore them to an uninterrupted communion with their God and parent. This discipline arose out of that ancient philosophy of the Egyptians, which considered all things as having proceeded from God, and regarded the rational souls of the human race as more noble parties of that divine nature."*

Wow, what a statement that is loaded with truth and eye-opening revelation. Here again is confirmation that Augustine is right, that the Christian faith has existed since Egypt but not in the way Rome gave it to the world in its adulterated, doctored, debased, purposefully misrepresented, perverted, twisted, warped, distorted, falsified form which we have today. Take note that "the Jews copied after the Egyptians" since this explains why the legacy and Spiritual Truths of Egypt, intended for the whole world, are found in Judaism today.

Answer for yourself: Why is this statement so important?

- It testifies, first, to the previous existence of high religious philosophies which are at once seen to be occurring in the earliest stage of development in Christianity.
- It certifies that religious disciplines which certainly set the pattern for those later followed by Christianity, derived from ancient Egypt.
- It establishes the extremely important detail, which has been so insistently ignored, evaded and flouted, that the "Jews copied after the Egyptians."

I behove you to not forget this latter point as your studies progress for this explains why over and over as a ordained Christian pastor I point the way to Judaism as a higher revelation and worship of God than exists in Roman or Protestant Christianity today with their "reinterpretations" of these "high religious philosophies" down through the last 1,800 years. There has been great reluctance by Christian scholars to take this item into account since subscribing to the fact that the "Jews copied the Egyptians" means practically to trace Christianity itself back to the Egyptians. It was scoffed at just because its implications are potentially so menacing to orthodox Roman Christianity and its dogmas when compared with the Ancient beliefs in Egypt.

George P. Fisher, author of The Beginnings of Christianity, p. 177, states: *"Christianity introduced no new element in the constitution of the soul."* In fact it accomplished the reverse. Christianity lost all knowledge of those constitutive elements of man's divine nature which the "pagans" had dealt with, by recognition and understanding of which human beings and seekers of God were better enabled to guide the evolution of their Souls wisely.

Now it is time for Eusebius (240 C.E. to 360 C.E.). If Augustine, 354 C.E. to 430 C.E., who lived some one hundred years after Eusebius, stands as the founder of Christian theology, no less surely is Eusebius the founder of the Christian ecclesiastical system, as well as being perhaps its most important early historian.

Answer for yourself: What does Augustine and Eusebius have in common?

These two major instigators of the Christian movement inscribed each a statement which in essence and in effect practically negate all the basic claims of the religion they extolled and instituted.

Eusebius' remarkable statement, basically one hundred years earlier than Augustine's comment, adds corroboration to Augustine's and the two must stand together as a challenge to all Christian assertion throughout the ages. Had these two quotes been kept steadily before the eyes of the world, Christianity might have been spared its catastrophic miscarriage during the Dark Ages. Eusebius' affirmation is taken from the seventy-second chapter of Nathaniel Lardner's great work on Christianity:

"That the religion published by Jesus Christ to all nations is neither new nor strange. For though, without controversy, we are of late, and the name of Christians is indeed new; yet our manner of life and the principles of our religion have not been lately devised by us, but were instituted and observed, if I may say so, from the beginning of the world, by good men, accepted of God; from those natural notions which are implanted in men's minds. This I shall show in the following manner: It is well known that the nation of the Hebrews is not new, but distinguished by its antiquity. They have writings containing accounts of ancient men; few indeed in number, but very eminent in piety, justice and every other virtue. Of whom some lived before the flood; others since, sons and grandsons of Noah; particularly Abraham, whom the Hebrews glory in as their father and founder of their nation. If any one, ascending from Abraham to the first man should affirm that all of them who were celebrated for virtue were Christians in reality, though not in name, he would not speak much beside the truth. For what else does the name of Christian denote but a man who, by the knowledge and doctrine of Jesus Christ, was brought to the practice of sobriety, righteousness, patience, fortitude and the religious

worship of the one and only God over all? About these things they were no less solicitous than we are; but they practiced not circumcision, nor observed Sabbaths any more than we; nor had they distinction of meats, nor other ordinances, which were first appointed by Moses. Whence it is apparent that they ought to be esteemed the first and most ancient form of religion which was observed by the pious about the time of Abraham, and has been of late published to all nations by the direction and authority of Jesus Christ."

Answer for yourself: Wow! What again did he say? He said that this same religion of the Ancients is the Christianity of his time (well almost for it is in a state of flux and changing in his day).

Here is a flat declaration from the founder of Christian ecclesiasticism that Jesus did nothing more than republish the religion of the ancient Hebrew patriarchs (the patriarchs are in reality Egyptian Pharaohs).

Answer for yourself: Have you studied our [Egyptian-Christian website](#) to see how the depiction of the Patriarchs in the Ezra "rewritten" Old Testament are made to be Hebrews when in fact archeology today and access to Egyptian religious records verify that these Patriarchs we read about in our Bibles not "Jews" at all but were Egyptian Pharaohs? Well you should!

Answer for yourself: Did Eusebius say that the religion of "Jesus Christ" is not new? Yes he did. How can that be if Rome is right in saying that a supposed historical Jesus Christ was born in the first century?

Answer for yourself: Did Eusebius say that the religion of "Jesus Christ" of the first century is not strange or not previously unknown and unfamiliar if it originated with some historical Jesus of the first century? Did Eusebius say that this religion of "Jesus Christ" is not out of the ordinary; unusual or striking or different from the "normal"? He sure did since all of these terms define the word "strange".

Answer for yourself: Did Eusebius say that the religion of "Jesus Christ" of the first century has been around since the beginning of the world? He sure did.

Answer for yourself: Are you beginning to see that the problem with all of this is that we have mistakenly looked at "Jesus Christ" as a supposed historical person when in fact he is not but rather a **"Divine Spiritual Concept" that can be found existing in Ancient Egypt thousands and thousands of years ago?**

Answer for yourself: What then becomes of the claim that Christianity was a wholly new revelation brought to earth by the only Son of God about the year 30 A.D.?

Eusebius fully agrees with the belief and statement of Augustine. This website, as well as others, will assemble a vast body of facts, knowledge, and evidence supporting their pronouncements.

Answer for yourself: Did Eusebius say anything else we should know?

But if this statement of Eusebius is considered perilous to the claims of Christianity, it is as nothing in comparison with another sentence of his which falls with the force of a bona fide atomic bomb upon the whole Christian system. **If this statement of Eusebius is true, and it has everything to support it, little or nothing to controvert it, then it stands virtually as a death sentence to Christianity as we know it today.** In a moment of extreme frankness and speaking in reference to the Essenes or Therapeutae, the esoteric cultists who had flourished for ages in Palestine, he wrote in chapter seventeen of Book II of his famous Ecclesiastical History the following amazing utterance:

**"These ancient Therapeutae were Christians and their writings are our
"Gospels and Epistles."**

Maybe you need to set down for that one!

Answer for yourself: Who were these therapeutae? The Therapeutae were the female members of a group more often referred to as the Therapeutae or healers. This group lived near the Mareotic Lake, outside of Alexandria, Egypt. **Again we find Egypt in the middle of everything.** The only surviving description of them comes from the pen of Philo of Alexandria, who wrote an entire treatise on them (On the Contemplative Life). As you will see, Philo apparently wrote two treatises, one on a Jewish group that to his mind exemplified the ideal active life, the Essenes, and one on this Jewish group whose members left their customary occupations and pursued the contemplative life. His complete treatise on the Essenes has not survived.

Let this sink in and sink in well.

Answer for yourself: How can it be that Paul's epistles and the teachings within them are "ancient"?

Answer for yourself: How can it be that the Gospels of the life of "Jesus Christ" be "ancient"?

The implications to a "thinking believer" are staggering, astonishing, and spectacular.

Then the Epistles of Paul and the teachings of "the Christ" contained in them and the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John contain the same materials already recognized as very ancient and old in the first century and in reality are, in spite of Rome assertions and later church traditions that these gospels were written by Jews in the first century, are basically very old documents taken from the Essenian libraries which were later foisted upon a unsuspecting ignorant masses as "new writings" and "unique revelations" of the first century to which a "literalized" spin was added by Rome! Let that sink in.

For we turn to the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and under the article *"Essenes"* we read that **"they preserved in their libraries the books of the ancients and read them not without an allegorical interpretation."**

Answer for yourself: How were these "ancient" books, many of which deal with "the Christ", "understood" and "interpreted"? **They were understood "allegorically" and not "literally".**

These "Essenes" were the group mentioned in Acts 6:7 who were part of the first century Jesus Movement which we have been taught by Rome supposedly believed in a "literal, historical" Jesus Christ.

Acts 6:7 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Then is it safe to conclude that the "allegorical interpretation" was at the heart of this "Jesus Christ Movement" and the interpretation of "the Christ" as it had been since the foundation of the world and Ancient Egypt? Yes it is and when you couple this fact with the many facts that reveal that no Jewish or Roman author of the first century wrote one "unforged" sentence about a historical Jesus Christ then it gets harder and harder to hold out hope and faith in a "historical Jesus". The good news is that in such study we get to the truth for **their is no higher religion than truth!**

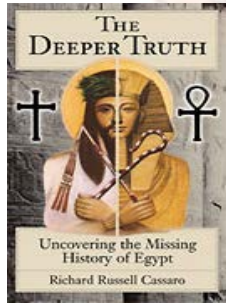
Answer for yourself: Is it safe to conclude that these Essenes interpreted the earliest understanding of "the Christ" in Israel "allegorically" and not "literally"? Yes it is. The "key" to all of this is that Rome later back wrote these Gospels and substituted a supposed "historical Christ" for the "Gnostic allegorical Christ" which was the same teaching of the "Descent of the Soul" held sacred since the beginning of time among mankind.

Answer for yourself: So where is there room for a "historical Jesus" in this? Well, you better set down one more time for this is astounding. Ironically we do find one "anointed" from whom this later "historicalization" and "oral tradition" is taken but again we have to look to Egypt for it is there we find the original "historical Jesus

Christ" and a "slain messiah" in and around 1,350 B.C.E. when we come to the 18th Dynasty of Egypt.

Answer for yourself: Want to know who it was? Well, he is famous today but not in the church and yes, he was a Hebrew and yes, he was a "messa" or "messiah" recognized in Egypt. He was also a Pharaoh!

Answer for yourself: Have you ever read the Jewish Talmud? Do you know that hidden in the Talmud are the Rabbinical comments that "Jesus lived in Egypt" in the days of Moses? How is that possible?



We should have known from what we have seen and learned so far but since the Christian Church has taught us nothing about Egypt and we, having been indoctrinated to believe we have the only truth for the world, we have no motive or impetus to study or even question what we have been taught by Rome. That is why Christian education is so anemic in our churches. The good news is that you have heard of him before but like the truth that so often collects dust in old books on old library shelves just waiting to explode with light and truth to its readers the truth goes so often unnoticed by almost all but the few who "seek" God with all of their



hearts and souls. The good news is that you can become such a one if you so desire. No, I am not going to tell you who he is but I will give you a hint. Before you think I am crazy let me warn you that withhold comment on my mental condition until you personally study out the site and the articles on the [Egyptian Joshua-Jesus](#). Only then can you not respond and not say you don't agree. I don't expect anyone to believe this until they sufficiently study it out themselves. I can remember how upset I was when I ran upon this information and it took me nearly a year to decide to seriously look into want. Sometimes I have a hard time with "truth" too which only goes to show you the power of religious indoctrination. It is a shame we were not given the truth in the first place then we would not have to "re-learn" from scratch as adults.

Answer for yourself: What becomes of the Christian faith if it is true that those Gospels and Epistles, with an unhistorical and purely archtypical figure of "the Christ" in them, were in Essene libraries from a very remote period? What does that do with our indoctrination today in a "historical Christ Jesus" when in fact it strongly appears that 2,000 years ago the earliest followers of "the Christ" understood this Christ entirely different from the ways we have been taught by Rome and does it not appear to you that "the Christ" has been understood ONLY symbolically for the God within mankind from the beginning of recorded time?

From a book called Astral Worship, p. 92, we take a passage which adds further strength to the assertions of Augustine and Eusebius:

"As further evidence that modern Christianity is but a survival of Eclectic philosophy of the ancient Therapeutae, we have another important admission by the same historian (Eusebius) who, in quoting from an apology addressed to the Roman Emperor Marcus Antoninus in the year 171, by Melito, Bishop of Sardis in Lydia, a province of Asia Minor, makes that apologist say, in reference to certain grievances to which the Christians were subjected, that 'the philosophy which we profess truly flourished aforetime among the barbarous nations; but having blossomed again in the great reign of thy ancestor Augustus, it proved to be above all things ominous of good fortune to thy kingdom.'"

So Bishop Melito adds his testimony to that of Augustine and Eusebius, and scores of data from other sources, hints and admissions encountered here and there, build up a formidable case. It all points with practical decisiveness to the truth of the assertion that Christians of any intelligence during the first two centuries at least did **not** regard their movement as the bearer of the first light into a world of heathen darkness, but only the **republication of very ancient truth**.

There is another item which is by no means inconsiderable in this connection. It is a statement which is mentioned by George Hodges in his work, The Early Church, p. 158, and is well known as a fact. He states that the account of the life of the Cappadocian saint Apollonius of Tyana was read by the Neoplatonists "as the

Christians read the Gospels."

Answer for yourself: Why is so important?

The significance of this is found in the consideration that the Neoplatonists in all likelihood read such a work as an **allegorical representation of the incarnational life of the divine principle, the Christ, in man, and perhaps regarded it as a more faithful dramatization of that life than the later "literalized" Gospels. This would tend to show that intelligent men of philosophical interests in that period, in so far as they were acquainted with the Gospels, did not take them to be the biography of a historical personage.** Along with this possibility it is significant that the Emperor Septimus Severus is said to have had busts of both Apollonius and Jesus in his chapel.

Answer for yourself: What should this teach us? There existed in the late second century a common belief that the legendary accounts of the "lives" of both Apollonius and Jesus were on a par for any historical value! **And if not for historical value, then both equally treasured for their allegorical pertinence. The almost certain truth of the matter is that, as always, the ignorant and uneducated rabble took these accounts to be indisputable biographies of living men, some believing Apollonius to be the true divine Son of God, others crediting that high honor to Jesus; while the men of philosophical discernment understood both to be type figures in spiritual allegories dramatizing the life of the divine principle in fleshly body.**

And it should not be overlooked in this regard that we have that most notable statement of Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, France, in the second century, one of the early writers for the Christian movement, in which he says that there were in existence in his day not only the four Gospels later canonized, but a multitude of Gospels! Now it is not hard to consider that if the multitude of Gospels out of which the Council of Nicaea finally decided to select and canonize four, were all documents dealing, as they presumably did, with the biographical career of the historical man Jesus, supposedly written by authors having data to contribute to the narrative of his life, surely every such document would have been presumed to be of practically inestimable value and would not have been suffered to fall into oblivion. If these "multitude" of gospels were about a historical Jesus then there would be no reason not to preserve them all and they should be valued of inestimable worth in revealing the "historical Jesus" since more than likely they would contain some data about the life of Jesus not found in the four chosen. A multitude of Gospels about Jesus floating were floating but they were all, except the 4 of Irenaeus' choice, reigned to the trash bin.

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from such a statement of Irenaeus? We should come to understand that their absence today testifies to the fact that **none of the Gospels then existing could have been taken as the actual biography of the living historical Jesus.** Indeed the only conclusion possible in this case is that many copies of that mythical dramatization of the life of the incarnate Soul of Divinity in human flesh, the Logos made flesh and dwelling among us, were extant among the Mystery groups and the philosophical schools.

Answer for yourself: And what does that imply? **Nothing short of the horrendous truth that none of them, including the four chosen, was the veritable biographical account of any living person!** The intelligent knew they were not, the "ignorant masses" presumably took them to be such actual biographies; and when numbers counted more than quality and intelligence, the Church took the fatal step of canonizing the popular beliefs.

Gerald Massey has presented a point of the greatest significance which, carrying danger with it, has of course been discounted by orthodox scholarship. It is dangerous because it hints forcefully at the ancient Egyptian origin of all "gospels." Here was the most learned and intelligent element in early Christianity, the Gnostics, in possession of a Gospel on which they staked their very high position, called the **Gospel of Truth.** If it came from Egypt, the original word for "truth" would have been **Maat**, the goddess of truth, often written **Maatiu.** Massey steadily affirms that this is the original form of "Matthew." All the slurs and slights which he has received from orthodoxy may not be able to prove him wrong.

At any rate it must be again asked what this conflict as between one party's Gospels and another's can mean in reference to the life of a man claimed to have lived from x to 33 A.D. Was the point of argument between the parties over the question whether certain Gospels gave a truer account of his life than others? Whether certain eyewitnesses were more authentic and credible than others? But if Gospels were not fought over on these grounds, but on some other questions of true spiritual preachment of a general nature, then all Gospels lose their validity as biographies of a living personage! And be it remembered, beside this Gnostic Gospel with a name that certainly appears to be of Egyptian origin, there was that other Gospel, so prominently referred to and detested by the orthodox parties, **The Gospel of the Egyptians**. The fine Gnostic Christians had of course their own wonderful Gospel, **The Pistis Sophia**, which traces to Egyptian backgrounds beyond all question.

Answer for yourself: What are we to learn from this? Simply that the voices of the old Egyptian gods, neteru, speak vocatively in such documents in the hands of early Chrestians or "Christians". It certainly appears that our "historical Jesus" not only finds its predecessor in the 18th dynasty of Egypt where the Rabbis mention in the Talmud that he died crucified on the eve of the Passover in the days of Moses in Egypt but we find equally that behind the later Roman "carnalized" and "historicized" Christ we find the Ancient's understanding of the allegorical Descent of the Soul.

Massey furnishes abundant data to refute Irenaeus' claim that Gnosticism had no existence prior to Marcion and Valentinus. He asserts, and what is clearly evident from any study today, that the the Mandaites, the Essenes and Nazarenes were all Gnostics, and that all these sects antedated the cult of "the carnalized Christ." **He brings out a strong point when says that the alleged heresy of the Gnostics, which Rome claimed had originated in the second century, the first century being carefully avoided, long antedated that period.** The "allegorical" Christ exists in written documentation since the foundation of recorded and is available for all to see if they care. If you look then you will see that this concept of the "indwelling Christ" flourished in Ancient Egypt whom these "Jews copied". All the facts make it evident that the unintelligent early Christians, who had unwittingly made a literal adoption of pre-Christian types and believed they had been historically fulfilled, were then for the first time becoming conscious of the cult that had preceded theirs. Their sad mistake is that they mistakenly fell into the trap of believing in a "literal, historical Christ" when one did not exist less of course we refer to the "indwelling Christ" within each child of God. Their mistake is the one we make today in Christianity when reading the Gospels; namely, one of misinterpretation where we interpret "literally" what was understood only "allegorically" for thousands and thousands of years. Gnosticism, declares Gerald Massey, was no birth of a new thing in the second century as Rome would have us believe; it was no perverter or corrupter of Christian doctrine divinely revealed, but the voice of an older cult growing more audible in its protest against a hideous superstition (the "literalization of the indwelling Christ) which is degrading and debasing now as when it was denounced by men like Tacitus, Pliny, Julian, M. Aurelius and Porphyry.

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UNDERSTANDING THE USE OF MYTH IN ANCIENT RELIGIONS AS APPLIED TO THE "JESUS STORY"

In modern phraseology a statement is sometimes said to be mythical in proportion to its being untrue; but the ancient mythology was not a system or mode of falsifying in that sense. Contrary to what you or most Christians might believe "Religious Myths" and its fables were the means of conveying facts as understood by the Ancients; they were neither forgeries nor fictions but representations of higher truths as they understood them. Nor did mythology originate in any intentional double-dealing whatever, although it did assume an aspect of duality when direct expression in words had succeeded the primitive mode of representation by means of things as signs and symbols. Gerald Massey, a famed Egyptologist, gives us a great example: "For example, when the Egyptians portrayed the moon as a *Cat*, they were not ignorant enough to suppose that the moon was a cat; nor did their wandering fancies see any likeness in the moon to a cat; nor was a cat-myth any *mere expansion of verbal metaphor*; nor had they any intention of making puzzles or riddles to mislead others by means of such enigmatical sign-language, at a time when they could not help themselves, having no choice in the matter. They had observed the simple fact that the cat saw in the dark, and that her eyes became full-orbed and grew most luminous by night. The moon was the seer by night in heaven, and the cat was its equivalent on the earth; and so the familiar cat was adopted as a representative, a natural sign, a living pictograph of the lunar orb!". To the Ancients these "symbols" were but a representative of the "real" which often defied proper understanding or explanation since involving the Divine. These "Divine Truths" were captured for mankind by the Egyptian priesthoods through the use of symbols, natural signs, and metaphors, as a living pictograph of the Cosmos that they witnessed both above their heads, around them in God's nature, and within their very own physiology as understood as the "temple of God". Thus the Ancients understood that they, as God's highest creation, was made in the image of God that they observed above them and around and within them. Egypt, as I contend, has left us the means of determining the original nature and significance of these Religious Myths that we find in almost all world religions; especially Christianity. (Gerald Massey's Lectures, Luniolatry, Ancient and Modern).

Scholars and thinkers through the years have offered their views on how myth can be used to understand both the sacred and mundane world. Prior to 1725 CE, myths of non-Christian religions were seen simply as distorted Biblical narratives. No doubt individuals with strong prejudices used this line of reasoning as a way to explain the vast similarities that appear in mythologies of radically different cultures, like the abundance of flood narratives. Giambattista Vico was one of the first scholars to argue against this view. He saw myths as imaginative attempts to solve the many mysteries of life and the universe. From there, scholars have developed an abundance of ways to interpret myth and modern scholarship today, with the aid of the restoration of the Egyptian language, has enabled the scholar to have a better understanding of the use of religious myths down through history and how they undergird the very story line of the "crucified savior" found in the New Testament so familiar in Christianity in the world today.

Some methods of interpretation of the ancient myths are better than others in my opinion. We must understand that the ancients intended myths to be but stories, usually, about gods and other supernatural beings. They are often stories of origins, how the world and everything in it came to be as understood by the sages and priests of antiquity of Egypt for example. They are usually strongly structured and their meaning is only discerned by linguistic analysis and by those who possess the "gnosis" to properly understand the symbolism contained within. Indeed, they often reveal the archetypes of the collective unconscious that is common in all mankind. But on a more literal level that are symbolic and metaphorical in content expressing in metaphor and symbol higher Divine Truths often beyond the ability of man to verbalize. They orient people to the metaphysical dimension, explain the origins and nature of the cosmos, validate social issues, and, on the psychological plane, address themselves to the innermost depths of the psyche. Some of them are explanatory, being prescientific attempts to interpret the natural world. As such, they are usually functional and are the science of primitive peoples. Often, they are enacted in rituals. Religious myths are to be understood as sacred histories, and distinguished from the unsacred.

The terms legend and folktale are sometimes used interchangeably with myth. Technically, however, these are not the same.

Answer for yourself: How should we distinguish them? Donna Rosenberg, in her book *Folklore, Myth, and Legends: A World Perspective*, offers some useful guidelines:

- A myth is a sacred story from the past. It may explain the origin of the universe and of life, or it may express its culture's moral values in human terms. Myths concern the powers who control the human world and the relationship between those powers and human beings. Although myths are religious in their origin and function, they may also be the earliest form of history, science, or philosophy...
- A folktale is a story that, in its plot, is pure fiction and that has no particular location in either time or space. However, despite its elements of fantasy, a folktale is actually a symbolic way of presenting the different means by which human beings cope with the world in which they live. Folktales concern people - either royalty or common folk -- or animals who speak and act like people...
- A legend is a story from the past about a subject that was, or is believed to have been, historical. Legends concern people, places, and events. Usually, the subject is a saint, a king, a hero, a famous person, or a war. A legend is always associated with a particular place and a particular time in history.

As a dedicated student of the Bible and as an ordained Minister I found through the years of my exhaustive study of the "Jesus Story" that all roads led to Egypt where I found the precursor of the "Jesus Story" hidden in the mythology of Egypt as taken from Astronomy and the study of Nature (which is influenced by the Sun and Cosmos). My interest in mythology intertwines with my interests in astronomy, archaeology, Biblical languages, comparative religions, gnosticism, church history, manuscript evidences and their alterations down through history, etc. In other words without a proper understanding of the role of "myth" in religion, especially Christianity, then it is impossible to approach the "Jesus Story" and gather the truth behind each of the narratives. Once one begins such a study in earnest he will understand of what I speak. Such a study will reveal to the dedicated student the universality of certain themes which had an astronomical basis, primarily in the procession of the equinoxes. It is from the observance of the precession of the equinoxes and the further study of the Sun and its path across the sky and through the twelve houses of the Zodiac that the ancient story of the birth, life, death, and rebirth of a personified savior originated. Many nations who looked to the stars as the face of God reasoned such stories and down through recorded history immortalized their observations not only in holy writ but captured them for eternity in stone. It is from these observations, for example beginning with the Priests of Egypt, that the substrate from which is molded later the "Jesus Story" given to us in the Age of Pisces.

It serves our purpose to give one more example of the use of myth by the Ancient Egyptians in capturing and relating a "Divine Truth" to all mankind. **The dung-beetle in Egypt was a type of Khepr-Ptah, the creator by transformation**, who is said to have been begotten by his own becoming, and to have been born without a mother, through repetition of himself. Khep, the root of the name, signifies "to transform". To observant Egyptian Priests and sages **external nature was the scene of eternal transformation** and never-

ending metamorphosis. And it had been observed that Khepr, **the beetle, was likewise a transformer**, inasmuch as it laid its eggs in dung found on the banks of the Nile, rolled it up into a ball, and buried itself deep in the dry sand along with its seed, where, it transformed, the old beetle into the young one, and so continued as the **same beetle** by transformation!

Thus the beetle served to typify that being or existence which could not be expressed, but which was seen to continue forever by self-repetition in phenomenal manifestation. They knew nothing of beginning, and did not pretend to know, but only of becoming, and of repetition or "renewal coming of itself." So the beetle was adopted as a **type of transformation**. This "type of renewal" or "resurrection" or "rebirth" was understood as a "pattern" or "repetitive cycle" that occurred in other manifestations of God's handiwork in the Cosmos. Whether considering the phases of the moon as it transformed from an old moon into the new one, or the sun as it traveled a path in the sky from its lower regions to the upper regions of the sky or heavens, they witnessed God's creative endeavor expressed in the eternal cycle of "birth, sustaining of that life, destruction of that life, and rebirth of the 'same' life". Thus you see and understand Egypt's great emphasis in "life after death" and the elaborate centrality of in its religion. **Hor-Apollo says the scarabaeus deposits his ball of seed in the earth for the space of 28 days, the length of time during which the moon passes through the 12 signs of the zodiac, and on the 29th day it opens the ball. The day on which the conjunction of sun and moon occurred was the day of resurrection for the new life. The beetle in heaven had once more transformed, and there was another new moon! They had witnessed the cycle of "birth, life, death, and rebirth" of the "same moon" and this recurrent pattern was witnessed and expressed in both God's Cosmos and God's Nature and was expected to occur in man since they understood themselves created in the unforged image of God above them and around them.** As the ancient Egyptians observed Scarab beetles rolling their balls of dung in which they lay their eggs, and burying them underground, they likewise reasoned that the sun was rolled around the sky in the same way, and like the ball of dung, the sun descended down into the under world each night. As the ball of dung gave birth to another generation of beetles so the sun was reborn each morning bringing warmth and life to the earth. The Egyptians called Scarab beetles Khepera. He was the god representing regeneration, new life, virility and resurrection. They reasoned that the God who was the "same, yesterday, and forever" would bring the same pattern of transformation to bear in their lives if they lived by the same order exhibited by God's Cosmos and the Laws and Patterns observed within it. This is but one such use of myth to convey higher Divine Truths for all mankind by the Egyptian priests and the Egyptian religion. **This use of myth must be understood if we are ever hope of understanding the Egyptian myth of the Egyptian "messiah" and "godman" which we find rehashed in the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament.**

LUMIOLATRY

Usually I use the Sun to express many of these "Ancient Divine Truths" and precepts inherent in the Egyptian Religion that we find so misrepresented in Christianity and the "Jesus Story" today but I wish to something different this time. I wish to reveal these "same Divine Truths" in the Egyptian myths regarding another orb of the sky; namely, the moon. What we should expect to see is the same "Divine Pattern" of truths expressed in a similar Egyptian myth regarding their understanding of the moon as they expressed in their understanding of the Sun.

Answer for yourself: Is it possible that Egypt heard God's same message repeated to them in not one but two different avenues; one regarding the Sun and the other the moon? If we can prove such a thing this just goes to show you that the Egyptian understanding of God and what He was speaking to them from the Heavens is correct: That God's message to mankind is the same and He truly is "the same yesterday, today, and forever". Now let us dig in.

The orb of the moon with its changes night after night, its complete darkness at the end of its cycle, and the transformation into the new life of light in the beginning, presented the earliest form of the primitive theatre, which offered its celestial show in heaven, complimentary to all eyes that gazed up from below. The moon, along

with the Sun, must have been one of the earliest educators of primitive man in his natural environment as he witnessed the phenomena associated with the Sun and the moon. We know that the proper time for prayer for the Ancients, wishing or invoking aid of the power behind the heavenly orb, was at first sight of the new moon, just as it started visibly on the way to fulfillment, the mental attitude being, "May my wish be fulfilled like the light in thy orb, oh moon! May my life be renewed like thy light!" Such was the prayer of the earliest of man as he emerged in ancient Africa. The full moon being the mother-moon, the metaphorical "eye" in the sky that mirrored or reproduced the light of the sun.

An eclipse, like the Winter solstice, projected the shadow of coming calamity. Following the emerging darkness and the fear that darkness brought to man as darkness was his mortal enemy the renewed light of the old moon was like a promise of eternal life and everlasting youth.

Over time man began to personify the forces and powers that he witnessed around him. This was no different from the Sun or the moon. When personified the moon, for example, was the healer, the saviour, an image of very life (since providing the reflected light of the Sun at night). The first-born from the dead, the first-fruits of them that slept in the graveyard of sunken suns, and cemetery of old dead moons, was reproduced visibly in external phenomena, as the new moon which was personified as the male moon-god Thoth, called the eighth, and lord of the eighth region, as the place of rising again from the dead in the orb of the moon. This "rising from the dead" was simply the Divine principle witnessed over and over again of the moon going through its phases of darkness into light repeatedly. Death, being the great darkness for man, was again personified in both the Sun and the moon and in the phases of the moon man say that as the life of the moon was renewed following its death then the Creator was speaking to them of this higher principle as well. This Divine principle of "eternal life" was reinforced by what the same laws of "rebirth" in Mother Nature around them. In the mouth of two or more witnessed God had spoken to them of "life from the dead".

There was a lunar mythology extant long before it was known that the lunar orb was a reflector of the solar light. There was a time also when it was not known, and could not be divined, that the moon which dwindled and died down visibly was the **same** moon, not a different moon, that rose again from the dead. Hence there were *two* different messages conveyed from heaven to the primitive men on earth. In the earliest message and in one of these versions the moon declared that, as it died and did not rise again from its grave, even so was it with man, who went down to the earth and came back no more. **But, when man reasoned and come to understand that it was the "same moon" that returned as the same old orb renewed, the nature of its revelation was reversed from how it was originally understood. This God, who was the same yesterday and forever, had spoken a higher revelation to man than he had first thought or understood. The Creator's message NOW contained a doctrine of the resurrection from the dead for man as well as moon. The re-arising and transforming orb at last proclaimed that even as it did not die out altogether, but was renewed from some hidden spring or source of light, so was this renewal to be expected with the human race, who were likewise renewed to re-live on hereafter like the moon.**

In a myth of the Caroline Islanders it is said that at first men only quitted this life on the last day of the dying moon, to be revived when the new moon appeared. But there was a dark spirit that inflicted a death from which there was no revival. This dark spirit, with its fatal message, was primary in fact, and the true assurance of survival, like the moon, depended on its **being identified as the same moon** which rose again. It is in this way that we can re-think the primitive thought, by getting it re-thinged in the physical realities of natural phenomena. **It is from such observations, as well as others made in the Heavens above and in Mother Nature, that the Ancients understood the Creator speaking to them of a life after death.**

The Maories have a tradition of the first children of earth, in which they relate that **the earliest subject of human thought was the difference between light and darkness**; they were always thinking what might be the difference betwixt light and darkness. Naturally, the primary conditions of existence observed by primitive men were those that were most observable, and, foremost amongst these, were the phenomena of the day and the dark, which **followed each other in ceaseless change. Mythology begins with this vague and**

merely elemental phase of external phenomena, alternating in night and day.

In a secondary stage, it was observed that this battle field of this never ending warfare of daylight and darkness was focused and brought to a definite point in the orb of the moon, where the struggle betwixt the two personified powers of light and darkness went on and on for ever, each power having its triumph over the other in its turn,--these being depicted in one representation as the solar light (sun) and the serpent of darkness, in another by the lion and the unicorn, etc. Different nations had different symbols for this light and this darkness in their eternal battle. In Christianity we are familiar with the role of the serpent as personified evil which was associated with this darkness. Now what I say next is important. These phenomena of light and darkness were at first set forth and represented by means of animals, reptiles, birds, and other primitive types of the elemental powers; and lastly the human type was adopted, and the cunning of the crocodile, or the jackal of darkness, is **represented** by the Egyptian *Set*, the Norse *Loki*, the Greek *Hermes*, or the Christian Jesus, and to-day, we find Christianity engaged in defending in the full and perfect belief that their New Testament "Jesus" was a human being, and not a personification of an earlier Divine Concept; that being "the Christ within". Whereas, he was no more a person than was Set-Anup in Egypt. **The human form, like that of the earlier animal type, was only representative of some power manifested in natural phenomena. This mode of representation was known when these sacred stories were first told of mythical characters; it was afterwards continued and taught in the so-called "mysteries" by means of the Gnosis. When the art or Gnosis was lost to the world outside, the ancient histories were ignorantly supposed to be "human in their origin"; mythology was euhemerized (that is, the ideal was mistaken for the real), and Egyptian mythology was converted into Hebrew miracles and Christian history.**

When Herodotus went to Egypt, he recognized the originals of the gods that were adored, amplified, and worshiped by home in his Greece. They had begun in Egypt; the birthplace of all gods. It is the same with us and failing to possess this knowledge we are incapable of recognizing in the "Jesus Story" the higher Divine Concepts that were later "literalized" when those who gave us these same concepts never intended they be understood in such a manner.

When we are told by the Roman Catholic Egyptologist, Renouf, that "Neither Hebrews nor Greeks borrowed any of their ideas from Egypt," we can only think of such a dictum as an intentional blind, or as a result of putting up the glass to an eye that cannot see. It is simply impossible for the typical and normative Christian who has been fed a steady diet of "inspired, infallible, inerrant" New Testament rhetoric and who is devoid of such Egyptian knowledge to recognize, interpret or to understand the mythology of Egypt as he reads it in the "Jesus Story" in his Bible. Its roots go deep, and its branches spread too far, for their range of thought.

And now, let me offer a remarkable example of the modes in which the Egyptians expressed their thoughts, by means of external phenomena. The sun-god Ra is represented as possessing **fourteen spirits or kas**, the living likenesses and glorified images of himself. These are **portrayed as fourteen personages** at Edfu and Denderah. In one text it is said,--"Hail to thee and thy fourteen spirits fourteen times." These are also mentioned in the tablet of Ipsambul, as the fourteen *kas* of Ra, which "Thoth has added to all his ways."

Answer for yourself: What are to seeing here? Thoth is the moon-god, and this gives us a clue to the fourteen spirits, which, I think, no Egyptologist has yet suspected. **But Thoth is the god of the first fourteen days of the moon's lunation. The next fourteen nights of the new moon reproduced the likeness of the solar god in light fourteen times over.** From any location on the Earth, the Moon appears to be a circular disk which, at any specific time, is **illuminated to some degree by direct sunlight**. Like the Earth, the Moon is a sphere which is always half **illuminated by the Sun**, but as the Moon orbits the Earth we get to see more or less of the illuminated half. During each lunar orbit (a lunar month), we see the Moon's appearance change progressively from not visibly illuminated through partially illuminated to fully illuminated, then back through partially illuminated to not illuminated again. **Both these manifestations of**

the moon, each taking 14 days, these were designated as the Creator's apparition or shadow or representation seen nightly in the moon! The Egyptians, when regarding the moon in its dark half, likened it as a *mummy* or the un-illuminated *body* of the sun-god, who, as the sun, is described as coming to visit the darkened moon, to comfort it, to beget upon it, in the under-world. This lunar body of the solar soul is represented by the ass-headed god Aai (upon which the sun-god rode), who is found mummified on the tomb of Rameses 6th. Thus, the dark orb or body of the moon was the mummy of the sun, and its fourteen days of growing light were thought of as fourteen manifestations of the solar-god in spiritual apparition, visible by night in the moon; hence it will be seen how natural it was that the lunar orb should be looked up to as the home of spirits, as when the Egyptian prays that his soul may ascend to heaven in the disk of the moon! In other words they saw the action of the Creator God in the moon and desired to go to where they believed to be the above of the Creator. Another fable of the dark half of the lunation has been preserved by Plutarch, who relates that when Typhon, the evil power (personified darkness known as Set in Egypt), was hunting by moonlight, he by chance came upon the dead body or mummy of Osiris prepared for burial, and, knowing it again, he tore it into fourteen parts, and scattered them all about. These fourteen parts typify the fourteen days of the lessening light, during which the devil of darkness had the upper hand. The twenty-eight days made one lunar month according to Egyptian reckoning.

Now let us go a little deeper into the Ancient's understanding of the eternal battle between light and darkness. The earlier and simpler representation of the lunar light and dark is portrayed in the myth of the Two Brothers, who always contend for supremacy over each other. The most ancient and primitive myths are found to be the most universal; and this of the twin brothers is extant all over the world. It is the myth of Set-Horus in Egypt; the Asvins or Krishna and Balarama in India; the Crow and the Eagle of the Australian blacks; Tsuni-Goam and Gaunab among the Hottentots; Jack and Jill, etc. There are over twenty forms of this same myth concerning the tension and contest between personified light and darkness and Jesus and Satan is not excluded from this list by any means. One only has to consult G. Massey's Natural Genesis. It is that struggle of two brothers in the beginning which is represented in the Hebrew book of Genesis as the murderous conflict of Cain and Abel. Cain as the victor is the *same character* as the Egyptian *Khunsu*, *Khun* or *Khen*, meaning to *chase*, hunt, beat, be the victor, and therefore I take it that the *name* of Cain is one with the Egyptian *Khun*. Abel is the dark little one that fades and falls and passes away, the one who becomes a sacrificial type, because of the nature of the phenomena. The conqueror of this darkness is portrayed as the killer. The Gnostic Cainites, however, maintained truly that Cain derived his being from the power above (God), and not from the evil power below. They knew the Mythos. The contention of Jacob and Esau for birth and for the birth-right is another form of the same myth. Esau, the red and hairy one as previously described in the origin of the myth with the Egyptian Set, is really the lord of light in the new moon.

Gen 27:12 12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. (KJV)

Jacob is the child of darkness, hence the deceiver by nature and by name. A Jewish tradition relates that Esau, when born, had the likeness of a serpent marked upon his heel. This shows he was a personification of the hero who bruised the serpent's head, and that Jacob, who laid hold of Esau's heel, was a co-type in phenomena with the serpent of darkness. There is nothing moral or immoral in mere physical phenomena themselves. No fratricide is actually committed by the conquering Cain, nor fraud by the dark and wily Jacob. But when these same phenomena are dramatized, and the characters are made human, or inhuman, as the case may be, the un-moral becomes immoral, and the human image is disfigured by the most wilful flaw, or wanton brand of degradation. Cain is made the murderer of his own brother, in the beginning, and that red stain is supposed to run through all human history, as a first result of Adam's fall, and to burn on the brow of man until it is washed out at last in the blood of a redeeming Saviour--who is equally mythical. (G. Massey's Lectures, Luniolatry, Ancient, and Modern).

Answer for yourself: Why have I shown you such examples in this article?

These examples should make you stop and think long and hard about how we are to approach Ancient religious literature, like the Bible, and how we are to interpret what we read especially in light of the fact that we are born "literalists" today and normally approach everything we read as if it is a "literal" and "historic truth" when in fact it might not be. **This has unbelievable implications when applied to the "Jesus Story".**

In presenting these pieces of information is my hope that you can see that many of the stories we read in our Bibles were never meant to be understood as a literal history of "this" person or a "that" person but that they were but vehicles carrying "Divine Truths" about God's Cosmos to generations of hearers and later readers. Devoid of the "gnosis" and hidden keys to understanding what we are reading we are certainly led astray in trying to interpret what we are reading when filtering everything through the "literal-historic" glasses we wear in the Western Hemisphere today. We end up making huge mistakes in our understanding; taking the "ideal" as the "real" when nothing could be further than the truth. We must, if we desire to extricate ourselves from the idolatry of Christianity in worshipping and praying to a presumed "godman" that is no more than the personification of the Sun through the sky and its path through the Heavens and the Zodiac. But to understand the previous statement one has to study for himself to see these hidden myths in Egypt for what they are and trace their overlap down through successive Gentile nations and lastly as they come to rest as found in the "Jesus Story". Please understand there is lot of "Divine Truths" expressed in this "Jesus Story" but the reality of a historical being is largely in doubt once one examines the evidence which shows that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a man named Jesus who lived in Nazareth in the first century, and quite a lot of evidence that he did not. You have to take that "fable" up with the antisemitic Roman Fathers of the early Gentile Church that used their "Jesus Story" to break away from Biblical Judaism and create a replacement religion that we have today. Until you see these things for yourself then you too will have fallen prey to the darkness of Biblical ignorance and the lack of understanding of the true origins for your Christian faith. Isaac Asimov states: ***"The Bible must be seen in a cultural context. It didn't just happen. These stories are retreads from stories before. But tell a Christian that---No, No! What makes it double sad is that they hardly know the book, much less its origins"***.

As alluded to above this lunar representation of God's light as reflected in His sun in the moon and the eternal contest and battle between this light and darkness has several shapes in Egyptian mythology, where the Twin Brothers are Set and Osiris, Set and Horus, the two Horuses, Taht and Aan, or Khunsu and Typhon. This cosmic battle between light and darkness, and [man's fear of the darkness](#) behind this imaginative battle, is recorded down through history and in successive Gentile nations; only the names are changed. I want to thank G. Massey for his life-long dedicated work as an Egyptologist for gathering and bringing forward such information in order to help truth seekers come to the true understanding of not only what they are reading when studying Egypt but when they are reading their Bibles and I am indebted to him and the [Gerald Massey's Lectures](#) for the adaptation of the above material.

As we draw to a close I hope these few examples have shown you that Egyptian Mythology is the ground-work of all our theology and it lies as the very bedrock of Christian Christology, and it is only by mastering the original plan and "mythos of Egypt" that we can learn how the superstructure has been built and how it undergirds our "Jesus Story". What we find in such a study is the facts behind the "Jesus Story"; namely that the depiction of the "New Testament's Jesus" and the "Jesus Story" is the representation of the immortal principle in all of mankind, the "Spiritual Christ Within" portrayed via the same vehicle of myth that reflects the struggle between "light and darkness" in battles with darkness who we find personified as "Satan" within and without. It is the oldest story known to the Ancients and they witnessed it every day of their lives and fearing the darkness and perceiving the light as their "savior" they then dramatized their struggle for their very own existence in legend and myth as these powers that contested around them were given "life" in the stories we read in world religions today. Christianity is not immune to such a synthesis. It is the same old story however; only the names have been changed from culture to culture and nation to nation but the players are the

same: light and darkness.

Gen 1:1-5 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. (KJV)

We can call it "Set" or "Horus" or we can call it "Jesus" or the "Devil [darkness=evil; dark=evil; d=evil; the DEVIL]" and we can create all the theology we desire and man surely has but when we get to the original mythos then the truth rushes to the surface and we see that behind all the "boogey men" down through history which man has feared, behind them all, is Genesis chapter 1, verse one. Just as we have seen in the phases of the moon and as we had previously with the Sun early man saw Divine Principles and Divine Concepts in the observation of God's Garden of Eden, the stars and constellations above his head and in God's Garden of Mother Nature around him. These repeating patterns spoke hope to him a life beyond the eternal darkness that awaits him at his death. In fashioning such myths that captured these "Divine Truths" of life from darkness man personified his observations and the result was a mythos of a man, like himself, being raised from the dead and thus we myths that line the corridors of history of crucified and resurrected godmen like Jesus.

Man began in a dark womb of God and emerged into God's saving light and fearing the darkness as his mortal enemy man saw God's light as his savior. Over time this natural phenomena was personified into stories and myths that captured the real truth in the form of myth and emerges the "Set/Horus" and other such myths like the one we are most familiar with in the Western Hemisphere; the "Jesus/Satan" or the "Jesus/Devil" myth. Man's savior has always been the God of light and this salvation sent him was personified again as God's savior who gave his life for mankind that they might have life and life abundantly. The "truth" behind the myth is very real; only the myth is not historical. I hope you have the wisdom to see this difference.

Thus emerged the stories of these personified saviors who had virgin births, whose births were announced by a star, annunciations by Heavenly angels, were born in caves or mangers, were born in a "city of bread", who had 3 wise men who attended their birth, who were given the same 3 gifts, who had to flee a king who was to destroy the new infant savior, who were found teaching their Fathers' message when 12 years old in a temple at high noon, who were mysteriously absent from the scene until they were 30 years old, who were then immersed and baptized with a dove or some bird landing on them before encountering a temptation by the Devil with always lasted it seems 40 days, who chased the demons and darkness from lunatics into swine, who was transfigured on a high mountain, who raised the dead after 3 days in the form a a Lazarus, who turned water into wine, who had 12 disciples, who performed miracles with loaves and fish, who were challenged by opposing religious authorities, who sent out 72 disciples, who rode 2 asses, who had a "last supper", who was betrayed for 30 coins of "silver", who were crucified between 2 thieves, who had darkness at their deaths, who wore a crown of thorns, who had 3 women at their crucifixion, who were pierced with a spear, who was crucified on a cross, who was buried for 3 days and was raised, who battled the Devil (personified darkness at the Winter solstice for those 3 days, and who ascended after 3 days, etc. I could go on but to think that each of these events is unique to the "Jesus Story" is asking too much of any "thinking believer". If you heard the above then you should realize that there is a common "mythos" to this whole story and account of Jesus and other crucified saviors. If you were like me when realizing this I had to know the truth behind this "Jesus Story". This desire birthed Bet Emet Ministries where one pastor found the courage to resign a mega church and teach the truth to others who were as hungry for true God as himself.

It might sound simple but it does get involved when one begins to chronicle the path of this Sun and moon in more detail. I am preparing a website to do just that. You can find enough written by the Ancients to fill a book and that is exactly what has been done; we have the New Testament. The rest of the story is but "filler" from the personified path of the Sun through the Zodiac and the Heavens and then you have it all; the life of Jesus

which we read on the pages of our New Testaments never knowing it is the retelling of the Ancient's story of the path of the Sun through the Heavens. It truly is the most amazing study that I have ever undertaken. It is our hope at Bet Emet Ministries that the desire for truth and the desire to offer God the the purest of worship devoid of idolatry will hopefully motivate you in such a study as it has me.

“All Indo-Germanic nations have worshipped crucified Saviors and overwhelming proof was obtained that the sun-myths of the ancient Aryans were the origin of the religion in all the countries which were peopled by the Aryans”... Charles Morris, Aryan Sun Myths: The Origin Of Religion.

Mythology is what grown-ups believe, folk-lore is what they tell their children, and religion is both (Cedrin Whitman, letter to Edward Tripp, 1969).

Let us study to show ourselves approved unto God. It is time that we as Christians and followers of "the Christ" come to the truth concerning this New Testament Jesus in the "Jesus Story" we inherited in America.

Answer for yourself: Want to get to the bottom of this "Jesus Story" once and for all? Well you might want to read and study these books as I have over the years. Blessings..Craig Lyons M.Div.

Anyone wanting to look into this subject, the truth behind the "Jesus Story", might consult the following as I have:

- Aryan Sun Myths ...The Origin of Religion by Charles Morris,
 - Bible Myths And Parallels In Other World Religions by T.W. Doane,
 - The Jesus Mysteries by Timothy Freke and Peter Gandy,
 - The Christ Conspiracy by Acharya S.,
 - The Historical Jesus And The Mythical Christ by Gerald Massey
 - The Story of Christian Origins by Martin Larson,
 - Sun Book Or The Philosopher's Vade Mecum by John Hazelrigg,
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WHY IS THE "JESUS STORY" IDENTICAL TO THE STORIES OF OTHER RELIGIONS AND THEIR "GOD-MEN"?

During the early years of my study into a "Jewish Jesus" as I was finding the "Jesus Story" repeated when studying the lives of the other "god-men" found in other religions I was perplexed to see that the "Jesus Story" was duplicated in the lives of Attis, Dionysus, Osiris, Mithra, etc. I was not happy to find that there are many dozens of events in the gospels that are very similar, or identical, to incidents which appeared centuries before, in the stories of Pagan hero/saviors. These "god-men" were worshiped by the priesthood and laity of Mediterranean and Middle East religions. I reasoned that there had to be a common link between them. Then answer would come in a few months as further study indicated that Jesus and the other God-men are personifications of the Sun. I found upon doing the necessary studies that the Ancients formulated their Mythology (Religion) after astronomical phenomena. They saw this as the best way to connect with the Creator God. This was done by patterning their religious rituals in accordance with the most visible and observable aspects of God's creation, the Cosmos. The Ancients saw the universe and their immediate environment, as well as the capacities embodied within their own intellect, trustworthy representations of the Creator God. The Universe (terrestrial and celestial) appeared to our ancestors as the only authentic image of the Father. The Cosmos was undoubtedly His Handiwork and we, the human creation, were likewise the Handiwork of the Almighty. The ancients personified the elements of the Cosmos and recorded the movements of the stars and planets as personified deities and demons. Thus we should expect and do find that the collection of fables which make up the majority of the Bible are actually various dramas of Solar Mythology. Of course I include the Gospels in such a statement as I found them as well to be little more than solar mythology personified in the life of a "Jesus Christ". The fact that so many saviors were alleged to have been born on the same day of the year, under the same and similar circumstances in different parts of the world throughout history, indicates a common mythology. All these saviors, including Jesus, can be referred to as solar gods because their births, lives and deaths can be correlated to the transit cycles of the sun. Running upon this information as an adult and a graduate of a Seminary and currently pastoring a large congregation took my breath away as you can imagine and made me do some serious reflection for some time in my life as to what I was to do in light of now possessing this knowledge.

I came to realize why I had not found this information up to then in my life. I realized upon study that Spirituality in ancient times from the Mediterranean region was composed of two components:

- **The Outer Mysteries:** These mysteries consisted of Pagan beliefs, practices, and dogmas which were widely proclaimed and taught to the general public. Knowledge of these has been preserved in historical records. By "Outer Mysteries" I refer to are those such as found in the Roman Empire around the middle East before and during the early current era. Examples include the Eleusinian Mysteries, Gnosticism, Mithraism and Pythagoreanism. These "Outer Mysteries" comprise of a series of outer mysteries and public rituals. Sometimes these would be public holidays, sometimes they would cause regular social

upheavals (leading to the Romans suppressing various mystery religions). The Egyptians had a similar structure with cults, many had public parades and displays. These outer mysteries are superficial, attention-seeking methods employed by religions to attract recruits who are interested, beguiled or intrigued by the symbolism used during them. Each Outer Mystery tradition had exoteric Outer Mysteries, consisting of myths which were common knowledge and rituals which were open to anyone who wanted to participate. I liken normative Christianity today to be one of many manifestations of these "Outer Mysteries" where a "literal" interpretation of history and texts are the standard ways of interpreting these religious teachings inherited down through history. It is within these "Outer Mysteries" that the hidden meanings once known by the Ancients hierophants and initiates have been forgotten today.

Frequently, the "Outer Mysteries" would comprise of re-enactments of basic astrological stories of the fall and rise of the sun, and of stars as personified in the form of gods and godmen. This re-enactment of the rise and fall of stars, like the Sun following the Summer solstice and the Autumn equinox, began in Egypt. The world's earliest report of a dramatic production comes from the banks of the Nile. It is in the form of a stone tablet preserved in a German museum and contains the sketchy description of one, I-kher-nefert (or Ikhernofret), a representative of the Egyptian king, of the parts he played in a performance of the world's first recorded "Passion" Play somewhere around the year 2000 B.C. This Egyptian Passion bears a notable resemblance to the Passion Plays of the twentieth century concerning the Christ. Its purpose is obviously the same as that of the one at Ober-Ammergau, or the Tyrolean, or the Persian Passion Play of Hussein . . . the principal object, as always, being to keep vivid in the minds of the faithful the sufferings and triumph of a god. The play closes with the resurrection of Osiris as a god and the foreshadowing to all the faithful of their own final resurrection. This original passion play is copied today not only in the "Jesus Story" but in the passion plays about his life and death. History records for us a rather popular one which is the three day mourning on the Winter Solstice of the death of the sun, followed by a rejoice at it's birth as the days begin to get longer around the 25th of December. The Outer Mysteries would be public displays of mourning then rejoicing, and the Initiates, once moving into the "Inner Mysteries" would then be taught what it all means, like how today many Christians parents will teach their children about the 'real meaning of Easter' which is the equivalent of an Inner Mystery part, whereas the Easter eggs, chocolate eggs, and festivities are the Outer Mystery and the part for public consumption that yet hides the hidden meanings behind the public presentation of the "diluted version".

- The Inner Mysteries: There were also esoteric "Inner Mysteries", which were a sacred secret known only to those who had undergone a powerful process of initiation. These teachings were revealed only to those who had been initiated into the Pagan religions. Initiates of the Inner Mysteries had the mystical meaning of the rituals and myths of the Outer Mysteries revealed to them, a process which brought about personal transformation and spiritual enlightenment. The initiates learned for example that Osiris-Dionysus, Attis, Mithra, etc., were not a historical persons in the first place but an allegory of higher Divine precepts expressed through the medium of personification and allegro. These legends of "gods" and "godmen" were simple "spiritual allegories encoding spiritual teachings" that go to a higher level of understanding that just a plain historical understanding (Timothy Freke & Peter Gandy, The Jesus Mysteries: Was the 'original Jesus' a Pagan god?, Acacia Press, (1999).

A religion was a Mystery Religion if only the initiates were allowed to know the keys with which to decode the Outer Mysteries. It is an early religious method to take theological concepts and encode them into stories, legends, and myths, creating characters and events which need to be "decoded" in order to see what the storyline actually means. Not knowing the key would be like reading Cinderella or Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs and attempting to interpret it literally! We have done the same thing with the "Jesus Story". The keys, the inner understanding, allowed initiates to see what the story was really saying. Such stories were created to be fascinating, a little compelling, so that certain types of people would be attracted to the group through the symbolism used in the story, even though they don't actually know the inner meaning.

Late in the 4th century CE, Christianity was established as the state religion. Pagans were given the choice of converting to Christianity, being exterminated or being exiled. Their temples were either stolen for use as Christian churches, or destroyed. **Eventually, detailed knowledge of the inner mysteries was lost.** The core of the Outer and Inner mysteries was a mythical, male entity who was part god and part human -- often referred to as a "god-man." **His origin however came from the personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac and constellations and it was this "knowledge" which was reserved for the "Inner Mysteries".** The biographies of these god-men were consistent from religion to religion because they were taken from the same Sun which the Ancients observed move the same way in the Heavens from year to year, from century to century, and from age to age. The main difference among these various accounts and faiths was the name of the personified "Son" of "the Sun":

- Alexandria: Aion
- Asia Minor: Attis
- Babylonia: Antiochus
- Egypt: Osiris and Horus
- Greece: Dionysus and Asclepius
- Syria: Adonis
- Italy: Bacchus Persia: Mithras

I had spent my entire adult life as a Christian reading few if any books on Jesus or the Bible. I had read no books on comparative religions again believing what I was told from the pulpit weekly; namely, that it is we who have the truth and it was our job to take this "Jesus" into all the world that they "might be saved". I had assumed that I was "correct" in my religious beliefs because I was told that Sunday after Sunday that I was and after all I had a supposed Divine Book that I carried to church that told me that I was "right" in my theological thinking. Then came a major repentance in my life to which I surrendered to the ministry and began serious study of the Christian faith and the rest is history as found in the websites of Bet Emet Ministries.

The reason why all these narratives are so similar, with a godman who are born to virgins, who were born in caves or manglers, who were visited by 3 wise men, who lives were threatened by evil rulers, who had to flee for his life, who was at 12 noon in the house or temple of the "Most High" thereby beginning "his Father's work" at "age" 12, who begins their ministry at the age of 30, who was tempted by a Devil, who has 12 followers or disciples, who later sends out the 72 disciples, who walked on water, who raised the dead, who does miracles, who was crowned with thorns, who was crucified and resurrected after 3 days, who descended into hell for these 3 days, who rose again after 3 days, who ascended into Heaven, **is that these stories were based on the movements of the sun through the heavens, an astrotheological development that can be found throughout the planet because the sun and the 12 zodiac signs can be observed around the globe.** This same story is repeated down through history over and over again in almost every sun worshipping nation under "the Sun".

This, as you can imagine for an ordained and successful Pastor, was devastating. The continued documentation of this story in all of its nuances would in time lead to my resignation from my Pastorate as I no longer could condone the good that I was doing with the compromises I was forced to make to remain on staff once possessing this knowledge. **In other words, I found out that the "Jesus Christ" as depicted in the Gospels and all the others upon whom this character is predicated are but personifications of the sun, and the Gospel allegory is merely a retelling thorough the life of a supposed Jew and Messianic hopeful of a mythological formula dating several thousands of years old about the Sun and its path and movements through the heavens.** This can be proven by just considering for a second that many of the world's crucified godmen have their traditional birthday on December 25th.

Answer for yourself: Are these similarities between the "Jesus Story" and the lives of these solar gods and godmen just a coincidence? Not not at all. The worlds saviors and godmen, including Jesus, have their birthdays on December 25th, because the ancients recognized that (from an earthcentric perspective) the sun, as it moves across the sky in the fall of the year, makes an annual descent in its trajectory and position when it sets on the

horizon until December 21st or 22nd, the Winter solstice, when it stops moving southerly for three days and then starts to move northward again. During this time, the ancients declared that "God's sun" had "died" for three days and was "born again" on December 25th. The ancients realized quite abundantly that they needed the sun to return every day and that their very lives depended upon the rebirth of the Sun after these 3 days. They feared not only the dark but the threat that one of these years the Sun might continue to move southward and would not stop and reverse its direction as it had before. Thus, these many different cultures celebrated the "sun of God's" birthday on December 25th. According the Ancients noticed that the Sun, personified as the Son of God "dies" for three days on December 22nd, the Winter solstice, when it stops in its movement south, to be born again or resurrected on December 25th, when it resumes its movement north.

Answer for yourself: How as a virgin tied into the birth of the "Son of the Sun"?

In some areas, the calendar originally began in the constellation of Virgo, and the sun would therefore be "born of a Virgin" at the Vernal equinox. The story is all about the stars in one way or the other.

This same story of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac can be found around the globe for thousands of years prior to the supposed Jesus of history. You only have to look.

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ADAM, EVE, AND THE GARDEN...WHO...WHAT...WHERE?

The Bible's similarities with Egyptian, Greek and Babylonian mythology are too close to be a coincidence. The Bible's writers weren't isolated from other cultures and they didn't get their ideas by sitting on some mountaintop meditating with God; they were inspired by the creation myths they came in contact with. The polite word is called syncretism; but since the Church hides that fact, the better term is plagiarism. This sample collection of creation myths is intended to show that creation myths were common to the ancient cultures from which the Jewish Bible was "inspired".

THE GARDEN OF EDEN...ASTRONOMY, ASTROLOGY, & MYTH

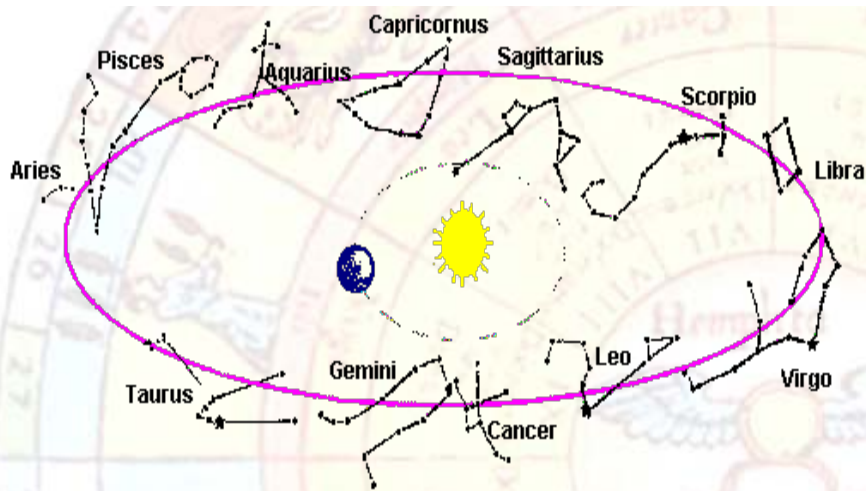
The purpose of recounting these ancient myths and legends is to illustrate their similarities to the events in Eden. It is not necessary to prove that the biblical writers drew directly from any one of them; but to show that they were influenced by the cultures around them. There is no harm in recognizing them as epic fables. But when the Church insists with a straight face that The Fall of Man is an historical truth, while all the others are pagan myths, it's crossed the moral boundary into deceit and plagiarism.

The question of origins bothered ancients as much as it bothers moderns today. The difference is that ancients had no science and written history from which to relate to their contemporaries. So the Ancient sages did the next best thing and applied their imaginations and deep reasonings to what they witnessed both above them and around them in their environments. These summary descriptions below give a sense of the kind of pagan beliefs from which the biblical writers drew.

Today there are abundant books with guesses as to the place once occupied by the Garden of Eden in the Mesopotamia region. More reflection however in light of the abundant Astronomical symbolism in the early chapters of Genesis would have one believe that the Bible locates Eden to the east of the Heavens above in Gen. 2:8. This means we are speaking about a constellation or a grouping of constellations. The heavens and constellation rise always in the East and move across the sky and set in the West. As we pass through the autumn equinox into winter, the **constellations Virgo the celestial Virgin, Bootes the Herdsman, also know as the "foster-father:", and Draco the serpent** appear across the sky. There is also the constellation of Ophiuchus nearby, as a serpent wrapped around the waste of a human figure.

Answer for yourself: I know its early in this article but does it not seem strange that we have the same 3 major characters in the sky that we find in the later written accounts of the Genesis garden narratives (a man, a woman, and a serpent)? Could these 3 constellations be the source for the later allegories of Adam, Eve, and the Serpent let alone the "fall of mankind" that we find in the Genesis narrative and we not know it?

In The New Patterns in the Sky, by Julius D. W. Staal, many "keys" to proper interpretation of Ancient Bible allegories are given. Knowledge of these help the reader understand the typology and symbolism used in these ancient stories that we mistakenly take as "historical-narratives" when in fact they are not. Our Adam and Eve



story takes place in the Garden of Eden. Unknown to most Christians is the fact that the **Garden of Eden is bounded by the constellations of the Zodiac**. It has a river Eridanus that meanders southerly outside of the Zodiac. Allegorically, it flows out of Eden as if to touch earth and feed the four rivers that flow out of Eden. The Zodiac has as symbols for its different constellations wild animals and even human-like representations; some representing even Adam, Eve and the serpent. In fact the word "Zodiac" means "circle of animals", and is related to the word "Zoo".

The Ancients pictured the Virgin, the constellation Virgo, holding in her hand a branch of fruit, symbolizing Autumn, which she seems to offer to the Herdsman (the constellation Bootes) and "foster-father". When the constellations of the Virgin (Virgo) and the Herdsman (Bootes) fall or sets beneath the Western horizon, the constellation Perseus rises on the Eastern horizon with a sword in his hand.

Answer for yourself: What is the significance of that? The Ancients understood this as Perseus driving them, both the Virgin (the constellation Virgo-Eve) and the Herdsman (the constellation Bootes-Adam), from the summer heaven and sky. They understood that it was Perseus driving the Virgin (Eve) and the Herdsman (Adam) from the garden of God.

Answer for yourself: Could this be a parallel to Adam and Eve being cast from the garden which we read about in the book of Genesis? And what about the sword? Was Perseus' sword the one alluded to that blocked their return to the garden? What is this garden? Is it the stars?

We are all familiar with the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. There are two trees with different fruit allegorically growing in this garden in the sky. The Ancients again taught that immortality and moral knowledge and wisdom was a domain of the gods. They reasoned that if the Creator of mankind had intended for man to have these attributes, He would not have set them aside in two trees. Adam was mortal from his beginning and could not have brought death to mankind for he was not yet immortal having not taken from the fruit of the tree. Yet we all would agree that mankind cannot survive without knowledge of good and evil and the difference between them. This is the goal for our Soul's incarnation in the first place. Astrologically, the two trees at the center of the Zodiacal Garden of Eden can be seen as the North Polar stars Polaris and Thuban. Polaris now occupies the center but Thuban was once the center about five thousand years ago during the zenith of the Egyptian civilization. These pole stars change over great lengths of time. The celestial pole is a point in the sky that corresponds with Earth's own North Pole. Because this point always lies directly above the Earth's pole, the bright star that lies close to it, Polaris, always lies due north from an observer's point of view. From the surface of the Earth, it appears that all celestial objects, from the Sun to the stars, rotate around this point once each day. This illusion is due to the fact that it is the observer who is carried round the Earth's own poles by the planet's rotation. Polaris hasn't always been the Pole Star. In fact, it has only been close to the Pole for the last thousand years or so, and over the next millennium it will gradually move further away. This is because the Earth's motion is constantly affected by the pull of other bodies in the Solar System, especially the Moon and the Sun, which causes a 'wobble' in its orbit. This, in turn, causes the Pole to move relative to the stars. The effect of this wobble (properly called precession) is that both Celestial Poles follow a broad circle through the sky. For most of the time, there is no Pole Star at all, but occasionally the Pole will pass near a conspicuous star - we are lucky to live in a time when Polaris fulfills this role. For the ancient Egyptians, the Pole Star was not Polaris, but Thuban in Draco, while observers in the far future will see yet other stars at the Northern Celestial Pole. The Ancient Egyptians came to understand this fact and characterized Thuban's fall in the direction of the constellation Virgo as the Virgin picking the fruit from the tree in the garden of God.

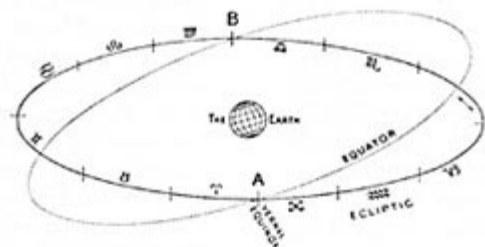
Answer for yourself: So what about the serpent? The constellation Serpens lies at the feet of Bootes (the herdsman) and Virgo (the Virgin). Again we have our 3 principal players.

According to the mythos when God cursed the serpent above all the wild animals, He moved the serpent from the constellation Serpens to the constellation Draco. Draco, another constellation, lies in the most northern part of the sky and the ancient Pole Star Thuban lies on its tail. From this high position in the sky, almost straight up, Draco can be seen to be glaring down as if to be spreading its evil.

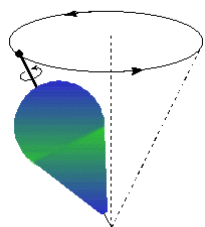
The term, **The Fall of Man** occurs astrologically as the fall of the Sun, when it descends past the halfway point towards its lowest point on the horizon during the winter months.

Answer for yourself: Where is original sin to be found in this? Nowhere! No wonder Judaism and Egyptian Religion never taught this. What a blight upon mankind this hideous doctrine has become. Many Christians who profess to believe in the doctrine of original sin do not know what it teaches. Even more Christians are ignorant of its history and origin: that it had its roots in a heathen philosophy, that it has evolved, and that it was made a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church in the fifth century A.D., primarily by the influence of Augustine.

Of course in speaking of "the Fall" I am referring to the **Sun at the Summer solstice**. The Summer solstice is an astronomical term regarding the position of the Sun in relation to the celestial equator. The Summer solstice is the date with the longest day and hence with the shortest night. This date usually falls near June 21 (in the Northern hemisphere) or December 21 (in the Southern hemisphere). At the Summer solstices the sun's apparent position on the celestial sphere reaches its greatest distance above or below the celestial equator; that means it appears at its highest position ever achieved in the sky as observed by mankind. It is right overhead. At the time of Summer solstice, about June 21, the sun is directly overhead at noon. For several days before and after each solstice the sun appears to stand still in the sky, i.e., its noontime elevation does not seem to change from day to day. The Sun has been steadily climbing in the sky since the Winter solstice bringing light, warmth, photosynthesis, and the promise of harvests and food for the salvation of mankind. But the Sun reaches its highest point now in the sky and now beginning to move back downwards in the sky on its way to its certain death at the Winter solstice. Each successive day will have less light and darkness will increase daily and forebodes of the winter to come which challenged man's very existence. This might sound strange to all new readers not familiar with the seasons or the equinoxes or solstices but with a little effort this will all make sense soon. **I cannot stress strong enough the need for a Christian to understand these event connected to the Sun and its path through the sky and Heavens above as they are critical and central to the whole of the "Jesus Story" which will be shown on this website to be little more than an allegory of the personification of the Sun and its path through the 12 Houses of the Zodiac in a solar year. The Christian theology of crucifixion draws from the same seasonal event when astrologers described the sun as being crucified as it crosses the halfway point towards descent.**



If you look at the diagram picture if you will the Sun's rays striking the earth in relation to its equator and at the same time understanding that as the earth tilt moves daily throughout the year giving us our seasons then the angle of the Sun's rays striking the planet moves daily. As the Sun's rays move and strike the earth's equator directly then we have a day of equal light and equal darkness. This is called a equinox. This occurs both in the Spring and Fall as the earth's tilt, **like a top**, reaches it maximum and begins to tilt backwards like a top. Accordingly the Sun's rays strike the earth at different angels and eventually the tilt of the earth and the angle of the Sun's rays striking the earth in relation to is equator is such that there is equal amounts of light in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. But when the tilt of the earth is at is maximum then we have a time where one hemisphere has the greatest length of light in one day while the other has the least amount of light the same day. Six months later as the earth has tilted backwards in its spinning to it maximum then we have just the reverse. This explains why one hemisphere experiences winter



while the other one experiences summer. As the Sun's rays moved across these points of intersection the Ancients said that the Sun was on the Cross of the Equinoxes or the Sun was on the Cross of the Zodiac. As a side note, each branch of the Christian cross symbolizes a season.



Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence that when looking at the cross that we see symbolized for us by the top of the cross the shortest day of the year, the Winter solstice and the bottom of the cross as the longest day of the year, the Summer solstice? Is it but a coincidence that the two equal arms of the cross symbolized the two equal days of the year, the Fall or Autumn equinox and the Spring equinox?

Answer for yourself: Is this a coincidence? Did you notice the Sun behind the cross? Why is the Sun connected to a cross? Could this be hidden symbolism of the Ancients concerning Astronomy and the Sun as it crossed the equinoxes?

Well that was a little introduction but for our purpose in this article we must focus on the Sun at its highest peak in the sky and its moving past this Summer solstice and its decline in the sky which was understood as the "Fall" by the Ancients.

WHERE DO WE FIND THE FIRST EDEN STORY?

When I began my Egyptian studies over 5 years ago I quickly saw that I would have to look beyond Egypt to Sumer since it predated Egypt. I found that Sumer provided the materials for the later Bible stories we find in Genesis. I wish I had time and space to relate these matters but it would take a whole book. So I quickly leave such study to you and move on to the Genesis accounts of Eden, Adam, and Eve to see if they were historical or mythical beings.

This brings us to scrutiny of the book of Genesis and the creation stories of Adam and Eve. Like other major biblical characters and tales, the fable of Adam, Eve and the Garden of Eden is based on much older versions found in numerous cultures around the globe. We find much earliest accounts of the first man and woman of creation in the Sumerian version with later renditions in the Hindu version, the Egyptian version, the Babylonian version, and many others.

In the Sumerian and Babylonian versions of the Garden of Eden myth, from which the Hebrew one is also derived, the original couple were created equal in stature by the great Goddess. When the fervent patriarchy took over the story around 2500 B.C.E., it changed to make women not only inferior but also guilty of the downfall of all mankind since according to the Hebrew rendition of the myth it was the woman who seduced the man to eat of the forbidden fruit.

Answer for yourself: Are we to view the creation story of Adam, Eve, and the Garden of Eden in a "literal" or "allegorical" way? Our search for truth regarding the true identities of this "Adam and Eve" must begin in Paradise, the Garden of Eden. Far from being literal, the Garden of Eden and the Paradise story takes place in the heavens.

Answer for yourself: Where is this paradise or Garden of Eden located?

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

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- 1) among the Persians a grand enclosure or preserve, a hunting ground, a park (shady and well watered) in which wild animals, were kept for the hunt; it was enclosed by walls and furnished with towers for the hunters

- 2) a garden, pleasure ground, a grove, a park
- 3) the part of Hades which was thought by the later Jews to be the abode of the souls of pious until the resurrection. However, some understand this to be a heavenly Paradise
- 4) **the upper regions of the heavens.** According to the early church fathers, the paradise in which our first parents dwelt before the fall still exists, neither on the earth or in the heavens, but above and beyond the world

It would appear from the word studies that Paradise exists in the upper Heavens! According to Hazelrigg, the word "Paradise" means "among the stars." Yet, common sense has failed to prevail, as numerous theories have sprung up as to the "true" location of the Garden of Eden down through history.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever heard of an early Church father named Origen?

Seventeen hundred years ago, Origen wrote of the Garden of Eden myth where he says: *"No one would be so foolish as to take this allegory as a description of actual fact."* But Origen was excommunicated, and countless millions have been precisely that foolish and have not listened to what he and other Ancient scholars have had to say. So let us see if Adam, Eve, and Eden could be myths told about the Cosmos and the stars that the Ancient wove to explain the beginnings of mankind on this planet.

ADAM

For many centuries, both Christian and Jewish theologians believe that the stories were given by God and thus owed their origins purely to divine inspiration. However in the nineteenth century, British archaeologists unearthed seven tablets containing the Babylonian myth of creation known as "Enuma Elish". Like the famous Epic of Gilgamesh, archaeologists have assigned the date of composition of this work to around 2000 BC.

Although the story differs in specifics to that told in Genesis, the similarities in the general tone has convinced archaeologists that the Genesis account had been fundamentally derived from the Babylonian one. Modern unbiased scholarship today will teach you that it cannot be denied that the creation myth from Genesis must have been derived from the Babylonian one. To quote the late Professor S.H. Hooke (1874-1968) an expert on Old Testament Studies: *"In spite of the complete transformation of the Babylonian material effected by the priestly writer, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the original form of the creation story upon which he is depending is ultimately of Babylonian origin"* (Graves & Patai, Hebrew Myths: p21-23 Hooke, Middle Eastern Mythology: p41-45 & p119-120).

When one does the necessary study we find that since these creation accounts in Genesis are myths copied from earlier myths then one is led to conclude that Adam is not a historical character, as the word "Adam" simply means "man" and is not a person's name.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the word "Adam" is Atum or **Amen in Egypt, the archetypal man and son of Ptah the Father?** So now our roots in search for Adam go well beyond Babylon and the Hebrews to Egypt. If one looks ever deeper you find that they actually came from the pre-Egyptian civilization of Sumer.

In the Chaldean scriptures, from which the Israelite writings were in large part plagiarized, he is called "Adami," and in the Babylonian he is "Adamu." As in the Hebrew version, the Sumero-Babylonian Adamu was prevented by the gods from eating the fruit of immortality, so that he would not "be as a god." Adam is also "adamah," which means "bloody clay," referring to menstrual blood (Barbara Walker, Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 8). The hidden connection in these Ancient Sumerian records is to the blood (sperm) of Enki from which mankind was created according to Sumerian records. Sumerian records dating to as early as 35,000 B.C.E. record the first **In Vitro Fertilization**, simply stated, IVF, which involves removing eggs from a female of the species, fertilizing them in the laboratory (in a culture dish, actually, not a test tube) and then transferring the fertilized eggs, or zygotes, into the uterus a few days later. These references to this occurring 35,000 B.C.E. is absolutely amazing. But that is a study for another day. The

word "Adam" literally means a man made of blood and in pre-biblical mythology a creature formed by the Goddess of Earth from her own clay (adamah) which was given life by her blood. Barbara Walker explains that "the biblical story of God's creation of Adam out of clay was plagiarized from ancient texts with the patriarchs' usual sex-change of the deity," who was the Sumero-Babylonian "Potter" goddess Aruru. The Sumero-Babylonian Goddess Aruru the Great was the original Potter who created human beings out of clay. She made man in the image of a god, and infused him with the breath of heaven, which brought him life. Aruru was also Ishtar, Inanna, Ninhursag, and Mami, Mama, or Mammitua; she made the first man (Adam) out of clay (adamah, the female earth). Assyrians said she made seven clay mother-wombs for females and seven mother-wombs for males. Mesopotamian flesh-is-clay images were derived from the primitive matriarchate, when all pottery belonged to women. Among all primitive peoples the ceramic art is found in the hands of women, and only under the influence of advanced culture does it become a man's occupation. (Barbara Walker, Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 815).

But we can go even further back than these references to find the ultimate origin for the Adam myth and by that I mean the **personification of the stars and constellations**.

Answer for yourself: Did the Ancients have a constellation that was the partner so to speak of the Virgin or Virgo? Yes they did. It is called "Bootes".

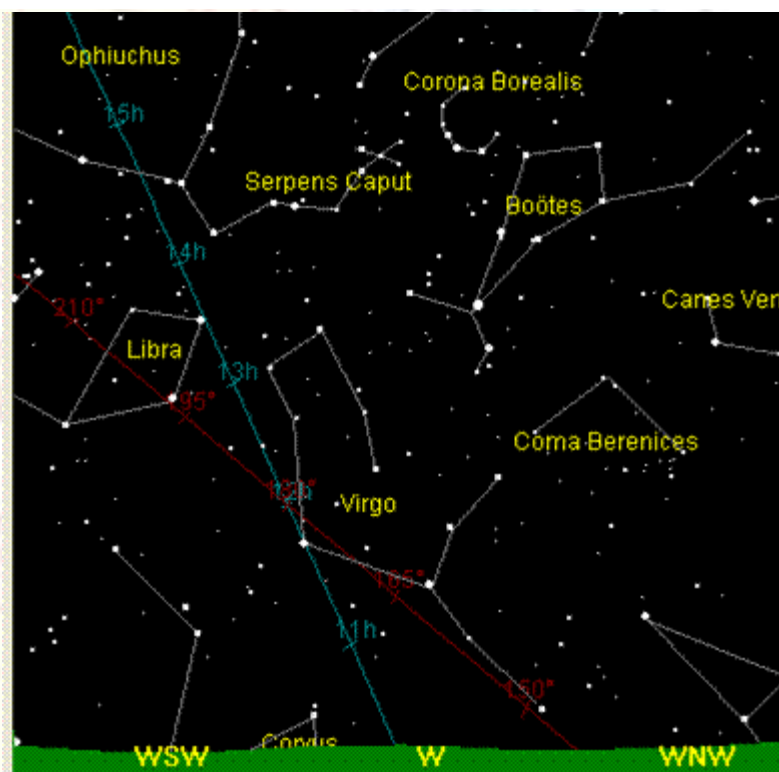
Actually, the connection between astronomy and mythology has not gone unnoticed by apologists. I have a few Christian sources that go to great lengths to "disprove" the connection between astrology and Christianity by steering their readers away from the traditional sun cycle. To admit such a link would be fatal to the conceit of their faith. Now, thanks to computer technology, we can simulate these biblical events for ourselves and **see with positive proof that the Gospel narratives were derived from the stars**. We can confirm that the Bible contains nothing more than a series of pagan myths with a different spin. **As we shall now see the story of Adam and Eve is the story of Virgo and Bootes, the constellation next to Virgo**.

Christian mythology is written as if the events took place on earth. Unless one looks for the double meaning in the Bible's language, the astronomical connection can't be seen. The Gospels are laid out according to the zodiacal motifs with Jesus, the sun hero, passing through the four seasons. He is born every year on [December 25](#), the first day when daylight hours start to increase. When the sun passes through the autumnal equinox, the evil forces of darkness are said to be ruling. On the three darkest days of the year, the sun is dead from December 21 to 24. His resurrection restarts on December 25, when the sun starts to ascend again.

Acts 2:32 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. (KJV)

The constellation Bootes was always been associated with the husband of the Virgin in astrology. This becomes the "Joseph" of the "Jesus Story" in time. Virgo represents Virgin Mary. Her name is Mary because the word connotes water-in bible speak, water is the mother element of birth. For example in Genesis 1, God divided the waters to make heaven and earth; Moses' Red Sea crossing symbolized the birth of the new nation of Israel. **On December 25 at the first hour, Virgo ascends above the horizon**. It is significant that Virgo be ascending. Ascension is looked upon as a fortuitous direction. **At dawn, the Sun, as the personification of the "Son of the Sun", or as we came to know him "the Christ", was born on the first day of this solar year when daylight hours start to increase following the Sun remaining motionless for 3 days as if dead when overcome by the darkness of winter at the Winter solstice**. In many depictions of virgo she is even lying on her side as if to be giving birth. Because Virgo lies on the sun's ecliptic, she is the most important. We should take notice how she is lying prostrate, as if she is in the missionary position, waiting for God to lay upon her. Lying on the ecliptic means the Sun's path will move through the constellation and in so doing the Ancients understood this as the impregnation of the Virgin, Virgo, by God symbolized by His Sun. When seen through the eyes of an astrologer, there is nothing miraculous about this divine conception. The passage in Luke about ***"the low estate of his handmaiden"*** takes on an astronomical meaning when we see Virgo arriving

from below with her hand first to emerge above the horizon, i.e. the hand of the maiden. The virgin ascends at the first hour on December 25 ready to give birth. The sun is born at the crack of dawn when daylight hours start to increase. In the sky picture notice if you will **3 constellation in close proximity for they play a very important role in world religions. The stars of Bootes (the herdsman-Joseph), Virgo (the virgin-Mary), Serpens Caput (the evil serpent-in this case our Herod, the evil one).** Notice how all 3 are grouped on the right; easy to incorporate into "one" story. Bootes is called the "foster-father" which is appropriate for the virgin-birth teaching of Christianity which they also get from the stars. As we should expect from the "Jesus Story" **Bootes, the herdsman, as the personified Joseph,** follows Virgo around the Zodiac and the pages of the "Jesus Story".



Answer for yourself: In antiquity long before the first century what did the Ancients teach about these 3 constellations? They taught that these 3 constellations represented Adam, Eve and the Serpent. The myth of Adam, Eve, and the Serpent is as old as it gets because mankind since his beginning has looked up above his head to find God's face and found God's message in type and shadows written in the Heavens. These stories have come down to us today as myths and legends which we fail to recognize and we erroneously have been taught to interpret them "literally" when in fact they were never intended to be understood that way by those who made these allegories and myths in the first place. Now let us move on to Eve as we look as we move further in our understanding that the stories of Adam, Eve, and the Fall that necessitated Jesus' death are but myths and metaphors for Astronomical events in the sky.

EVE

Eve is also not a literal figure who either caused the downfall of mankind or gave birth to it. Rather, Eve is the archetypal female and goddess found around the globe that finds it beginning with the nation of Sumer. Behind all myths are some legitimacy of facts. We find no different here. In the very recent past scientists have reported advances in DNA research and have established that there was an "Eve" who lived about 250 to 270 thousand years ago, a first mother from who all modern humans stem, no matter what their racial heritage, and from which all later "myths" descend. In 1987, scientists from the Universities of California and Michigan announced that all human beings descended from a single mitochondrial Eve: who lived in Africa. On the heels of this announcement came news a few years later that there also was an actual "Adam". Of course we don't know their names but scientists used these familiar names to identify the earliest male and female.

Eve is closely associated with the Sumerian high goddess Ninhursag through her epithet **"Mother of All the Living."** It is from this Sumerian account of the creation of the human species that all later myths and legends of Adam, Eve, and Eden descend. The biblical title of Eve, **"Mother of All Living,"** was a translation of Kali Ma's title *Jaganmata*. She was also known in India as Jiva or Ieva, the Creatress of all manifested forms (Barbara Walker, *Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets*, p. 108). In Assyrian scriptures Eve was entitled **Mother-Womb, Creatress of Destiny**, who made male and female human beings out of clay, "in pairs she

completed them". The first of the Bible's two creation myths gives tis Assyrian version, significantly changing "she" to "he" (Genesis 1:27).

As stated, earlier mythologies placed the created woman on the same par with the man, rather than as a mere "rib." In some of these ancient tales, Eve was superior to Adam and even to God, as his "stern mother" (Barbara Walker, Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 291). According to one myth, before God made Eve he created Lilith as Adam's equal, but she proved to be too troublesome for the patriarchy, as she did not want to submit to Adam's sexual advances and demanded her own house. The liberated Lilith thus had to be killed off by both God and biblical scribes. One may suspect there was more to the story, as Walker explains: "Hebraic tradition said Adam was married to Lilith because he grew tired of coupling with beasts, a common custom of Middle-Eastern herdsmen, though the Old Testament declared it a sin" (Barbara Walker, Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 541).

Eve is one with Isis-Men and, therefore, the Virgin Mary and the constellation of Virgo, as well as the moon. In the original astrotheological tale, as Virgo rises she is followed or "bitten on the heel by Serpens, who, with Scorpio, rises immediately behind her (in the sky)" (Albert Pike, Morals and Dogmas of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, L.H. Jenkins, 1928, p. 497). This astronomical observation is behind the passage at ***Revelation 12:14: "But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness."*** As noted, Scorpio is not only represented by the scorpion but by the eagle as well.

Answer for yourself: Have you noticed the connection between Eve and a constellation?

The image of a female deity has long been associated by early cultures with the constellation of Virgo. Ancient star maps often depict a winged woman holding stalks of wheat or corn in her left hand. The bright star that represents the woman's left hand is called Spica, which means Ear of Grain in Latin. What is of



major importance to us is that **the representation of the constellation as a goddess of cultivation is due to the position of the Summer solstice within this portion of the sky from 6000 to 4000 BC. Its appearance at the Summer solstice marked the time of harvest and the change of seasons.** The figure of a woman within this portion of the sky was probably determined by the matriarchal societies of this era when the development of the sciences and arts of agriculture and grafting, the domestication of animals and the settling of cities was occurring. The Arabs called Spica the "Defenseless One" because it lacks bright companion stars. **Some of the mythological representations of Virgo are Nana, Eve, Istar, Demeter, Hecate, Themis, Hera, Astraea, Diana, Cybele, Isis, Fortuna, Erigone, Sibylla and the Virgin Mother (Mary in Christian theology). All representations of the Great Mother in some form was taken from the constellation Virgo. She who existed before the masculine gods of ancient and classical mythology.**

With the rise of the patriarchal society and religion of Christianity, no strong female figure was easily recognizable. The Virgin Mary, as mother of God, became the obvious representation of all the noble and necessary feminine traits of the Great Mother. **The Virgin Mary's representation in the stars was placed with Virgo.**

So we find the connection between the Virgin Mary and the Constellation of Virgo. **As you can also see the story of virgin births is the timeless allegory of Virgo giving birth to the "Son of the Sun" on the darkest night of the year, the 24th of December.** If we follow the path of the Sun we discover that towards the end of August the radiant Sun enters the celestial constellation of Virgo (impregnation) and shortly after that we have the birth of the "Son of the Sun" at the Winter solstice when the Sun passes into Capricorn.

Luke 1:35 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (KJV)

Allegorically speaking the passage of the Sun through the middle or womb of Virgo was interpreted by the Ancients as the Sun placing symbolically the seed of the new Sun in her to germinate the embryo of the new Sun which has been called down through history names like Horus, Apollo or Christ. This phenomenon, which takes place every year in August, gave rise to Christmas, a festival which still exists, and in which it is supposed that the Mother of Christ, disregarding her earthly life, is associated with the glory of her son, and is placed by his side in the heavens. We know that the sign of the celestial virgin, Virgo, rose over the horizon at the moment assigned to the birth of our Lord Jesus the Christ." Christians may be reluctant to recognize Virgo as the Blessed Virgin. Yet Virgo's stars descend after harvest below the horizon, and the Sun of the winter rises from the same point and this was interpreted by the Ancients as Virgo holding her infant the infant Sun in his Mother's arms. It is a small step to personifying the Sun as the "son" and now we have Virgo, personified as the virgin, holding her son in her arms. This became the famous pose of Isis holding Horus and later reinterpreted as the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus. Notice if you will the symbolism of Taurus and the Sun in the headdress of Isis and this, mind you, was adopted by Rome as the icon of Mary and Jesus.



THE SERPENT

The serpent symbol is found around the world and represents divine wisdom, as is confirmed by Jesus, when he is made to say, *"Be ye wise as serpents."* The serpent was the "phallic consort" of the Goddess, and serpents were found under her temples, apparently used to induce prophetic and hallucinatory trances by their venom. The Egyptian queen Cleopatra may have died during such a ritual with an asp, if this is not an apocryphal story. These female priestesses were called "pythonesses" and, as receivers of prophecy and divine revelation, were reviled by Ezekiel for gaining knowledge "out of their own heads," as if their manner of revelation were different from his own.

The serpent's shedding of the skin and constant renewal made it a symbol of eternity and immortality, and thus of divinity and many gods. In fact, the title of "serpent" formerly conveyed sacerdotal duties. As Pike relates: *"In the Mysteries of the bull-horned Bacchus, the officers held serpents in their hands, raised them above their heads, and cried aloud 'Eva!' the generic oriental name of the serpent, and the particular name of the constellation in which the Persian place Eve and the serpent"* (Albert Pike, Morals and Dogmas of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, L.H. Jenkins, 1928, p. 494). This description reveals the origins of the New Testament exhortation to "take up serpents," and those who participate in such rituals are continuing an ancient tradition that dates back at least 4,000 years.

Although the serpent is portrayed as evil in the Judeo-Christian ideology, it was not always considered so by the Hebrews. As Walker relates:

Early Hebrews adopted the serpent-god all their contemporaries revered, and the Jewish priestly clan of Levites were "sons of the Great Serpent," i.e., of Leviathan, "the wriggly one" (B. Walker, The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 905).

The Hebrew veneration for the serpent-god is clear from Numbers 21:9: *"Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass he lived."* Of this interesting fetish, which is also the caduceus of Aesclepius, the Greek god of healing, Stone says, "And in Jerusalem itself was the serpent of bronze, said to date back to the time of Moses and treasured as a sacred idol in



the temple there until about 700 BC" (M. Stone, When God Was A Woman, p. 209). Moses's serpent cult fell out of favor during the reign of Hezekiah, king of Judah, who "removed the high places, and broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had burned incense to it; it was called Nehushtan" (2 Kings 18:4). Moreover, Walker relates:

"The biblical Nehushtan was a deliberate masculinization of a similar oracular she-serpent, Nehushtah, Goddess of Kadesh (meaning "Holy"), a shrine like that of the Pythonesses.

Israelites apparently violated the sanctuary and raped its priestesses, but "Moses and Yahweh had to placate the angry serpent goddess of Kadesh, now deposed, by erecting her brazen image . . . Mythologically, the serpent is always a female divinity" (B. Walker, The Woman's Dictionary of Symbols And Sacred Objects, 1988, p. 387).

In addition, in the Bible the serpent, vilified "in the beginning," then venerated, then vilified again, is once more venerated as it is later associated with Christ, as a "type of" him:

John 3:14 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (KJV)

Contrary to what most Christians believe or have been taught from sermons to the Ancients and to Israel the serpent was considered the savior of mankind for its role in bringing wisdom to mankind.

The third Gnostic group which exerted a powerful influence upon budding Christianity was the sect known as the Ophites, or the Brotherhood of the Serpent. The symbol of the Serpent is an ancient and a sacred one. All through the literature of the past are found records of the veneration in which this symbol was held. Every Scripture of antiquity tells the same story, the visible proof of its universality being found in the serpentine monuments scattered over the face of the globe. The meaning of the Serpent-symbol was threefold: it represented, first, Supreme Wisdom; second, those Perfected Men who are the embodiments of Wisdom; third, the Christos-principle within each man himself. Many statements in the New Testament show the influence of the Ophite system. For instance: "As Moses lifted up the Serpent in the wilderness, so shall the Son of Man be lifted up." Translating these words according to their symbolical meaning, the sentence would read: *"As Moses lifted up Supreme Wisdom in the wilderness of false beliefs, so must the Christos-principle be lifted up to the place of Supreme Ruler if man is to fulfil his real destiny."* And again: *"Be ye therefore wise as Serpents (the Mahatmas) and as harmless as doves."* The Ophite system was introduced into Christianity by the Gnostic Fathers, Basilides and Valentinus. But it was soon stamped out by the literalists of Rome, and the Serpent, which in the early days represented the highest Wisdom and the flower of civilization, finally became the symbol of the Devil, or personified evil and darkness. When the Gnostics were excommunicated, persecuted and driven out of their native land, they took the esoteric philosophy of the Ophites with them and went "underground" in order to survive.

The serpent is, naturally, a celestial symbol, representing both the constellation of Serpens Caput and the entire heavens, with the Sun as one eye and the Moon as another. If we look at the above star-picture we find the constellation Serpens Caput (the serpent) in close proximity of the constellations of both Virgo (Virgin Mary) and Bootes (the Biblical Joseph and foster-father of Jesus.) Under Christian theology the serpent become the "Prince of Darkness," the ruler of the night sky, and its vilification is also a rejection of the stellar cult in favor of the solar. Thus we find the serpent in the garden or Zodiac of God (most of its symbols are animals and man and woman who lived within it) next to the Adam and Eve. Later the serpent is personified as Herod who was "evil" and we find this now in the story of Herod's attempt to kill the infants. This is nothing more than the personification of the constellations Virgo, Bootes, and Serpents as told by the ancients first in the form of the Adam and Eve stories and much later reinterpreted in the stories of Joseph, Mary, Herod, and Jesus.

THE ORIGINAL FALL....LITERAL OR ASTRAL ALLEGORY?

We began this series of articles asking if the "fall of mankind" was a literal event or if it could possibly have been the personification of a stellar event and we not know of it today. The "fall of mankind" or "sin" has been interpreted by literalists as meaning both the transgression of Adam and Eve in disobeying God and getting kicked out of Eden, and the manner in which humans procreate, i.e., sex. It has been admitted by Christians that without the concept of the original fall/sin of man and his expulsion from the Garden of Eden, there would be no need for a savior or for the Christian religion. For example, "reformed" ex-Father Peter Martyr said: "Were this Article [of faith] be taken away, there would be no original sin; the promise of Christ would become void, and all the vital force of our religion would be destroyed (Acharya S, The Christ Conspiracy, 1999, p. 188).

This fervent belief is why Christian proponents are so vehemently opposed to the theory of evolution, as it demonstrates the lack of an original fall or sin that requires a savior. Regarding the theory of evolution and its effect on Christianity, Barbara Walker relates:

The American Episcopal Church said: "If this hypothesis be true, then is the Bible an unbearable fiction. . . then have Christians for nearly two thousands years been duped by a monstrous lie" (B. Walker, The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 292).

Indeed, Jackson expresses his disgust at ". . . that damnable doctrine of original sin, which slanders nature and insults all mankind" (J. Jackson, Christianity Before Christ, 1985, p. 123).

And Higgins remarked, in the early 1800's:

Perhaps we do not find in history any doctrine which has been more pernicious than that of Original Sin. It is now demoralizing Britain. It caused all the human sacrifices in ancient times, and actually converted the Jews into a nation of Cannibals, as Lord Kingsborough. . . has proved that they were (G. Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol 1. p. 255, 511).

Like so many aspect of Christianity, the notion of original sin was unoriginal: "The *Indians* are not strangers to the doctrine of *original sin*. It is their invariable belief that *man is a fallen being*; admitted by them from time immemorial" (W.T. Doane, Bible Myths and Their Parallels In Other World Religions, 1985, p. 189).

Answer for yourself: Where could these ancient civilizations gathered the idea of a "fall"?

Gearld Massey, famous Egyptologist, testifies:

The fall is absolutely non-historical, and the first bit of standing-ground for an actual Christ the Redeemer is missing in the very beginning, consequently anyone who set up, or was set up for, an historical Savior, from a non-historical fall, could only be an historical impostor" (G. Massey, The Historical Jesus of the Mythical Christ, p. 185).

The Garden of Eden tale is not literal but allegorical, occurring in the heavens, as the Fall actually takes place when the Sun passes through Virgo into the sign of Libra at the Autumnal equinox (following its descent in the sky after the Summer Solstice). As the sun crosses into Libra, "he" descends or falls into "the winter quarter or "fall" of the year - a title most consistent with the phenomenon itself, as Hazelrigg says. This is so simple and we don't see it. Hazelrigg further outlines the "deep astrology" of the celestial Garden of Eden drama:

"The serpent of iniquity, who plays the part of the Tempter, must therefore be viewed in an astronomical rather than an ethical or moral character (the constellation *Serpens Caput*), which, for purposes of allegory, has not been made an enviable one. He is the villain of the drama, and rather an elongated one at that, for, as

found described on the planisphere "his tail drew after him a third part of the stars of heaven" (Rev. 12:4), or from Cancer to Libra, which is difference between four constellations, a third of the twelve. Going before, he, as the personified serpent of Serpens Caput, leads the virgin-woman (Virgo) towards the setting point in the west, therefore his office is to "seduce" (Latin *seducere*, to lead on or go before), while the enamored Adam (the constellation Bootes or 'foster-father') follows in true conjugal spirit towards the horizon, driven forth by the Power that causes the revolution of the heavens which carries them out of the Garden. At the moment of expulsion, or as the figures of Adam (Bootes) and Eve (Virgo) are sinking from sight below the Western horizon, the constellation Perseus appears in the east, grim in armor and helmet, a being of vengeance holding aloft a flaming sword". In this action, Perseus and his sword, that drives them (Virgo/Bootes/Eve/Adam) from the **garden of Eden which is little more than the personification of the Zodiac** (John Hazelrigg, **The Sun Book**, 1971, 35-36). **That explains it very clearly to me.**

Regarding the Garden of Eden tale, Graham spells it out:

The world was not created by this God in six days or a million. There was no Garden of Eden or talking snake. There was no first man, Adam, or woman, Eve. **They did not commit a moral sin and so we are not under condemnation for it.** They did not fall from grace and so there is no need for redemption (Lloyd Graham, **Deceptions and Myths of the Bible**, 1991, p. 234-235).

Thus, Christianity's foundation is false, mythical and unoriginal, as is the gospel story itself. This brings the "fall of mankind" and "original sin" into serious consideration as an extreme falsehood that nullifies the need for the sacrifice or atonement of anyone.

Answer for yourself: Why have we shown you this? Simply because we need to understand that the Adam and Eve accounts in Genesis and the presumed "fall" of mankind and the doctrine of "original sin" are not true as a "literal truths" but yet true of sorts in they conveyed a different Divine Truth regarding God's Cosmos and Universe. More than likely we find that behind these stories of Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden we have the involvement of the stars and constellation and not literal geographical places. That my friends is a big difference and forces us to rethink the New Testament Jesus and his sacrifice for original sin inherited from this Adam and Eve and if we should view their story "literally" or as an "allegory. But we cannot end here for our next thought is that if Adam and Eve are but allegories of events occurring in the sky by constellations and the Sun the there is the strong possibility that we might find the same things when viewing the "Jesus Story" with such detail as well. What we find is that the "Jesus Story" is but another personification of the path of the Sun in which we have erroneously approached in a "literal" manner when we should have viewed it as an allegory. Behind all this "fall of the Sun" is yet a metaphysical truth; as God's Energy, symbolized by the Sun, falls in the sky so does God's Energy in the form of a Soul "falls" into matter; mankind. Behind our whole "Jesus Story" in which we were taught was a "historical-literal" we can begin to see the real Divine Truth of God descending into the flesh of mankind depositing a little of Himself as the Soul. This is the real truth behind the "incarnation" of "the Christ" and our "Jesus Story" and amazing as it may now seem to the reader the Ancients understood this very clearly and captured these Divine Truths that they witnessed in the Heavens and Sky above in their religious myths for eternity. It is sadly us today who have lost the clues to the interpretation of this "Soul Science". Let us continue our story as we look at the **Garden of Eden.**

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THE GARDEN OF EDEN...COULD IT HAVE BEEN IN THE SKY & THE STARS?

The study of the Bible is not always easy especially in light of the fact that we are thousands of years removed from the ideas we read let alone how these original writers intended the subjects of which they wrote to be interpreted. We so often approach everything as if they were intended to be interpreted "literally" when in fact modern scholarship today will reveal that these writers wrote in "pictures" and intended their subjects to be understood by their readers in an "allegorical" fashion.



If one does some in-depth reading into astrology and astronomy then he encounters eventually concepts and ideas that are diametrically opposite to what he has been taught concerning the interpretation of various portions of the Bible. No greater example could be made for the Genesis accounts and the "fall of mankind" contained within. What you find when you study is that first-century people wrote with certain presuppositions that were then universally assumed to be true. ... This planet Earth was not thought of as a planet at all but as a flat space at the very center of the created order. A blue canopy called the sky was believed to separate the earth, the realm of the human, from heaven, the realm of the divine....God lived beyond that blue canopy, they assumed, watching over the earth, employing the stars as peepholes through which, even in the dark, divine eyes could see and judge human behavior.

The creation account is an allegory; its message is the spiritual truth contained in the allegory. This is a very old position in Christian interpretation, although until the conflict with science developed the account was usually (but not always) thought to be true both literally and allegorically. As is often the case with allegories, the precise meaning that's supposed to be conveyed varies with the reader. This approach is also consistent with an inerrant Bible, but not with a fundamentalist style of literalism. More recent variations would make the account a metaphorical or a mythic representation of spiritual truths. When one consults the previous "Creation Accounts" that existed long before the Genesis accounts of the Bible one finds that the Genesis account of creation comes from an earlier Mesopotamian creation myth. The Genesis account, in light of these previous more detailed accounts of Creation like those from Mesopotamia, reveal that the Hebrews carefully reworked these prior Babylonia accounts of creation to express theological truths (monotheism, supremacy of Israel's God over the forces of nature, etc.). The Hebrew myth of creation is simply the medium through which these truths are conveyed. The question of the historical truth of the account is of no importance whatsoever. All that matters is the theological truths it contains. A different formulation would be that the Bible should only be expected to be reliable in matters of theological importance; it's not intended to be a science or history textbook, and hence need not be entirely accurate in those areas. Like many parts of the Bible, the Genesis account is not God's word as if He actually spoke this and other recorded what they heard, but a record of and reflections on a particular people's encounter with God. Said another way it is man's interpretation of what God expressed to them in His creation. There's no reason to expect it not to contain errors, especially in matters that were outside the knowledge of the authors. And the sooner we come to realize that much of what we read are but "pictures" of higher Divine Truths recorded by the Ancient Hebrews

then the closer we are getting to recovery of the truth within it. So it is my conclusion after years of study that the creation accounts in Genesis 1 and 2 are but an allegory that was never meant to be interpreted literally but rather a myth that is used as a vehicle to teach spiritual truths. These spiritual truths being that Genesis, for example, describes the creation of a circle of stars called the Zodiac. Allegorically, it has trees, animals, a river, and a man and a woman. It would appear that not only Adam and Eve, but many other heroes of the Bible, were not historical persons but were celestial myths later personified as if real people. "Impossible" you say? Well keep reading and the evidence presented in this article as well as the other articles in this website will convince you beyond any doubt that the Genesis creation accounts are but allegories of higher Divine Truths revealed by the Creator to mankind.

HOW TO INTERPRET GENESIS AND WHAT IS THE GARDEN OF EDEN?

Answer for yourself: Have you ever studied the origin of the Zodiac?

First of all, the word itself, zodiac, comes from a Greek word meaning, **"The circle of animals"**. The animals representing the signs were placed among the stars usually for great acts of heroism.

In his book, The Real Meaning Of The Zodiac, Dr. James Kennedy points out that the ancient signs of the Zodiac record a singular and original revelation—a kind of Gospel in the stars—and that the message of the stars originally recorded the Gospel of God. He goes on to say:

There exists in the writings of virtually all civilized nations a description of the major stars in the heavens—something which might be called their "Constellations of the Zodiac" or the "Signs of the Zodiac," of which there are twelve. If you go back in time to Rome, or beyond that to Greece, or before that to Egypt, Persia, Assyria, or Babylonia—regardless of how far back you go, there is a remarkable phenomenon: **Nearly all nations had the same twelve signs, representing the same twelve things, placed in the same order....**

The book of Job, which is thought by many to be the oldest book of the Bible, goes back to approximately 2150 B.C., which is 650 years before Moses came upon the scene to write the Pentateuch; over 1,100 years before Homer wrote the Odyssey and the Illiad; and 1,500 years before Thales, the first of the philosophers, was born. In chapter 38, God finally breaks in and speaks to Job and to his false comforters. As He is questioning Job, showing him and his companions their ignorance, God says to them: **"Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?"** (Job 38:31,32).

We see here reference to the constellations of Orion and Pleiades, and the star Arcturus. Also in the book of Job there is reference to Cetus, the Sea Monster, and to Draco, the Great Dragon. I would call your attention to Job 38:32a: **"Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?" Mazzaroth is a Hebrew word which means "The Constellations of the Zodiac."** In what may be the oldest book in all of human history, we find that the constellations of the zodiac were already clearly known and understood....the fact remains that there was a God-given Gospel [universally acknowledged original revelation] in the stars which lays beyond and behind that which has now been corrupted. It is Dr. Kennedy's view that the constellations of the zodiac were likely given by God to the first man as "record-keepers" of the original revelation of God.

During the design and construction of the universe God determined that clocks and calendars would be based on the motion of the moon, the earth, the planets and other objects in the heavens. And God said, **"Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs (markers, indicators) and for seasons (moadhim, "solemn assembly") and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he**

made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. (Genesis 1:14-19)

Strong's Concordance for the word "firmament":

7549 raqiya` (raw-kee'-ah); from 7554; properly, an expanse, i.e. the firmament or (apparently) visible arch of the sky: KJV-- firmament.

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon: 7549 raqiya` - extended surface (solid), a firmament, an expanse, space

- a) expanse (flat as base, support)
- b) firmament (used of vault of heaven supporting waters above); considered by Hebrews as solid and supporting `waters' above

The Hebrew word translated "expanse" is raqia (Strong's # H7549), which occurs 18 times in 15 verses of the Old Testament. The vast majority of these occurrences are found in Genesis 1. **Genesis 1:8 actually defines the term raqia as being the equivalent to the Hebrew word shamayim (Strong's #H8064), which can be translated as "heaven" or "sky."** Some examples of the use of raqia in Genesis 1 include the following:

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse [raqia] of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; (Genesis 1:14)

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse [raqia] of the sky." (Genesis 1:20)

As can be seen by the uses of raqia, the term is very broad, encompassing both outer space and the atmosphere of earth. Of interest to us is the fact that these "lights in the expanse" refers to outer space and that these lights are for "signs" and "seasons" (equinoxes and solstices).

Ps 19:1 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. (KJV)

Strong's Concordance: 8064 shamayim (shaw-mah'-yim); dual of an unused singular shameh (shaw-meh'); from an unused root meaning to be lofty; **the sky (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve)**: KJV-- air, X astrologer, heaven (-s).

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- a) visible heavens, sky
 - 1) as **abode of the stars**
 - 2) as the visible universe, the sky, atmosphere, etc.
- b) Heaven (as the abode of God)

Answer for yourself: Did we just see that God said that the abode of the stars and the arena where these celestial bodies revolve declare God's glory to mankind?

Answer for yourself: Do we find the stars and constellations of the Zodiac in this higher ether as described by the word taken from the Strong's Concordance? We sure do.

Answer for yourself: Is God saying that the Zodiac relates to mankind His very existence and being? It sure does.

Historians credit the Egyptians, Sumerians and the Greeks for developing the constellations and the mythologies of the Zodiac. Their influence was impressed on almost every major religion during those times. Hebrew mystics had their own interpretations of the constellations which we have to draw out from its esoteric language. **That is why there is no place on earth that fits the description of Eden; Eden is in the stars.** This become very plain upon some study and interpreting what we read as an allegory instead of interpreting the verses as if literal science.

Therefore it seem pretty clear now that in order to get into the minds of these ancient writers and understand the message of the creation in Genesis as they both did and expected their readers to interpret it, we have to become familiar with how they wrote and the symbolisms they used if we ever imagine to approximate how they thought and understand correctly what we are reading in much of the Bible.

Genesis 1:6-8 describes the second day of creation week: ***“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.”***

Notice that the firmament, called Heaven, divided the waters. **The identification of the firmament with all of space has been proposed by some modern creationists.** Some of the water was above the firmament in the farthest reaches of space and some of the water was below the firmament. Notice that these verses tell us that the water is above the firmament, and not in the firmament.

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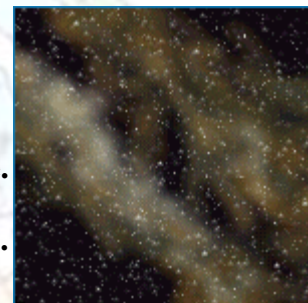
If you have followed me up to now then Heaven would be composed of water because of its blue color. The Ancients spoke of the stars as branching out into trees. They stars have colors which shine like precious gems. Over time the Ancients, in expressing what they understood as Divine Truths from the Cosmos, created myths and legends to explain the unexplainable. They looked at the stars and saw forms and patterns; some of the Ancients believed that they saw designs like "people" and "animals" within these stars formations. Others not only saw form patterns that looked like people, but saw even more forms of these "animals" and detailed them in stories involving serpents, bulls, rams, etc. Not only that the Ancients envisioned the stars overhead as if a river; in fact they saw "rivers" among the stars. They said that Heaven had two rivers; the largest one, the Milky Way, is very wide and flows all the way across the sky. The second is called Eridanus. At times when the stars were not visible, they likened such "darkness" as a wilderness. The background stars are a blur like the grains of sand in a desert. These star formations they saw and described in the forms of man, animals, and nature to them made up a picture that they likened to God's garden. This, for them, was the garden of God. They called it "the Garden of Eden".

Genesis 2 describes the creation of a circle of stars called the Zodiac. Allegorically, it has trees, animals, a river, and a man and woman. Being familiar with the Genesis account then it is not hard once one learns of the constellations in the Zodiac, as well as others, to see much of the Bible's narratives occurring first in the stars. Within the Zodiac, there is the constellation Bootes, facing a woman called Virgo the Virgin. One of his arms is raised, exposing his ribs cage. Virgo is facing him with her hands holding some stalks, the forbidden fruit. At their feet of Bootes and the Virgin we find the stars of Serpens the serpent.

Answer for yourself: Are these not the main characters in the Genesis narrative that also describes a "fall of mankind"?

The middle of Eden defines the North Pole star Polaris, which was called by the Ancients the tree of life that

was in the middle of God's Garden. The tree of knowledge of good and evil is symbolized by the previous Pole Star Thuban which had been replaced by Polaris over thousands of years and which lays on the tail of the constellation Draco the serpent. The star's fall from the pole symbolizes the eaten fruit. This is where God moved Serpens when he cursed him "above" the other animals. This pole star is perceived as the highest spot in God's Garden. Draco, the serpent, glares down from its high spot every day as if to be spreading evil. Within God's Garden, the Zodiac, there exists a quadrant called the Sea. By planting the garden, God is filling it with an array of stars which connect like tree branches. If you have ever looked at a constellation you might have noticed how the stars are connected by lines that define the object viewed. These "lines" were to the Ancients like "branches" of trees. The man that God put in His garden to till and keep it is the constellation Bootes. To the Ancients the tree of life and the tree of good and evil are the stars Polaris and Thuban as described above. The river flowing south out of the Zodiac is our Milky Way. It flows down across the Zodiac to the horizon as if to be feeding four rivers on earth. From Earth, without telescopic aid, the band of the Milky Way appears as a bright and hazy region of light encircling the sky. Many ancient cultures seem to have imagined it as a stream of various kinds. The Egyptians saw it as a river, perhaps the celestial embodiment of the River Nile. The Greeks imagined it as a stream of milk, and from that conception comes our modern term, 'Milky Way'. Man was alone without help, so God created the animal constellations. The man gave them names like bull, sheep and fish: Taurus, Aries and Pisces. When they weren't fit to be the helper man needed then God took a rib from the man to make the woman. Bootes has one arm raised as if to expose his rib cage to Virgo, when he is giving up a rib.



Ezek 28:13 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (KJV)

Ezekiel calls Eden the garden of God. Since God is in Heaven, His garden is in Heaven. Precious stones symbolize stars by the way they reflect different colors.

Ezek 28:14-16 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. (KJV)

The Ancients saw this heavenly dome over earth and reasoned that it rose above them like a mountain. They called it God's "holy mountain". The stars in God's His holy mountain positioned in His garden. These "stones of fire" describe stars.

When the Ancients wrote "*I cast you to the ground*" they were describing Adam's fall from heaven. They knew that man had come from Heaven and described this as the "descent of the soul". In allegorical thought they envisioned that God turned Adam from a star to a man.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the very heart of Egyptian religion was the belief that after the Pharaoh died that it was the goal that he ascend into Heaven and become a "star"? Is this connection a coincidence?

Ezek 28:18-19 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou

be any more. (KJV)

We mentioned that Eden has trees with branches and boughs, whose roots go down to the water. Those roots would be seen as the stars rising above the horizon in the east and they "grew" as they traveled across the sky. The blue sky is the water whose stars connect like tree branches. Thus our symbolism is complete as Ancient man understood and related it to later generations. But we have failed to mention one thing.

Answer for yourself: Where is man's sin? Are you aware that the first Sin Offering occurs in the Bible at the Sin of the Golden Calf? That sure is a long time after this Adam character we read about in Genesis.

To the Ancients the Sun was seen to rise and fall with the seasons. The Sun and its path in the Heavens reached its peak at the Summer solstice and from that moment then the Sun began to "fall" downward in the sky and Heaven on its way to the Winter solstice and its death. The Ancients reasoned that the gate to Sheol (in Hebrew theology the realm of the dead or of departed spirits) or hell occurred at the beginning of the Sun's fall after the Summer solstice, when dark hours start to exceed light hours. The Pit was at the lowest point of descent in the middle of winter, December 21; the beginning of the Winter solstice. From these observations man created as best he could stories and myths to capture for all time how he perceived the world around him that the Creator had seen fit to place him within.

Gen 2:8 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. (KJV)

So we now better understand how the Ancients understood their world and their creation. To them God had planted a garden full of stars in Eden and in the east he had put man there.

Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence that all the stars rise in the "east"? Do we find God's "man" in the form of the constellation "Bootes" and God's woman in the form of "Virgo the virgin"? We sure do.

So we see that the first "Adam" and "Eve" were personifications of the stars; in particular the constellation Bootes and Virgo. Also know that God created and planted in His garden plants pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle, he made the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Since Eden appears to be in the sky above then we now easily see that the stars in Heaven above are "symbolic" for trees. Imaginary lines between them sprout out like branches as this depiction of "Virgo" reveals.

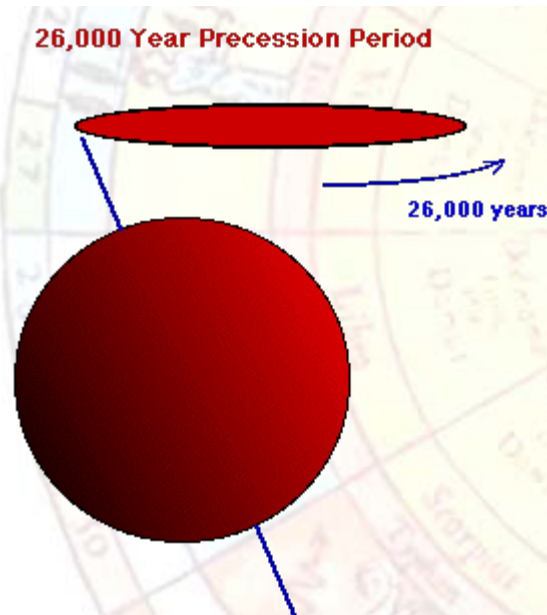
Gen 2:9 9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (KJV)



So it appears the Ancients mapped out these stars and their configurations and in so doing likened them to "trees".

Around the year 2750 B.C.E., Thuban from the constellation Draco laid directly on the North Pole. Its position on the serpent defined it as the tree of good and evil. Due to the precession, Thuban "fell" from its position as the North Pole as Polaris rose to the pole position. Over the course of time, the North Star changed. Right now Polaris is within one degree of true north, but at other times the North Star has been and will again be Thuban (the brightest star in the constellation Draco), Vega (the brightest star in the constellation Lyra), and Alpha Cephei (the brightest star in the constellation Cephus). Thus the North Star changes over time because the direction of the earth's axis changes slowly over time. Since by definition the North Star is the star most closely aligned with the earth's axis, as the axis moves the nearest star changes too. The location of the trees in the middle of the garden, would then point to the North pole.

This type of axis movement is similar to that of a spinning top. As the top slows, the axis of rotation changes as the top draws out each



rotation; that is to say that the stem of the top itself traces out a circular pattern rather than pointing at a single spot or staying mostly still. If you draw an imaginary line of the earth's axis and continue it up to the sky, it will make a similar path. **This type of axis rotation is called precession.** In the case of the earth, precession is caused by the gravitational pull of the sun and the moon. **The earth's axis makes one complete rotation over the course of approximately 26,000 years.** If you trace the path of the axis in the sky, you will find that Polaris, Vega, Thuban, and Alpha Cephei all fall on or very close to it. So when the earth's axis is at a point on the path near Vega, Vega becomes the North Star while Thuban is the North Star when the axis is near it on the path. Five thousand years ago, Thuban was the North Star. Five thousand years from now, the North Star will be Alpha Cephei. Seven thousand years after that, it will be Vega. Nine thousand years after that, Thuban will be the North Star again. At these dates, the various stars will be at the closest to absolute north. For some time

before, the relevant star will be approaching due north and it will be receding for some time after the time listed. In these interim times, the North Star is whichever star is closest to north.

Thuban's falling from its position as the North Star was symbolized by Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit. The way the Adam and Eve story ends with the tree of life being guarded, Polaris symbolized the tree of life. Thuban stands out too because it was the star with which the ancient Egyptians aligned their pyramids.

He put the man in the garden to till it and keep it. He commanded that he may eat from any tree except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If he violates this command, he will die on the same day.

If you have been keeping up then we see that **God took the man from earth and put him in the Zodiac.** He is the constellation Bootes. In heaven, the man has immortality. Man was alone without help. So, from the ground the creator made land animals and birds. The man gave them all names. Alas, none of the animals were fit to help. Man was alone without help, so God created the animal constellations. The man gave them names like bull, sheep, fish, fish-goat or respectively Taurus, Aries, Pisces and Capricorn.

But man needed more than just the help of animals in tilling the Garden of God. That would be remedied by taking a rib from Adam and creating for him a help-mate. The constellation Bootes faces the constellation Virgo with one arm raised as if to be exposing its rib cage. Woman was the last to be created. She retains goddess status as the constellation Virgo.

Such is the allegory of creation in the stars as understood by the Ancients who fashioned these myths and legends as they peered into the Cosmos in search of the Creator. We need to understand in closing that there is "truth" in every myth and the Ancients tried, as best they could, to relate to other peoples and generations their earliest understandings of God and His creation. They did it through the allegory of the Garden of Eden in the Heavens above.

Answer for yourself: Well if the above is the actual truth and how we derived our "Eden" stories then what impact should this have on a "supposed fall" of man because of sin and the need for a substitutionary vicarious atonement by the death of another person; namely, Jesus? No wonder Judaism has no "original sin" as does Christianity and no need for crucified savior which comes from Astronomy anyway.

Let us continue to study the path of the Sun through the Zodiac as we trace the life of Jesus through the New Testament and in so doing bring truth to light in hopes we can repent of the idolatry which holds up in this religious brainwashing by Rome in their Christianity today.

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THE ASTRONOMICAL BIRTH OF THE EXPECTED SAVIOR OF THE JEWS

It is not my intention to spend a lot of time discussing the religious revolution of Moses (Akhenaton), the 18th Dynasty Pharaoh of Egypt, however, let it be said that Moses, in constituting a separate nation strove in vain to defend it against the invasion of foreign ideas.

In constituting a separate nation, Moses strove in vain to defend it *against* the invasion of foreign ideas. An invisible inclination, founded on the affinity of their original religion, had constantly brought back the Hebrews towards the worship of the neighboring nations; and the commercial and political relations which necessarily existed between them, strengthened this propensity from day to day. Moses seemed to be fighting a losing battle. As long as the constitution of the state remained entire, the coercive force of the government and the laws opposed these innovations, and retarded their progress; nevertheless the high places were full of idols; and the god Sun had his chariot and horses painted in the palaces of the kings, and even in the temples of Yahweh; but when the conquests of the sultans of Nineveh and Babylon had dissolved the bands of civil power, the people, left to themselves and solicited by their conquerors, restrained no longer their inclination for profane opinions, and they were publicly established in Judea. **First, the Assyrian colonies, which came and occupied the lands of the tribes, filled the kingdom of Samaria with dogmas of the Magi, which very soon penetrated into the kingdom of Judea.** Afterwards, Jerusalem being subjugated, the **Egyptians, the Syrians, the Arabs, entering this defenceless country, introduced their opinions and religious ideas and the religion of Moses was doubly mutilated.** Besides the priests and great men were being transported to Babylon and educated in the sciences of the Chaldeans. This religious assimilation, during a residence of seventy years, affected the whole of their theology and from that moment on they incorporated into their prior faith the ideas of Satan, the archangel Michael, the ancient of days (Ormuzd), the rebel angels, the battles in heaven, the immortality of the soul, and the resurrection, all unknown to Moses, or rejected by his total silence respecting them. All of these religious dogmas were introduced and naturalized among the Jews.

The Jewish captives and emigrants returned to their country with these ideas; and their innovation at first excited disputes between their partisans the Pharisees, and their opponents the Sadducees, who maintained the ancient national worship; but the Pharisees, aided by the propensities of the people and their habits already contracted, and supported by the Persians, their deliverers and masters, gained the ascendant over the latter; and the sons of Moses consecrated the theology of Zoroaster. Persian religion was remoulding the religion of Moses and Israel.

After the Assyrians had destroyed the kingdom of Samaria, some judicious men foresaw the same destiny for Jerusalem, which they did not fail to predict and publish; and their predictions had the particular turn of being terminated by prayers for a reestablishment and regeneration, uttered in the form of prophecies. The Hierophants, in their enthusiasm, had painted a king as a deliverer, who was to reestablish the nation in its ancient glory; the Hebrews were to become once more a powerful, a conquering nation, and Jerusalem the capital of an empire extended over the whole earth.

Events having realized the first part of these predictions, the ruin of Jerusalem, the people adhered to the

second with a firmness of belief in proportion to their misfortunes; and the afflicted Jews expected this victorious king and deliverer, who was to come and save the nation of Moses, and restore the empire of David.

At the same time the sacred and mythological traditions of preceding times had spread through all Asia a dogma perfectly analogous. The cry there was a great mediator, a final judge, a future saviour, a king, god, conqueror and legislator, who was to restore the golden age upon earth, to deliver it from the dominion of evil, and restore men to the empire of good, peace, and happiness.

The people seized and cherished these ideas with so much the more avidity, as they found in them a consolation under that deplorable state of suffering into which they had been plunged by the devastations of successive conquests, and the barbarous despotism of their governments. This conformity between the oracles of different nations, and those of the prophets, excited the attention of the Jews; and doubtless the prophets had the art to compose their descriptions after the style and genius of the sacred books employed in the Pagan mysteries. There was therefore a general expectation in Judea of a great ambassador, a final Saviour; when a singular circumstance determined the epoch of his coming.

- It is found in the sacred books of the Persians and Chaldeans, that the world, composed of a total revolution of twelve thousand, was divided into two partial revolutions; one of which, the age and reign of good, terminated in six thousand; the other, the age and reign of evil, was to terminate in six thousand more.
- By these records, the first authors had understood the annual revolution of the great celestial orb called the world, (a revolution composed of twelve months or signs (Zodiac), divided each into a thousand parts), and the two systematic periods, of winter and summer, composed each of six thousand. These expressions as first given have been wholly equivocal and badly explained. Instead of being interpreted and understood in a physical and astrological sense have been seen only in a moral and ethical sense. This annual world as viewed Astronomically was taken for the secular world. Lost was the understanding of the thousand of the zodiacal divisions.,

The great mediator, the final judge, was expected and desired, to put an end to so many calamities. This being was so much spoken of, that some person finally was said to have seen him; and a first rumor of this sort was sufficient to establish a general certainty. Popular report became an established fact: the imaginary being was realized; and all the circumstances of mythological tradition, being assembled around this phantom, produced a regular history, of which it was no longer permitted to doubt (C.F. Volney, Ruins or Meditations on the Revolution of Empires and the Law of Nature, 1890, p. 157.

- These mythological traditions recounted that, in the beginning, a woman and a man had by their fall introduced sin and misery into the world.
- By this was denoted the astronomical fact, that the celestial virgin (the constellation Virgo) and the herdsman (the constellation Bootes), by setting beliacally at the autumnal equinox, delivered the world to the wintry constellations (signaled the soon coming Winter solstice and depth of winter), and seemed, on falling below the horizon, to introduce into the world the genius of evil, Ahrimanes, represented by the constellation of the Serpent. "The Persians," says Chardin, "call the constellation of the serpent Ophiucus, the serpent of Eve: and this serpent Ophiucus or Ophioneus plays a similar part in the theology of the Phoenicians," for Pherecydes, their disciple and the master of Pythagoras, said that "Ophioneus Serpentinus" had been chief of the rebels against Jupiter." (See Mars. Ficini. Apol. Socrat.p.m. 797, col.2). "Ephah" (with an ain) signifies in Hebrew "serpent".

These traditions related that the woman had decoyed and seduced the man. In a physical sense to seduce, seducere, means only to attract, to draw after us.

"And in fact, the virgin (Virgo), setting first in the Western horizon, seems to draw the herdsman (Bootes...also known as the 'foster-father' after her)".

"That the woman tempted him by offering him fruit fair to the sight and good to eat, which gave the knowledge of good and evil".

And in fact, the Virgin holds in her hand a branch of fruit, which she seems to offer to the Herdsman; and the branch, emblem of autumn, placed in the picture of Mithra between winter and summer, seems to open the door and give knowledge, the key of good and evil.

"That this couple had been driven from the celestial garden, and that a cherub with a flaming sword had been placed at the gate to guard it".

The Zodiac and the constellation is composed of 12 constellations that have for them symbols of animals and people mostly. This has been interpreted down through the ages as the "Garden of God". This is the true Garden of Eden referenced in Genesis.

And in fact, when the virgin and the herdsman fall (set) beneath the Western horizon, the constellation Perseus rises on the other side; and he, with a sword in his hand, seems to drive them from the summer heaven, the garden and dominion of fruits and flowers.

"That of this virgin should be born, spring up, an offspring, a child, who should bruise the head of the serpent, and deliver the world from sin".

This denotes the Sun (personified as the Son), which, **at the moment of the winter solstice when the Sun was born after 3 days assumed dead**, precisely when the Persian Magi drew the horoscope of the new year, **was (the Sun) placed on the bosom of the Virgin, rising heliacally in the eastern horizon at the Winter solstice**; on this account he (the Sun) or the personified Son) was figured in their astrological pictures under the form of a child suckled by a chaste virgin and became afterwards, at the Vernal equinox, the ram, or the lamb, triumphant over the constellation of the Serpent, which disappeared from the skies

"That, in his infancy, this restorer of divine and celestial nature would live abased, humble, obscure and indigent."

"And this, because the winter sun is abased below the horizon; and that this first period of his four ages or seasons, is a time of obscurity, scarcity, fasting, and want".

"That, being put to death by the wicked, he had then gloriously; that he had reascended from hell to heaven, where he would reign forever".

This is a sketch of the life of the sun; who, finishing his career at the Winter solstice, when Typhon (personified darkness) and the rebel angels gain the dominion, seems to be put to death by them; but who soon after is born again, and rises into the vault of heaven, where he reigns as "the Light of the world".

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THE FALL AND THE NECESSITY OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS SALVATION

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that virtually the entire gospel story can be found in older mythologies as part of the ancient mythos revolving around the celestial bodies and their movements in the Heavens? Are you aware that the entire "Jesus Story" can be traced almost event by event, in chronological order, from each House of the Zodiac throughout the solar year by tracing the path of the Sun through the sky and comparing it with the allegories, legends, and myths told about such a travel of this heavenly orb by the Ancients going back 10,000 years or more? Sounds incredible? I found it not only incredible but the ultimate "key" to unlocking the last hidden truths behind the "Jesus Story" for me in my search for truth concerning just whom was this Jesus of the New Testament.

What is so disconcerting about this is not only that the historical existence of such man is thrown in severe doubt by such a discovery but that the religious doctrines that have shaped and driven our lives are now highly suspect to say the least. Let us focus on just one in this article; namely, the fall of mankind.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that Judaism does not teach "original sin" as does Christianity? Without original sin and if "all don't die in Adam" then is there really a need for a vicarious suffering to pay this sin debt or is Judaism right in saying one's repentance and almsgiving atones for one's sin? The divide between these two religious doctrines could not be further from the truth if you ask me.

It is not my intent to discuss the Hebrew Old Testament since I try to focus on the New Testament being a ordained Pastor but I find it necessary to some degree since the supposed fall of mankind within the Hebrew Scriptures as interpreted by Christianity necessitates a needed salvation for mankind that supposedly is achieved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

THE ORIGIN OF ORIGINAL SIN

The words "Original Sin" don't exist in the Bible or Jewish writings. The "fall" of Adam was an interpretation formed sometime after the Exile and return of the Jews to Judea from Babylon-Persia. This is the heart of Christian theology as taught by Paul. Jesus was some kind of human/deity sacrifice to make up for the alleged "sin" of Adam where mankind became mortal as punishment for Adam. Quoting Paul,

Rom. 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"

Rom. 5:19, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners"

1 Cor. 15:22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Answer for yourself: Can God quote Himself correctly twice? Well we have to wonder when you read what

comes next. No amount of hype or theological double-talk changes the fact this whole concept is immoral and unjust; let alone contradictory to what the Torah has already said. Hath God said? Punishing millions of people for the acts of one is irrational and surely not righteous and Godly to say the least.

The concept of Original Sin is unsupported in the Jewish scriptures:

Deut. 24:16, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

2 Kings 14:6, But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

Ezek. 18:20 "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him."

Ezek.33:20, "Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways." Jer. 31:29-30 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge."

Christians claim there can be no way to escape the taint of Adam other then by Jesus: Rom. 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Also see 1 John 1:8 & 10, Rom. 3:12, 5:12) But it seems Paul and John forgot to read their Bible again:

Gen. 7:1 "And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation."

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Job 1:8 "...my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" (Job 2:3)

Luke 1:5-6 "In the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abia: and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.(RSV)

Answer for yourself: What are we to make of this "double talk"? The obvious answer is we were mortal to begin with and **the Adam story is not literal history**. Even the Bible proves the concept false and the invention of mainly Paul. The individual is responsible only for their conduct, not that of others and certainly not Adam according to the Old Testament. Christians can't even agree on the subject and their interpretation (in particular Augustine) flatly contradicts the Old Testament. There was no Devil as such in Judaism prior to the Captivity and Satan later became identified with the Zoroastrian Devil and the Serpent in the Garden. If you study you find that the whole concept of the "Devil" originates with primitive man's fear of the Darkness for early man feared the Darkness since he connected with it the evils that beset him and his family: attacks by enemies at night, being attacked by predator animals as their dinner, the kidnapping of his women and children by other tribes, accidents and fallen prey to the bites of poisonous snakes, the effects of the cold of winter and

the diminishing of photosynthesis and the decrease of harvests, etc. For him the Dark was "Evil". Follow me now: **Dark=Evil; D=Evil; DEvil, Devil?** Did you get that? The Devil is nothing more than personified darkness due to the absence of the Sun and its saving light and warmth. If one studies Judaism he finds that the concept of Satan was a servant of God. The whole idea or original sin then is just nonsense and has no Biblical support outside Paul, a man that never even met Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that we had to go to Astronomy to find the concept of the Devil and Satan? What other religious concepts that have moulded our lives originated from Astronomy? Is many of our cherished religious doctrines and dogmas little more than Astrological and Astronomical concepts later "literalized"?

THE COSMIC ORIGINS OF THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN BIBLE....LITERAL OR ALLEGORICAL TRUTH?

It has long been known that the story of cosmic origins as found in the Judeo-Christian bible is a taken from more ancient versions, especially those of Egypt and Babylon.

Answer for yourself: Did the Babylonian Creation Account Influence Genesis? The Babylonian creation story is called by its first two words "Enuma Elish." According to archeologists, it was originally written circa 1120 BCE. It was discovered in 1875 CE. It bears many points of similarity to the first creation story in the Bible. The many points of similarity between the two traditions is conclusive proof that one story was derived from the other (or that both were derived from a still older original). According to modern scholarship, the Babylonian account of creation was written in the 12th century BCE, centuries earlier than the Biblical account. **Because of many parallels with the Genesis account, some historians concluded that the Genesis account was simply a rewriting of the Babylonian story.** As a reaction, many who wanted to maintain the uniqueness of the Bible argued either that there were no real parallels between the accounts or that the Genesis narratives were written first and the Babylonian myth borrowed from the biblical account. **However, there are simply too many similarities between the accounts to deny any relationship between the accounts. Yet there is little doubt that the Sumerian versions of the story predate the biblical account by several hundreds of years.** Rather than opting for either extreme of complete dependence or no contact whatever, it is **best to see the Genesis narratives as freely using the metaphors and symbolism drawn from a common cultural pool to assert their own theology about God.**

This same tale of cosmic origins can also be found in China, Japan, India, Scandinavia, and the British and Irish isles, to name a few. Obviously, then, no one culture has the "only truth" regarding the creation but possesses parts of a whole. **When one comes armed with the facts then he quickly realizes some 60 or so verses in Genesis does an inadequate job relating this doctrine or cosmology concerning the origins of the cosmos; in fact, it is merely a mythologized, simplified explanation filtered through and for finite minds.**

I grew up trying to understand and interpret the Genesis account "literally" and I never could understand how plants were created before the Sun since it requires photosynthesis for plants to grow. Later in my studies I realized that this was a myth intended to capture Divine Truth which at times was so far above finite minds that the revelation of such escapes the minds of men to understand let comprehend its intricacies.

I came to realize that myths of creation generally present a symbolic view of birth. Conditions before creation suggest an environment like a uterus: darkness, liquid, stirring or churning movement, the "eternal flux" associated with the blood of the **Cosmic Mother (the personified feminine aspect of the Creator God which has attributes that are both feminine and masculine).** Genesis explains it as *"the earth was without form, and void: and darkness was on the face of the Deep"* (Gen. 1:2). The Deep was the womb of the Cosmic Mother, *tehom*, derived from Tiamat, the Babylonian name of the primordial Goddess. In Egypt, she was Temu, mother of the abyssal elements: Water, Darkness, Night, and Eternity (Budge, Dwellers on the

Nile, 1977). Most creation myths speak of a splitting or opening in the dark, formless Mother. The beginning of the existing world is signaled by the coming of light. *"Let there be light"* copied the words of the Goddess. As you can imagine creation/birth was inseparable from the figure of the Mother since as humans we connect "birth" with our mother and not our father. The oldest myths made her the divider of waters, maker of heaven and earth. With the invasion of the Southern Hemisphere from the invaders from the Northern Hemisphere around 2000 B.C.E. the ideas and concepts of a Goddess were replaced by the ideas of a masculine warrior God. With this appearance of a masculine God, when at first he was only her subordinate consort, he will soon achieve mastery over her. Gnostic creation myths of the early Christian era were versions in which the female principle was pre-eminent, which is why they were declared uncanonical by patriarchal Catholic Christianity. Bible revisions tended over time to erase earlier deities, especially female ones. After the centuries of choosing and revising canonical books, nearly every trace of female divinity had been eliminated from Christian literature (Pagels, *The Gnostic Gospels*, 1979). But behind such stories we need to understand lies "myth" to explain the invisible concepts of the Cosmos and Universe. Man has always told stories to capture Divine Truth in the form of legends and myths. In common speech, to call a story a myth is to say that it is untrue. Once accepted, a myth can be used to glorify the past, explain the present, and hold out hope for the future. It gives individual and social life meaning and direction. This ability to guide action distinguishes myths from legends, folk tales, and other stories. In short, myths have the power to change lives and shape societies. The validity of individual myths is enhanced when they are incorporated into larger or related myths. Through the use of traditional myths, cultures and religions are able to give themselves an apparent historical depth that legitimates their claims to be the carriers of a high culture or faith.

Scholars for over two hundred years now have been scrutinizing these creation myths and have come to rather startling conclusions that have a terrific impact upon Christian doctrines but few Christians every hear of them. Not only have we found that the creation stories in Genesis existed much earlier in other cultures and nations and that the Jewish Genesis is but a "summary statement" of a much longer and detailed version in Babylon for example, but that there are various depths and layers to this creation account in Genesis. In a related note in 1753 Astruc recognized that the Book of Genesis contains at least two mutually contradictory versions of the creation myth. Scholars have grouped these as the "J" source and the "E" source. The "E" source, the account of creation that speaks of plural creators, one masculine and one feminine (elohim), has nothing to say of a "fall" which only appears in a "J" source ("J" as in Jehovah, a masculine God).

Answer for yourself: Did you remember that we saw that roughly in 2500 B.C.E. above when speaking of the invasion of the Southern Hemisphere by Northern invaders from the Northern Hemisphere? What is most important is that in historic times the northern invaders viewed themselves as a superior people. This attitude seems to have been based primarily upon their ability to conquer the more culturally and religiously developed earlier settlers, the people of the Goddess (Merlin Stone, *When God Was a Woman*, p. 64). It is then we have the introduction into these semitic cultures the idea of a masculine God and with it comes variations to existing creation myths of those times. We end up with "J" and "E" as the focus of our study and one has no "fall of mankind" account and this is very important.

If one was to read only the "E" source then he would have a hard time finding a "fall" of mankind because it simply is not there. But many read the combination accounts of these Biblical revisions ("J" and "E" mixed together on one page of the Bible) as if "literal" truth. In so doing we are all snared by our own interpretative "literal" theologies. This is so because modern science has also shown us that these creation stories in our Bibles are not to be taken "literally". Science and Geology today has proven that Archbishop Usher's date for creation in 4004 B.C.E. is totally absurd since we have evidence of skeletal remains dating millions of years old today. The absurdity of such "literal" interpretation of the Bible began to be exposed in 1830 when Sir. Charles Lyell's *Principles of Geology* investigated the earth's long-term changes, showing that creation could not have taken place in six days, nor in six thousand years. Geologists were finding fossils of animals that lived millions of years ago. Bones of extinct species were found in caves, mingled with human bones. Archeologists found high civilizations flourishing in Egypt in 12,000 B.C.E. Cuneiform writings showed that people of Mesopotamia were telling the same stories of the creation that the Bible told and telling it thousands of years

earlier. Challenged by such evidence Christians tried to call the Genesis creation myth allegorical, with each "day" corresponding to a large span of prehistoric time. This did not work since the Bible brought plants into being before the Sun, on which plant life depends; made fish and birds before "creeping things" on land which was hardly the case; and produced "light" before the only source of light, the sun and the moon.

So we have seen that the whole of the Genesis account was taken from a much older Babylonian account that that it is absurd to take these creation stories as if "literal" truth but at the same time not denying that these myths are not vehicles that carry Divine Truth in hidden ways. Creation may not have been accomplished in just 6 twenty-four hour days and Adam and Eve might not have been a literal 2 person couple but an allegory for all mankind as a species. Associated with these myths and stores is a "fall story" that has been taken "literally" and has, according to Christian theology, required the death and resurrection of the savior Jesus Christ to pay for mankind's original sin. Now we might have to rethink this because not only does it not exist in some major parts of the creation stories handed down by the Ancients but we now have to question if this was a "literal fall from grace" as we have been taught by Christian theology or if this "fall" represented something entirely different to the people who first wrote these creation accounts. **The quest for us is to interpret these creation stories and myths accurately as understood by the Ancients who wrote them in the first place.** Of the biblical Genesis, Walker says, "However absurd, these myths still maintain a hold on vast numbers of people deliberately kept in ignorance by an obsolete fundamentalism" (Barbara Walker, Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 48).

Answer for yourself: More to our point of concern in this article is what are we to do with Creation accounts that omit the "fall"? How could such an important doctrine be completely omitted by a writer for his culture and nation? Does this mean possibly that it could have been added later for theological purposes by others for one's personal agenda? Does this mean that Jesus Christ is not needed? Do we even dare think this? Who then was this "Jesus Christ"? Was he a literal person or an allegory like these other religious myths we have seen? Do we even dare think this?

Answer for yourself: I don't wish to let the "cat out of the bag" quite this quick but since there seems to be an Astronomical connection between the creation accounts as they mention the creation of the Cosmos, Sun, stars, etc., then should we not expect to find more Astronomical connections possibly in later theology? How about related accounts connected to these creation stories like the "fall"? Could this reference to a "fall" be an Astronomical allegory and we not know it? If that is so and can be proven then what does this do the the supposed need for Jesus Christ and his required death that supposedly pays for the original sin debt that Rome tells us that is in the whole of mankind; the same original sin debt that Judaism denies?

To find the answers to the implied problems addressed in the above question we need to look at the identities of "Adam" and "Eve" and the garden of Eden. To this issue we now turn in the next articles.

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WAS THE FIRST "CRUCIFIXION" IN THE SKY FROM WHICH ALL OTHERS WERE TAKEN? #1

Years ago when I began my studies into the "Jewish Jesus" I never dreamed that it would lead me to resign my Pastorate. Over the years of such study I never ceased to be literally mazed at what one can find when he begins to embark into such a dedicated study for the end of the road for such a study, if done correctly, is not Judaism as you might expect but rather Egypt, Astronomy, and the Stars. That probably makes no sense to the reader at this point but just hang on and you will see as you read.

It goes without saying that the New Testament states:

1 Cor 15:14 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. (KJV)

Few ever come to understand correctly the above verse since they, through prior instruction and conditioning, take the verse "literally" never stopping to understand that the verse was written by the Gnostic Paul and referred to the awakening of "Karast consciousness" within a person's soul. We call it "Christ consciousness" today. [But that is another study for another day](#) but the verse serves purpose in this article by alerting us to the fact that **"ALLEGORY" is often the method of expression of Divine Truths we find written in the New Testament.** To try to read these select passages "literally" destroys their intended meanings. We must be on our toes when reading these religious texts. This above verse presumes that for a "raising" from the dead there has to be a "death" and of course Christianity teaches the "crucifixion of the Christ" as that presumed manner of death since being recorded in the New Testament and also mentioned in the writings of this Gnostic Paul and later gospel writers. But we should be on our toes as not only to whom the "identity" of this "Christ" really was as understood by the first century believer before Rome would alter it. Equally we must come to understand just what this idea of "crucifixion" of the "Son of God" meant to the first century believer let alone where the concept of this "crucifixion" originated. We as Christians and followers of "the Christ" grow up interpreting such verses "literally" never wondering for a second that other than a "literal" interpretation of such a verse was the intended meaning of the original writer some 2000 years ago.

1 Cor 15:46 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. (KJV)

Again the above verse lays before us a very important principle. **The "natural" always preceded the "spiritual".** The Ancients knew this very well as they shaped their "myths" and "legends" in such a way to capture "Divine Truths" and "Spiritual Insights" for all eternity derived from their observations of the natural world around them; literally above them in the Heavens and the world around them in Mother Nature. **It is in these observations by the Ancients of the Heavens and Mother Nature that they "heard God speak to them" and received the message from the Divine One.** It is in these observations that the Ancient Priests and Holy Men of Egypt saw and understood the "crucifixion in Heaven before the foundation of the world" which over thousands of years would be later applied to many prototypes of the "godman"; culminating with

the last of them in the character of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. On the natural level these Holy Priests of Egypt witnessed this "crucifixion" every year at a special time in their calendar and applied the "Spiritual Truths" extrapolated from this observation to the "godman" within all mankind. We find such application of these "Celestial Truths" later written by great holy men down through history as told through the medium of allegory and myth describing the battle within man's soul between his "flesh" and his "spirit/soul" for mastery of his flesh.

Gal 5:24 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (KJV)

We see this very clearly in the above verse from the Gnostic Paul who never knew a "fleshly human Christ" but only the "Christ within" all mankind struggling to master the souls of mankind. Without the crucifixion of man's evil fleshly desires that war against his "Spirit" then "Christlikeness" was out of the question. Thus the teaching of repentance and obedience to the Laws of God we find in holy writ. But there is more, much more. Look at the next verse and THINK.

Rev 11:8 8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Where was the "Lord" crucified? Did he say Egypt? Wait a minute. I thought it was supposed to be historically in Jerusalem but the verse says "Egypt"! Why Egypt? What is the connection if any?

Now a very big question.

Answer for yourself: Is it remotely possible that behind our "literalized Jesus Stories" that we can find prior "ALLEGORIES" which were the Ancients' expressions of "Divine Truths" and "Divine Concepts"? It is possible that what we read and interpret as "literal" concerning the "Jesus Story" today finds its origin in ancient stories and concepts that originated in Egypt over ten thousand years ago? It is remotely possible that because we have only examined the "Jesus Story" through the spectacles of a "literal interpretation" that we have totally misunderstood much of this "Jesus Story" and possibly fallen into the hideous sin of idolatry and not known it? Does the Laws of Noah warn us to not be entangled with such idolatry?

Answer for yourself: More to the point what was this "crucifixion in Egypt" we just read about?

Answer for yourself: Did you notice the verse, Revelation 11:8, said this was a "spiritual" interpretation?

Answer for yourself: Does this exclude a "physical" crucifixion and interpretation?

Answer for yourself: Is it possible that this "spiritual" crucifixion in Egypt was the prototype for all other "crucifixions" as applied to solar gods and godmen down through history and even our Christian Jesus?

Answer for yourself: Is it remotely possible that our "literal interpretation" of the crucifixion of Jesus is in error and should only be interpreted "allegorically" as were all prior crucifixions of personified sun gods before him?

Over the years of my study I have found that ignorance of science and ignorance of history are the two great origins of religious error. There is scarcely a tenet of religious faith now propagated to the world by the professed disciples of Christ but that, if subjected to a rigid test in the ordeal of modern science, would be found to contain more or less error. Vast accomplishments have been made in the fields of science, archeology, and history within the last half century, the moral lessons of which have done much to undermine and unsettle our popular Christian system of religious faith, and to bring into disrepute or effectually change many of its long-cherished religious dogmas. The scientific and historical facts thus brought before the intelligent public, have served as keys for explaining many of the doctrines comprised in the popular creed. They have poured a flood of light upon our whole system of religion as now taught by its popular

representatives and clergy, which have had the effect to reveal many of its errors to those who have had the nerve, or the curiosity, to investigate it upon these grounds. Many of the doctrines and miraculous events which have always been assigned a divine emanation by the disciples of the Christian faith, are, by these scientific and historical disclosures, shown to be explainable upon natural grounds, and to have exclusively a natural basis. The crucifixion is but one of them!

Some of them are shown to be solvable by recently developed 'spiritual laws,' while others are proven to be founded wholly in error.

I always wanted to be a "thinking believer". The intelligent community are now acquainted with many of these important facts, so that no man of science, equipped with the knowledge of modern scholarship today, can be found in this enlightened age who can popularly be termed a Christian. Notice carefully I said "equipped with knowledge". In acquiring such knowledge in my serious study over the years I would discover so many contrary and higher truths when compared with my inherited "religious beliefs" from childhood concerning Jesus as "the Christ" that over time the facts derived from studies of Biblical history, Biblical culture, the study of Gnosticism as well as Comparative Religions, Astronomy and Astrology, and Archeology, Science and Astronomy would motivate me to eventually resign my Pastorate. I was a man of "unclean lips" preaching a lie. No wonder the Jewish Rabbis teach that "study is the highest form of worship" for it truly reveals the knowledge of God and truth like nothing else. Tradition is wonderful but only if it reinforces the truth and not lies, errors, and selfish agendas of men. The changes and improvements in religious ideas now observant in the most intelligent portion of the community, are due in part to the rapid progress of scientific discovery and the dissemination of scientific knowledge in Christian countries.

For many centuries after the establishment of the Christian religion little was known of the oriental systems of worship. These religions, in fact, were scarcely known to exist, because they had long been veiled in secrecy. They were found, in some cases, enshrined in religious books printed or written in a language so very ancient and obscure, as to bid defiance for centuries to the labors of the most tireless, profound and learned archeological scholar to decipher it. That obstacle is today removed. Let me give you an example. The recent translation for the first time of the Hindoo Vedas into the English language (the oldest bible now extant or ever written) has revealed to the unwelcome gaze of the Christian reader the startling fact that "the heathen" had long been in possession of "holy books," possessing essentially the same character, and teaching essentially the same doctrines as the Christian bible -- there being, as Horace Greeley expressed it, "No doctrine of Christianity but what has been anticipated by the Vedas." (K. Graves, The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors, Vol. II., Chap. I). If, then, this heathen bible, compiled, according to the Christian missionary, Rev. D.G. Allen, 1400 B.C., contains all the doctrines of Christianity, then away goes Christianity's claim that it is God's unique Divine Revelation and their claim that their Christian bible is an original bible and an original revelation, or even a work of divine inspiration. Bibles, I have found in my studies, are shown to be of heathen and human origin, instead of heavenly and divine authorship, as claimed for them by their respective disciples and denominations. The Christian bible is no exception to this statement. The Christian Bible, since being essentially like other bibles in expression of religious doctrines, must of had the same or a similar origin.

Answer for yourself: Is there a common origin for all religious doctrines we find in most Bibles today? Yes there is.

This fact obtained from years of study finally dawned on me and was startling to me as a Pastor but undeniable when my studies embarked upon serious study of comparative religions. Such a fact flies in the face of the claims of two hundred millions of Christian professors, who assert with unscrupulous boldness that every doctrine, principle and precept of their bible is of divine emanation. How utterly groundless and untenable is such a claim when arranged by the side of modern discoveries in religious history, archeology, and science!

Here is the real hard part. Equally unsupportable is the declaration that *"there is no other name given*

under heaven whereby men can be saved, than that of Jesus Christ and him crucified," when viewed in the light of the modern scholarship. Scholars for over a century to date have explored the subject of **"crucified sungods"** to such a level that they have **found unbelievable parallels between the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and all other prior "crucified sungods"**. Sir Godfrey Higgins in his *Anacalypsis*, Vol. I and II, and Kersey Graves in his *The Worlds Sixteen Crucified Saviors*, have both disclosed the history of nearly a score of crucified Gods and sin-atoning Saviors whom supposedly died for the sins of mankind. **Thus, the two prime articles of the Christian faith, both Revelation and Crucifixion, are forever established as human and heathen conceptions.**

Answer for yourself: Where did this "crucifixion" come from and where did the idea originate?

Answer for yourself: Why were these stories told about "godmen" crucified in the first place? Was there a "Spiritual Truth" behind them?

Answer for yourself: Were these crucifixions to be understood "LITERALLY" in the first place?

Answer for yourself: Or were they but allegories applied to the spiritual condition of mankind and his soul and ONLY meant to be interpreted as an "allegory" by the Ancients who gave us these Divine Concepts in the first place?

Answer for yourself: Did this "crucifixion" happen in the sky and the Heavens or on a wooden cross in some historical setting? Well we need to see the truth for ourselves.

We must start with the **"Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified"**.

There are no written records to tell us who the first astronomers were, but one feels instinctively that, with the first stirrings of intelligence, man's gaze must have turned heavenwards. The regular rising and setting of the Sun and the waxing and waning of the Moon provided a method for measuring the passage of time and for predicting the changing of the seasons. The Egyptians began to study the stars very early on their history. They were among the first astronomers, and the temple of the sun god at Heliopolis became an important center for the study of astronomy. One of the earliest advanced civilizations, Ancient Egypt, had a rich religious tradition which permeated every aspect of society. **As in most early cultures, the patterns and behaviors of the sky led to the creation of a number of myths to explain the astronomical phenomena.** For the Egyptians, the practice of astronomy went beyond legend: huge temples and pyramids were built to have a certain astronomical orientation. Although many of the religious aspects of Egyptian life were known for centuries, it was not until recently that a number of archaeoastronomers attempted to find out how important astronomy really was in ancient Egypt.

Foremost of the archaeoastronomers, and one of the pioneers in the field, was Sir Norman Lockyer, a British astronomer who lived from 1836-1920 and extensively studied Egyptian astronomy. In his wonderful book *The Dawn of Astronomy*, Lockyer breaks ancient astronomy into three distinct phases. First, a civilization goes through the worship stage, where astronomical phenomena are viewed only as the actions, moods, and warnings of the gods. Next, a civilization progresses to using astronomy for terrestrial purposes, such as for agriculture or navigation. The final step is to study astronomy solely for the sake of gaining knowledge. The Ancient Egyptians started in the worship stage and eventually began to see how astronomy could help them in their everyday lives.

The Egyptian gods and goddesses were numerous and are pictured in many paintings and murals. The Ancient Egyptians believed in One God whom as self-produced, self-existent, immortal, invisible, eternal, omniscient, almighty, etc. **This One God was REPRESENTED through the functions and attributes of "His" domain. These attributes were called the "neteru". The term "gods" and "goddesses" are a MISREPRESENTATION of the Egyptian term "neteru".** When we ask, "Who is God?", we are really asking, "What is God?". The mere name of noun does not tell us anything. **One can only define "God" through the multitude of "His" attributes, qualities, powers, actions. To know "God" is to know the numerous qualities of "God". The more we learn of these qualities (neteru), the closer we are getting to our**

Divine origin. Far from being a primitive, polytheistic form, this is the highest expression of monotheistic mysticism.

Certain gods, or expressions of the One God, were seen in the constellations, and others were represented by actual astronomical bodies. The horizon was extremely important to the Egyptians, since it was here that the Sun appeared and disappeared daily. **The Sun itself was represented by several gods,** depending on its position. A rising morning Sun was Horus, the divine child of Osiris and Isis. The noon Sun was Ra because of its incredible strength. The evening Sun became Atum, the creator god who lifted pharaohs from their tombs to the stars. **The red color of the Sun at sunset was considered to be the blood from the Sun god as he died.** After the Sun had set, it became Osiris, god of death and rebirth. **In this way, night (darkness) was associated with death and day (light) with life, rebirth, and salvation).** This reflects the typical Egyptian idea of immortality.

This idea of salvation was connected with light as the Sun was a SYMBOL of the Creator God to Egyptians. It was in this conquering of "darkness" that man no longer feared the dark and realized his salvation from God.

Central to this understanding of God, from the original Egyptian viewpoint from which all later earthly "theologies" evolve, is this God giving His life to "matter" (flesh) whereby we as His creation live.

Acts 17:28 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. (KJV)

I have often said this verse is better understood as if "in us He lives and moves and has His being". You get the point.

The Sun, a picture or representative picture of this benevolent God to the Egyptian priests, was studied in unbelievable detail by the Egyptian priests and over time various astronomical concepts were derived from intense study of the path of the Sun in the Heavens. It is in such study that the Ancients came to see and understand the **"crucifixion" of the Sun at the Vernal Equinox each year when the Sun "was crucified on the cross" for them.** It is this Sun that rises from the death of darkness daily and gives his "life-saving" light and warmth to His creation. This "cross" is not to be understood as a literal wooden cross but a "cross in the sky" which we will study in the next article. **It is from these celestial observations that originated with Egypt over 10,000 or more years ago, that all later "crucifixion" stories are taken and evolve. What was at first a celestial observation of the crossing of the Sun in its path through the sky where it path intersected the celestial equator of the earth, which occurs at the Vernal or Spring equinox, when the days and nights are of equal length, that the Ancients came to understand that the Sun was "crucified" on the Cross of the Zodiac. They called it a "Crossification".**

Keeping with a Universal Law that *"first the natural then the spiritual"* this observable event that occurred in the Heavens yearly at the Vernal equinox was later "allegorized" to capture "Divine Truths" which we will look at momentarily as they apply to the Spiritual condition mankind who came to understand they they, as a species, were made in the image of this God in the first place. The messages derived from such observations by these Spiritual Ancients were applied to the soul of mankind for his spiritual growth and development. You might say this was the way Ancient Egypt under their "Karastlikeness" or as we hear today their "Christlikeness". Truly this is a profound understanding as the Ancients came to see through such observations of Celestial events coupled with parallel patterns and cycles in Mother Nature which also they came to realize occur within their own bodies. They came to see through these observations a deeper "spiritual truth" that they captured in their myths and legends which we fail to understand today; namely, the possibility of man's realization of his innate divinity upon earth. **This celestial event that occurred at the Vernal equinox "was**

allegorized by Egypt and other nations to capture the "Divine Truths" related to the spirituality of mankind (he was to be born again in a higher spiritual state which would rule his fleshly state after the "death" of self) which over time with the demise and conquering of Egypt and the loss of it glorious knowledge and "gnosis" degenerated into a "LITERAL" understanding of a man on a wooden cross which is totally devoid of its original meaning. The story, known today as the "Jesus Story" had lost its true interpretation; its "gnosis". This celestial event explains why there are so many "crucified saviors" in almost every nation under the Sun; these early stargazers and early astronomers all saw the same things in the sky. This explains why an unbiased study of History will show you that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a historical man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. Outside of this one forged book, the Roman Bible and the New Testament, there exists not one piece of unforged or unadulterated evidence for the historical existence of this man from Galilee. An unbiased through study of Comparative Religion will reveal to you that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year (equinoxes and solstices) and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. What I found to be most incredible in such studies is the realization that the personification of the Sun through the sky and constellations of the Zodiac, as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods, follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through chapter 28. This truly is amazing when you see it and settles beyond any doubt the identity of this "Jesus" whom we read about as if a historical person in the New Testament.

This knowledge has been know for centuries by too few due to the extreme censorship of the Roman Church and her daughter Protestantism. An awakening of robust individualism and serious study is needed today like never before in order to resist the pressure from groups that seek to impose organizational programs and policies on their members. Of course I refer to organized Christianity and their adulterated version of "the Christ". For seventeen hundred years Rome, whom has demanded blind obedience and allegiance from its followers, is now loosening the rigor of many of its strictures and courageous Catholic scholars are beginning to come forth and expose the errors of Catholic dogmas. The long history of the Roman Catholic Church exemplified its dogma that salvation could only be won through such allegiance to their dogmas; and every move toward individual freedom was for centuries met with excommunication, and even with death. Thereby the Church tacitly postulated dogma that allegiance to the Church is the highest form of liberty of the human spirit. So precious is the soul's right to this freedom and truth that for centuries the Church considered it a holy act to save a sold from eternal perdition, if it rejected the Roman pathway and dogmas, by destroying its body. Thank God that these days are fading and new hope of enlightenment is rising upon the world today through the dedicated efforts of Bet Emet Ministries and other ministries who devote themselves to recovering the long lost Spiritual Truths of the Ancients who first gave us these tragically "blurred spiritual concepts" which we inherited today in our Christian version of the "Jesus Story" and which the unlearned argue about today since lacking the "gnosis" to interpret them properly.

For us to understand the truth behind the "crucifixion" and how it was applied to these sungods, and even Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament, it is of paramount necessity that we study and read more. **Failure to learn the truth behind this "crucifixion" before the foundation of the world along with other associated dogmas within the "Jesus Story" renders proponents of this false dogma of Rome as idolators.** To do so then and acquire the knowledge and "gnosis" to properly understand this crucifixion as it was meant by the Ancients then it will be necessary to understand some Astronomy and in particular the Vernal Equinox thoroughly. [To that we turn now in the next article in this series.](#)

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WAS THE FIRST "CRUCIFIXION" IN THE SKY FROM WHICH ALL OTHERS WERE TAKEN? #2

I stated at the end of the prior article in this series that in order to understand the later depiction of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in the New Testament then we must understand the "Crossification" or "crucifixion" as understood by the Ancient Egyptians who gave us these "Spiritual Concepts" in the first place. We begin with the Vernal Equinox.

The Vernal Equinox has all over the ancient world, and from the earliest times, been a period of rejoicing and of festivals in honor of the Sungod. It is needless to labor a point which is so well known. Everyone understands and appreciates the joy of finding that the long darkness is giving way, that the Sun is growing in strength, and that the days are winning a victory over the nights. The birds and flowers reappear, and the promise of Spring is in the air. But it may be worth while to give an elementary explanation of the ASTRONOMICAL meaning of this period, because this is not always understood, and yet it is very important in its bearing on the rites and creeds of the early religions. The priests who were, as I have said, the early students and inquirers, had worked out this astronomical side, and in that way were able to fix dates and to frame for the benefit of the populace myths and legends, which were in a certain sense explanations of the order of Nature, and a kind of "popular science."

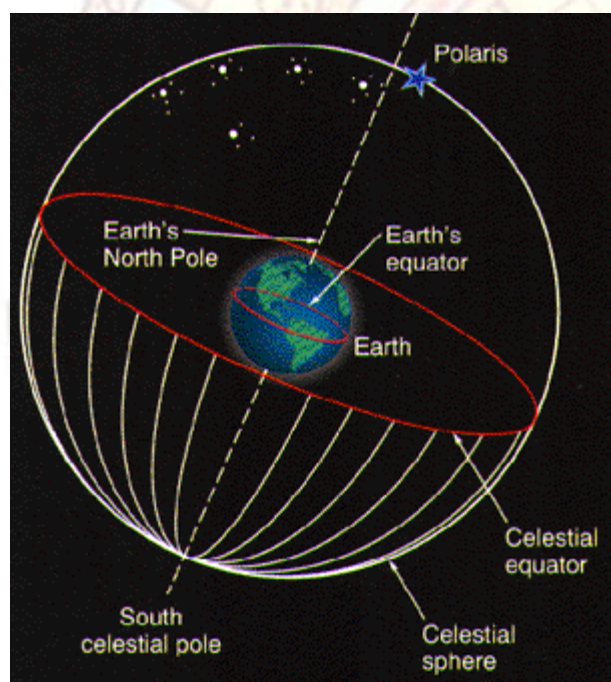
Far from being an arbitrary indicator of the changing seasons, March 20 (March 21 in some years) is significant for astronomical reasons. On March 20, 2004, at precisely 1:49 a.m. EST (06:49 Universal Time), the Sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. This moment is known as the Vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere.

Answer for yourself: What is an "equinox"?

Translated literally, equinox means "equal night." Because the sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length all over the world during the equinoxes (both Spring/Vernal and Autumn). A second equinox occurs each year on September 22 or 23; in 2004, it will be on September 22 at 12:30 p.m. EDT (16:30 UT). This date will mark the autumnal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the vernal equinox in the Southern (vernal denotes "spring"). These brief but monumental moments owe their significance to the 23.4 degree tilt of the Earth's axis. Because of the tilt, we receive the Sun's rays most directly in the summer. In the winter, when we are tilted away from the Sun, the rays pass through the atmosphere at a greater slant, bringing lower temperatures. If the Earth rotated on an axis perpendicular to the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun, there would be no variation in day lengths or temperatures throughout the year, and we would not have seasons.

Modern astronomy aside, people have recognized the vernal equinox for thousands of years. There is no shortage of rituals and traditions surrounding the coming of spring. Many early peoples celebrated for the basic reason that their food supplies would soon be restored. The date is significant in Christianity because Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. It is also probably no coincidence that early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising Sun

on the day of the vernal equinox.



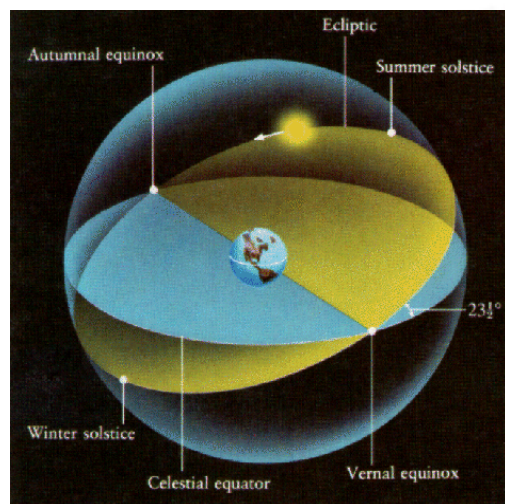
The Equator, as everyone knows, is an imaginary line or circle girdling the Earth half-way between the North and South poles. If you imagine a transparent Earth with a light at its very centre, and also imagine the SHADOW of this equatorial line to be thrown on the vast concave of the Sky, this shadow would in astronomical parlance coincide with the Equator of the Sky--forming an imaginary circle half-way between the North and South celestial poles. The heavy dark red colored line running horizontally across the center of the Equatorial Sky Chart represents the Celestial Equator. Just as the earth's equator divides the sphere of the earth into two hemispheres, northern and southern, so the Celestial Equator divides the apparent sphere of the sky, the Celestial Sphere, into a Northern and a Southern Celestial Hemisphere. Like the equator of the earth, the Celestial Equator lies halfway between two poles. In the case of the sky these are the North Celestial Pole and the South Celestial Pole.

The Equator, then, may be pictured as cutting across the sky either by day or by night, and always at the same elevation--that is, as seen from any one place.

But the Ecliptic (the other important great circle of the heavens) can only be thought of as a line traversing the constellations as they are seen at NIGHT. It is in fact the Sun's path among the fixed stars. The ecliptic is an imaginary Great Circle on the Celestial Sphere along which the Sun appears to move over the course of a year. Of course, it is really the Earth's orbit around the Sun causing the change in the Sun's apparent direction. The ecliptic is inclined from the Celestial Equator by 23.5 degrees. So we find that the projection of the Sun's path across the sky during the year is called the ecliptic.

Answer for yourself: Does the path of the sun across the sky intersect with the celestial equator of the earth? Yes it does.

Answer for yourself: Why is this important?



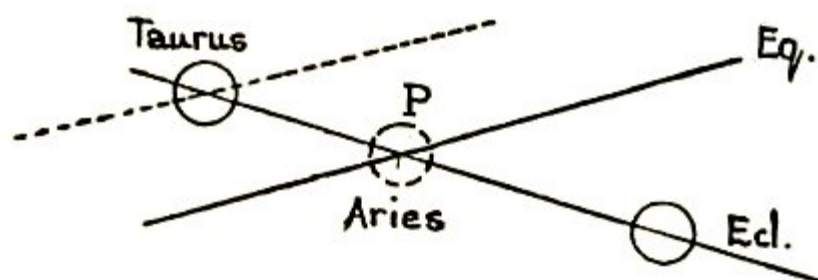
The points where the ecliptic crosses the celestial equator are the vernal and autumnal equinox's. I ask the reader to look at the picture and in particular the point where the yellow plane intersects with the blue plane and notice that this point is called the "Vernal equinox". This point is where the Sun move from the below the equator to above the earth' equator yearly bringing greater light and warmth to the Northern hemisphere which the Ancients interpreted as their "salvation" since they no longer had to fear the darkness and the pangs of winter. One only has to read the article on the Ancient's fear of darkness to understand thoroughly of what I speak. Looking again at the picture the point where the Sun is highest in the northern hemisphere is called the Summer solstice. The lowest point is the Winter solstice. **The two points where the ecliptic crosses the celestial equator are known as the Equinoxes.** Since our solar system is relatively flat, the orbits of the planets are also close to the plane of the

ecliptic.

In addition, the constellations of the zodiac are located along the ecliptic. This means the Sun, as seen from the earth, travels in front of these 12 constellations and they form the background that mirrors the Sun and its

path across the sky. This makes the ecliptic a very useful line of reference to anyone attempting to locate the planets or the constellations of the zodiac, since they all literally "follow the Sun". The Altitude of the ecliptic above the Horizon changes over the course of the year, because of the 23.5 degree tilt of the Earth's spin axis. This causes the seasons. Again look at the picture the reader should see and understand that when the ecliptic (and therefore the Sun) is high above the horizon, the days are longer, and you have Summer. When the ecliptic is low in the sky, you have Winter.

For (really owing to the Earth's motion in its orbit) the Sun appears to move round the heavens once a year--travelling, always to the left, from constellation to constellation. The exact path of the sun is called the Ecliptic; and the band of sky on either side of the Ecliptic which may be supposed to include the said constellations is called the Zodiac.



Now let us refocus on the Vernal equinox. Let us suppose that the Equator and Ecliptic of the sky, at the Spring season, are represented by two lines "Eq" and "Ecl" crossing each other at the point "P". The Sun, represented by the small circle, is moving slowly and in its annual course along the Ecliptic to the left. When it reaches the point P (the dotted circle) it stands on the Equator of the sky, and then for a day or two, being neither North nor

South, it shines on the two terrestrial hemispheres alike, and day and night are equal length. This if you remember is the day of equal daylight. BEFORE that time, when the sun is low down in the heavens, night has the advantage, and the days are short; AFTERWARDS, when the Sun has travelled more to the left, the days triumph over the nights bringing mankind greater daylight and increased photosynthesis and food production and harvests which mean literally continued life for him thereby no longer fearing the greater darkness and colder temperatures and seasons which threatened his life and the lives of his family. It will be seen then that this point P where the Sun's path crosses the Equator is a very critical point. It is the astronomical location of the triumph of the Sun over darkness which was personified by the Ancients in the form of a Sungod and beckoned the arrival of Spring, new hope, new life, and his literal salvation. He owed it all to the Sun whom for him as we have previously mentioned was a symbol of God.

Answer for yourself: How was this location defined?

Answer for yourself: Among what stars did the Sun appear to be moving at that critical moment as viewed from the earth by primitive mankind? Which stars or constellations that formed the Zodiac and the background of the Sun were connected with this special time of the year? What constellations were connected with man's perception of his salvation from God as mirrored by the Sun returning from the death of winter at the Winter solstice?

We must never forget that it was understood, or supposed, that the Sun was deeply influenced by the constellation through which it was, or appeared to be, moving when viewed from the earth. Man saw the Sun and scrutinized its path through the sky and the ecliptic. The ecliptic again is the apparent path the sun appears to take through the sky as the Earth orbits around it. The Ancients over thousands of years chronicled the Earth's annual motion around the Sun and understood such a path caused the Sun to appear to shift eastwards through the zodiacal constellations eg, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer and so on.

Answer for yourself: Why is this so important for theology?

We know today that at different epochs of past time these observations of the corresponding constellations connected with the Sun's rebirth from its wintry death had major impact upon the Ancients understanding of God and His Cosmos. It seems then that at the period when these questions were occupying men's minds, let's say about three thousand years ago, the point (P) where the Ecliptic crossed the Equator was, as a matter of fact, in the region of the constellation Aries or the he- Lamb. The triumph of the Sungod

was therefore, and quite naturally, ascribed to the influence of the constellation of Aries.

Answer for yourself: Was this "cross" in the Heavens the picture for all later "crosses" on which the Sun, personified as the Son of God, was crucified? It sure was? How can we be certain?

Well first of all Rome only crucified with single "stakes" and used not "cross beams". We know this from not only Roman records but archeological discoveries where buried skeletons still affixed to "stakes" have been recovered. But there is more. If one is familiar with the equinoxes which refer to 2 days of equal length of light and darkness as well as the solstices which reflect in the Summer solstice the special day of longest light and least darkness and the Winter solstice which has the longest darkness and the least amount of light then it is not surprising that we find the same Astronomical data recorded in the depiction of the Christian Cross. If one looks at the Cross he sees a cross beam of "equal length" reflecting the equinoxes and a vertical beam with a "longer bottom" than the top. The vertical top of the Cross reflecting the shorter Winter solstice and the bottom beam reflecting the longer light of the Summer solstice. **THINK!**



Answer for yourself: Did you notice the Cross is superimposed on the circle which is representative of the Sun? What more do we need to see that this "crucifixion" of the personified "Son" of the "Sun" never was historical but Mystical and was expressed later

Mythically?

When the constellations of the zodiac were named over thousands of years ago, the vernal equinox coincided with the beginning of the constellation Aries. For this reason, the first 30° section of the zodiac is called Aries and it extends eastward 30° from the vernal equinox, which is therefore called the first point of Aries. But long before this however we have Egyptian records that reveal that their knowledge of the precession of the equinoxes existed long before Aries ruled the Vernal Equinox. In fact the geological findings indicate that the Sphinx seems to have been sculpted sometime before 10,000 BC. and this period coincides neatly with the Age of Leo the Lion, which lasted from 10,970 to 8810 BC. **Egypt understood the precession of the equinoxes long before the Greek whom get credit for it today!**

However, because of the precession of the equinoxes, the vernal equinox has moved westward about 36° and now lies in the constellation Pisces; the zodiacal constellations thus no longer correspond to the segments of the zodiac represented by their signs. The constellations will again coincide with the original sections of the zodiac in about 23,000 years.

Answer for yourself: Having understood the importance of Aries and other constellations that at various times ruled the equinoxes then is it any wonder that we find that the "LAMB" became the symbol of the RISEN SAVIOR as he, the Sun, passed from the underworld into the heights of Heaven and with it brought the warmth, photosynthesis, harvest, and security that was for early man understood to be his "salvation from God" which he represented in the form of a "lamb"?

At first such an explanation sounds unbelievable; but a thousand religious texts and references carved on the ancient monuments of Ancient civilizations in Egypt and other later nations confirm it; and it is only by the accumulation of evidence in these cases that the reader becomes convinced of a theory's correctness.

We need to continue to look at this special time of "rebirth" and "salvation" for mankind that was connected to the Vernal Equinox. **In the Bible the festival is called the Passover**, and its supposed institution by Moses is related in Exodus, ch. 12.

Answer for yourself: But did this "Passover" exist already in Egypt?

Exod 5:1 I And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: So is it possible or even certain that the Passover of the Sun over the Vernal equinox was already known in Egypt for thousands of years prior to Moses? So the Passover was not unique but again since it symbolized "new birth" it was the appropriate time for Moses to make his religious revolution and bring a likewise allegorical salvation to his people.

Since Aries ruled the Vernal equinox in the days of Moses then in every house a he-lamb was to be slain, and its blood to be sprinkled on the doorposts of the house. Then the Lord would pass over and not smite that house. The Hebrew word is Pesach, to pass. The lamb slain was called the Paschal Lamb.

Answer for yourself: But what was that lamb? If you have followed me so far we are not speaking of an earthly lamb although in the Spring certainly the earthly lambs on the hillsides were just then ready to be killed and eaten. What is in focus here is a celestial and heavenly Lamb, which was slain or sacrificed.

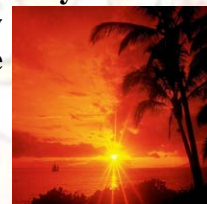
Answer for yourself: How do you sacrifice or "kill" a celestial lamb which is the constellation Aries?

Well you have to know how the Ancients understood their Astronomy. When the Lord, personified as the Sun "passed over" the equator the brilliant light of the rising Sun on the horizon where the constellation of Aries had stood at sunrise was obliterated and no longer could mankind see the constellation Aries. **This celestial phenomena was allegorically understood by the Ancients as the "killing of the lamb of God". This was the Lamb of God which was slain each year, and "Slain since the foundation of the world."** This period of the Passover (about the 25th March) was to be the beginning of a new year.

Exod 12:1-2 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. (KJV)

This was a new "birth" and a new beginning and a literal "salvation" of a people. The sacrifice of the Lamb, and its blood, were to be the promise of redemption.

Answer for yourself: Where do you get blood from the rising of the Sun which obliterates the visibility of the constellation of Aries? This is again a simple explanation. It witnessing a brilliant sunrise the low trajectory of the rays of the Sun often paint the sky a deep orange or red color as it does likewise at sunset.



The door-frames of the houses, symbolic of entrance into a new life, were to be sprinkled with blood. Fraser, in his Golden Bough, vol. iii, p. 185, relates that the doorways of houses and temples in Peru were at the Spring festival daubed with blood of the first-born children. Later this was replaced with the blood of the sacred animal, the Llama. And as to Mexico, Sahagun, the great Spanish missionary, tells us that it was a custom of the people there to "smear the outside of their houses and doors with blood drawn from their own ears and ankles, in order to propitiate the god of Harvest" (Kingsborough's Mexican Antiquities, vol. vi, p. 235). So this occurrence is not unique to Egypt.

Later, the imagery of the saving power of the blood of the Lamb became more popular, more highly colored. One has only to read the epistles of Paul and the early Church Fathers to find the later "literalization" of this celestial blood which for the Ancients was but an allegory. Later we find the famous phrase ***"washed in the blood of the Lamb"*** adopted into the Christian Church.

Rev 7:14 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (KJV)

Few Christians ever gain the "gnosis" and knowledge to understand the above was but an allegory taken from

celestial symbolism and was never intended to be interpreted "literally" as if some person actually died and shed his blood for them. I first encountered this impossibility when studying Judaism years ago when studying the Sacrificial System where I learned that the blood was but a vehicle for the soul and a "picture" and accomplished nothing in the sacrifice. It was the prior repentance of the sacrificer that accomplished atonement long before he brought his sacrifice and shed its blood which was but a "picture" of his soul before God since the "life/soul" is in the blood. If you have never read these truths about the Sacrificial System then request the articles so we can enlighten you to this very important fact. Once fully understanding the Sacrificial System in Judaism and how it operated it is impossible for any one other than yourself or any "blood" to atone for sin. The "blood" was but a picture of your soul and this explains why God is so distraught and angry at those who continue to bring sacrifices without repentance in chapter 1 Isaiah. Many read this chapter as if God is denying that He ever wished such sacrifices or that they have ceased never understanding that those bringing them had not repented of their sins before shedding the blood of an innocent animal which God knew as "NOT" a picture of this soul before Him since lacking repentance.

In order fully to understand this extraordinary expression and its origin we must turn for a moment to the worship both of Mithra, the Persian Sungod, and of Attis the Syrian god, as throwing great light on the Christian cult and ceremonies. [It is to this we will follow in the next article.](#)

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WAS THE FIRST "CRUCIFIXION" IN THE SKY FROM WHICH ALL OTHERS WERE TAKEN? #3

In our second article we dealt with the celestial phenomena of "Crossification" or "crucifixion" of the Sun which occurred as described by the Ancients at the time of the Vernal equinox. The Ancients understood that with the return of the Sun from the death of the Winter at the Winter solstice that mankind had received the salvation of God which they interpreted in longer daylight, renewed photosynthesis, increased harvests and food stuff, and general protection as given by the Sun who "poured out his life for them" daily. The Sun, having moves above the earth's equator would now bring his saving light and heat so desperately needed by mankind to sustain his life. Man was "saved" from the death of winter and its darkness. The Sun for him was symbolic



and representative of God and His salvation given to mankind. The flaming sunrise on the Vernal equinox as the Sun moved above the earth's equator following Winter was allegorized by the Ancients as God' shedding his blood that they might live and this crossing of the Sun at the intersection of the Celestial equator with the ecliptic, the path of the earth around the Sun, was viewed as man's realization of God's salvation as the Sun passed over the "Cross" of the Equinoxes. This crucifixion of the Sun in its path across the sky was celestial and explained allegorically and only much later with the rise of the Roman empire "literalized" because up until then these deaths of solar godmen were understood by all as "allegories" and never interpreted as if literal crucifixions of human beings. It is at this special time, the Vernal equinox, that we find this celestial phenomena described and crystallized in the the form of ancients myths and legends of personified Sungods in almost every nation under the Sun (pardon the pun) were were "crossified" or "crucified" on the cross of the Zodiac.

That being the case I have found in my studies over these last 18 or so years that "the Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the Sun through the sky and the constellations of the Zodiac yearly. In my studies I discovered over and over again that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and one only has to examine a few good books on Comparative Religion like T.W. Doane's Bible Myths and Parallels in World Religions or Barbara Walker's The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, The Historical Jesus And The Mythical Christ by Gerald Massey, Ancient Egypt: The Light Of The World by Gerald Massey, The Origin and Evolution Of Religion by Albert Churchward, The Origin Of All Religious Worship by Charles Dupuis, Ruins Or Meditation On The Revolutions Of Empires And The Law Of Nature by C.F. Volney, and Christianity Before Christ by John G. Jackson to see this truism beyond any doubt. These are not the only sources available today for such information by any means but just some of the best. The knowledge gained in reading and study of these books explains without a doubt why there is not a shred of legitimate historical and unforged evidence existing anywhere today outside of this one book given us by Rome, the New Testament, that gives credible evidence to the fact that the "Jesus Story" originated as a "literal" historical biography of a man named Jesus. You only have to read such books and think and use the mind God gave you to see that the preponderance of the evidence

states a dramatic case for the fact the the "Jesus Story" originated by a synthesis of three fairly independent streams of religious or quasi-religious enthusiasm:

- One that was connected with the phenomena of the heavens, the movements of the Sun, planets and stars, and the awe and wonderment they excited;
- One that connected with the seasons and the very important matter of the growth of vegetation and food on the Earth;
- One that connected with the mysteries of Sex and reproduction.

It is obvious that these three streams would mingle and interfuse with each other a good deal; but as far as they were separable the first would tend to create Solar heroes and Sun-myths; the second Vegetation-gods and personifications of Nature and the earth-life; while the third would throw its glamour over the other two and contribute to the projection of deities or demons worshipped with all sorts of sexual and phallic rites.

This knoweldge was not always hidden like we find today. Christian censorship has succeeded masterfully in covering all of this up over the centuries. Many early Christian theologians noted the extreme similarity between Christianity and Pagan religions such as Hinduism, Mithraism, etc:

- Eusebius of Caesarea (circa 283-371 CE) wrote: *"The religion of Jesus Christ is neither new nor strange."* (Eusebius of Caesarea, Church History, Book IV).
- St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 CE) wrote: *"This, in our day, is the Christian religion, not as having been unknown in former times, but as having recently received that name"* Kersey Graves, The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors, Adventures Unlimited Press, Chapter 32, Page 280. (1875; Reprinted 2001).
- *That which is known as the Christian religion existed among the ancients, and never did not exist; from the beginning of the human race until the time when Christ came in the flesh, at which time the true religion, which already existed began to be called Christianity. (Retract. I, xiii, cited by Dr. Alvin Boyd Kuhn in his Shadow of The Third Century, Elizabeth N.J.: Academy Press, 1949, p.3). Please take the time to re-read theses quotes and THINK.*

Some early Christian leaders attributed the similarities to a trick of Satan. They felt that Satan had created many crucified saviors, born of virgins, before Jesus in order to discredit Christianity's uniqueness. Others attribute the similarities to coincidence but there are way too many for that to be a possibility to a "thinking believer". In fact the preponderance of such parallels and similarities and outright duplications of "saying" and "events" between these solar gods and godman and the "Jesus Story" defy the Laws of Statistics. It simply is impossilbe that we can have for example two hundred similarities between Osiris and Horus and Jesus and it be a coincidence. We must come to understand that many Pagan religious belief systems permeated the Mediterranean region in the 1st century CE and blending of religious ideas was a common practice between religious sects and groups. Besides that there were various male heroes within Egyptian, Greek, Indian, Roman and other Pagan pantheons of Gods, whose role was to be saviors to humanity just like Jesus. In order to compete with those other prior religions, emerging Roman Christianity had to describe their "godman" for the newly emerging age of Pisces that began in 1 B.C.E., The importance of this new emerging age with the new tranfiguration of the god and his representation for each Age must not be underestimated.

Rome gave the world the "Piceas Jesus" as their godman in terms that matched or surpassed the Pagan legends. The authors of the gospels picked up these similar themes from other sources and added them to their writings in order to make Christianity more credible to a Pagan world which was already accustomed to the same motifs and ideas; only the names by which they were recognized were different owing to the prior Ages of

Leo, Cancer, Gemini, Taurus and Aries. Each of these prior ages were connected with some "representation" of God in one way or the other and the Age of Pisces was to be no different. Since Rome was the world power it fell to them give the world by power and might the new icon for the newly emerging Age of Pisces.

In researching these above problems after graduating Seminary and during the first years of my Pastorate I found several such god-men including Osiris, Horus, Mithras, Adonis, Attis, Tammuz, etc., all with essentially the same "life story" like the "Jesus Story":

- They were born on or very near our Christmas Day.
- They were born of a Virgin-Mother.
- And in a Cave or Underground Chamber.
- They led a life of toil for Mankind.
- And were called by the names of Light-bringer, Healer, Mediator, Savior, Deliverer.
- They were however vanquished by the Powers of Darkness.
- And descended into Hell or the Underworld.
- They rose again from the dead, and became the pioneers of mankind to the Heavenly world.
- They ascended into Heaven
- They founded Communions of Saints, and Churches into which disciples were received by Baptism.
- And they were commemorated by Eucharistic meals.

I noticed quickly that before my eyes I saw a "pattern" that could be traced from each godman down through recorded history. But at that time I was not aware of where this pattern found its genesis or origin. I had to study more. If this subject is of interest to you then besides the books listed above and for an even more in-depth treatment of the "Jesus Story" I recommend Earl Doherty's The Jesus Puzzle which shows conclusively that there was no such historical person named "Jesus of Nazareth" but only the "literalization" of prior celestial allegories handed down by the Ancients which were either misinterpreted because of the loss of "gnosis" or prior knowledge involving proper interpretation of these myths down through time or outright fraud and purposeful misinterpretation of them by Rome and the prior Essenes of Alexandria, Egypt, when they mistranslated the Hebrew Scriptures. I found both reasons to be the culprit behind the loss of the Ancient's spiritual truths and in their place the substitution of the "Jesus Story" as we have it today. I have devoted an entire website for this tragic purposeful misinterpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures by these apostate Essenes. Error by mistake and ignorance is one thing and that unfortunately happens and has happened here but outright deception is another and the Essenes stand guilty of that as the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the two different versions of the Hebrew Old Testaments found there testify. But Rome does not get off easy as well as they only later build upon the deceptions of the Essenes and are responsible for giving the world a "literalized" and fictionalized "Jesus Story" when the facts prove that the whole story has been told for thousands of years by the Ancients who saw forces, powers, cycles, and pattern operating in the Heavens above and in Mother Nature that they allegorized and later personified in capturing the workings of the Divine and His message to them. Tragically the "gnosis" for understanding these Ancient truths had been lost to mankind but today the truth about this "Jesus Story" is emerging from the darkness of Rome's Dark Ages.

THE PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES...WITH EMPHASIS UPON THE VERNAL EQUINOX

In order fully to understand this extraordinary expression of these earlier "crucified godmen" and their origin we must turn for a moment to the worship both of Mithra, the Persian Sungod, and of Attis the Syrian god, as throwing great light on the later Christian cult and their religious rituals and ceremonies.

It must be remembered that in the early centuries of our era the Mithra-cult was spread over the whole Western world. It has left many monuments of itself in Britain alone. Unknown to many Christians that at Rome the worship of Mithra was extremely popular, and it may almost be said to have been a matter of chance whether Mithraism should overwhelm Christianity, or whether the younger Christian

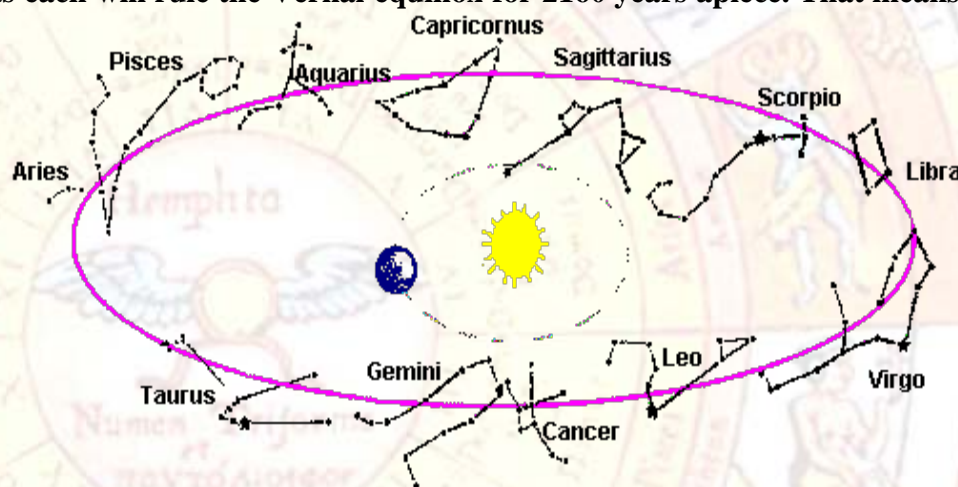
religion by adopting many of the rites of the older one should establish itself (as it did) in the face of the latter. Like mentioned above others blamed Roman plagiarism for the duplication of similar stories of crucified sungods as they paralleled identically the "Jesus Story".

In the Mithra cult central to its theological core was the slaying of a Bull by the Sungod and this "sacrifice" occupies the same sort of place as the slaying of the Lamb in the Christian cult.

Answer for yourself: Where did the Ancient's get their ideas to slay and sacrifices "bulls" and "lambs"? Was this "lamb" and "bull" literal animals originally or were they symbolic for two different constellations? Could this slaying of the "bull" and the "lamb" be seen in the night sky? You find upon study in mythology and Astronomy that these "bulls" and "lambs" were symbolic for two constellations that are adjacent to each other in the Zodiac (Taurus/bull and Aries/lamb/ram). It is now appropriate that we learn about the **Precession of the Equinoxes** before we move on to Mithra and Attis. **Intricately tied together we will find with the the Precession of the Equinoxes, the Vernal equinox, and the "crucifixion before the foundation of the world". I found that the Ancients understood these principles and expressed them in their mythologies and their religious myths but unlike us who today believe these to be a "literal historical" event the Ancients understood and taught them as "allegories" and "symbols" ONLY.**

The priests of ancient Egypt were pioneer astronomers. They studied the heavens, mapped their constellations, identified the path of the Sun and estimated the periods of the Moon and Sun as they moved across the sky. Over time they noticed that the the axis around which the heavens and the stars and constellations seemed to rotate shifted gradually, though very slowly. Roughly every two thousand years (2160 to be exact), because of the Precession of the Equinoxes, the Sun on the Vernal equinox rises against the stellar background of a different constellation that comprises the Zodiac. Over a great time each constellation will serve as the stellar background for the rising Sun at the Veranal equinox until the whole cycle of twelve constellations have their turn. There is of course 12 constellations that make up the Zodiac and given enough time the Sun will rise through each 12 of these constellations as each will rule the Vernal equinox for 2160 years apiece. That means a full cycle of the Zodiac will take almost

26,000 years. For the past two thousand years that constellation that has ruled the Vernal equinox has been Pisces the Fish which became the symbol of the Christian age of Pisces that replaced the prior age of Aries. Prior to the age of Pisces it was the age of Aries the Ram, and before that it was the age of Taurus the Bull.



- Gemini.....the Twins...6380 BCE
- Taurus.....the Bull.....4220 BCE
- Aries.....the Ram.....2160 BCE....Abraham/Moses
- Pisces.....the Fish.....1 BCE.....Jesus
- Aquarius...the Water Carrier...2160 CE ?



It is interesting to note that during the first and second millennia B.C.E., approximately the Age of Aries, ram-oriented iconography was common in Dynastic Egypt, while previous to that, during the Age of Taurus, the Bull-cult arose in Egypt. This should be expected since the constellation of Taurus served as the stellar background for the rising Sun during the 2160 years of the Age of Taurus. We should likewise expect that that such symbolism and religious emphasis should change with the next 2160 years as the constellation Aries, the lamb/ram, would serve as the stellar background for the rising Sun during the following 2160 years.

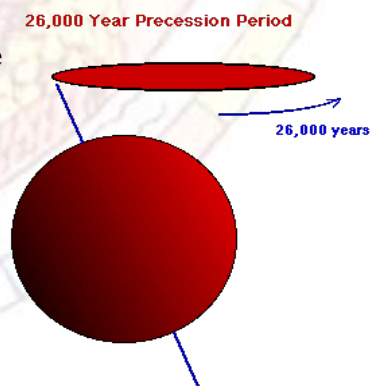


Notice if you will the shape of the horns on the heads of these two symbolic representations for the God who the Ancients believed "moved" the Heavens. Even before those ages we can go further back in time and find that the builders of the Sphinx likewise used astrological symbolism in designing their monumental sculpture. The geological findings indicate that the Sphinx has a unique geometrical construction and points due East which enables it to face the Vernal equinox. Since in the shape of lion with the head of human and considering that water erosion on it has been dated to before 10,000 B.C.E it seems without question to have been sculpted sometime before 10,000 B.C.E. and this period of time coincides neatly with the Age of Leo the Lion, which lasted from 10,970 to 8810 BC. What this should teach us is that the Ancients were highly involved and connected with the phenomena of the Heavens, the movements of the Sun, planets and stars, and the awe and wonderment that they excited and this became the very basis of their understanding of the God of the Cosmos who demonstrated to them not only the Patterns and Cycles of the Cosmos and the Universe both above their heads and around them in Mother Nature but His message to them which was extrapolated from the Ancient's observations of the workings of this Cosmos with its Divine Laws and Order. It was a pattern they came to understand and follow in their lives as their "purpose" and "destiny".

We have seen in prior articles the importance of the Vernal equinox and its hope of "new beginnings". The equinox, which marks the beginning of spring, has long held a special importance in human society. The first day of spring is the end of winter; the beginning of the season in which daylight again outlasts darkness and life springs anew. The Spring or Vernal Equinox is a celebration of the rebirth of nature and brings with it the symbols of birth/rebirth. The Vernal Equinox, if we recall, is the point at which the sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north. This signals the beginning of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere. The vernal equinox has long been a significant event in the lives of agricultural peoples as it symbolizes nature's regeneration, fertility, growth and bounty. The word equinox comes from Latin and means "equal night". On this day, night and day each last twelve hours. The Vernal Equinox used to be considered the beginning of the Pagan New Year. It was a time of joy called forth by the resurrection of the "Light of the World" (sun god) from its death suffered at the Winter solstice, the underworld of the winter, from where he arose following the Winter solstice to join his goddess Eostre.

Now let us not forget the significance of "new birth" and "salvation" that the Ancients understood and connected with the Vernal equinox and its renewed light, warmth, and hope for harvest, and in so doing make connections to these various "ages" and "Zodiac signs" that determined the religious emphasis of each successive Age: Leo, Cancer, Gemini, Taurus, Aries, Pisces, and the soon coming Aquarius.

The Earth's rotation axis is not fixed in space. Like a rotating toy top, the direction of the rotation axis executes a slow precession with period of 25,800 years for the entire ecliptic of our planetary bodies to travel around our sun, a trip of 360 degrees. Owing to the movement of the Heavens the Ancient Egyptians came to understand that each one of the 12 signs or constellations of the zodiac takes about 2160 years to serve as the background for the Sun and understood that the Sun in its path through the sky would appear move through each of the 12 constellations during the solar year and that this cycle would be repeated forever. Every 72 years we actually move backward 1 degree so since 30 degrees is allotted for the most part for each sign of the Zodiac then after 2150 years we move out of one age and into another. One should stop right here and try to estimate the strength of religious symbolism and ritual attached during such a long period of time owing to the constellation and its myths connected to each Age and



each sign of the Zodiac which ruled at the Vernal equinox. Each "Age" of course, like we mentioned above when speaking of the Age of Taurus and the Age of Aries, is the time allotted for one sign of the 12 constellations of the Zodiac to rule the Vernal Equinox for this 2160 year period. Note if you will that at the time of the birth of Christ that the whole world was moving out of the Age of Aries into the Age of Pisces. That happened around 1 B.C.E. according to some. Not only were the early "Christians" aware of this but the whole religious world. The early Christians under the influence of the mighty Roman empire will come to use as the symbol of their new faith the symbol the 2 fishes of Pisces but that should be expected since the Age of Pisces was replacing the Age of Aries according to the Precession of the Equinox.

Science often exposes religion as but fable. But that is not always the case but it is when concerning the "Jesus Story". What science has taught us is that the combined gravitational effects of the sun, moon, and planets on the Earth's equatorial bulge cause the Earth's axis to sway clockwise in a slow circle, like the motion of a spinning top. It takes 25,800 years for the Earth's axis to complete one wobble, sway, or clockwise circle. We call this 25,800 year cycle of our planet the **Platonic year**. It is also referred to as the Precession of the Equinoxes or the "Great Year" in a comprehensive dictionary. The "Great Year" is one of the longest cycles that are well known to our astronomers. In order to uncover some of the mysteries that are shrouded in our mythological and religious symbols we must look beyond our Earth year to a much longer cycle of our planet. We call this greater cycle, or one wobble of the Earth, the Platonic year in honor of the Greek philosopher Plato whose ideas concerning the realities of the physical and metaphysical planes are still cherished by many of us who are seeking the wisdom of the ages.

In the cycle of the great year, as we saw in the previous article, an important Astronomical event occurs each year; namely the Sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north and in so doing the Sun "crosses" where the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator thus being "on the Cross" of the Zodiac.

Because of the Precession of the Equinoxes the sign at the Vernal equinox when the Sun "crosses where the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator" becomes very important in relation to the constellation or sign that serves as the stellar background for the Sun at this momentous occasion. In the movement of the Sun at this time of year it was said by the Ancients that the "Sun was being crucified on the cross" by the Ancients.

The sun, on a Vernal or Spring or Fall or Autumn equinox, takes about 25,800 years to go all the way around the celestial equator or Zodiac and cross at the same point again. During this time all 12 constellations will serve as the stellar background for the Sun as it rises at the Vernal equinox; each Age corresponding to each constellation, lasting 2150 years.

The Platonic cycle causes a slow backwards movement of the sun's apparent position in the Zodiac when viewed on successive Vernal Equinoxes. We refer to this slow-backwards movement as the Precession of the Equinoxes. The sun's apparent position moves a little bit west in a constellation when observed on the same day each year; it takes an equinox sun approximately 2,150 years to transit one of the twelve constellations on its 25,800-year jaunt around the Zodiac. At this point in history, the Vernal equinox Sun is just entering Aquarius on the first day of spring. This is the scientific explanation for what we call the dawning of the Age of Aquarius or a new age.

If we were to check the sun's position in the Zodiac on successive Vernal equinoxes, we would see that it will take approximately 2,150 years for the spring sun to travel through the constellation of Aquarius on its way to Capricorn. If we were to live for 25,800 years, or one great year, we would witness twelve new ages.

Consider the twelve star constellations of the Zodiac the same way we think about the twelve months in the annual cycle of our planet. The Earth year consists of twelve months of about thirty days in each month. In the Platonic year, there are twelve ages of nearly 2,150 years in each age.

The name of an age is taken from the name of the constellation that the Vernal equinox Sun or the spring equinoctial point is traversing. When used correctly, the Zodiac is the master calendar or the face of a clock for the Platonic year.

Viewed from Earth, the Sun moves around the ecliptic, one full circuit each year. Twice a year, at each equinox, the daylight hours and night hours are equal and the Sun rises exactly in the east and sets exactly in the west. Precession causes the position of the Equinoxes against the background stars to gradually change, within a cycle of 25,800 years. This means that behind the Sun at the Vernal equinox is a particular constellation that remains visible behind the rising Sun at the Vernal equinox for 2150 years. This position change was noted by Hipparchus c.120 B.C.E. and later explained by Sir Isaac Newton. The change of position, called the Precession of the Equinoxes, describes the change of the Sun's apparent "entry" at the Spring Equinox from the first point of Aries (the Ram) to its position two thousand years ago at the Spring Equinox in the constellation Pisces (the Fishes). Before that the Sun had left Taurus and entered into Aries. Next in the precession circle is Aquarius (the Water-Bearer), the only human figure in zodiac.

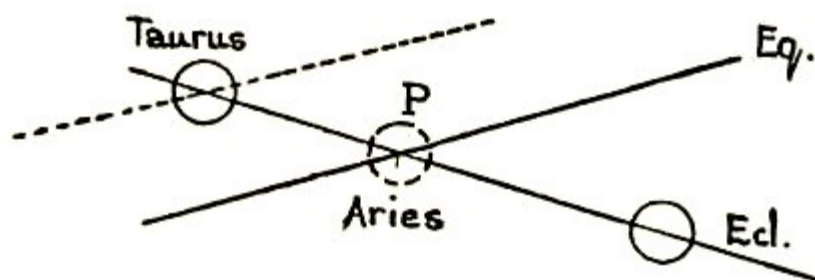
Around 2000 years ago, the Sun was in the constellation of Aries at the spring equinox, in Cancer at the summer solstice, in Libra at the autumn equinox, and in **Capricorn at the winter solstice.** **By tracing the path of the Sun through the Zodiac beginning with the Winter solstice in Capricorn it is possible to trace the whole of the "Jesus Story" from Matthew chapter one through chapter 28. This is incredible when you see it and makes the point beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Story" is but the personification of the Sun as it passes over the 12 signs of the Zodiac. An unbiased study of History will show you that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not.** Outside of this one forged book, the Roman Bible and the New Testament, there exists not one piece of unforged or unadulterated evidence for the historical existence of this man from Galilee. An unbiased through study of Comparative Religion will reveal to you that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. Personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book.

THE SLAYING OF THE BULL OF HEAVEN



In order for one Zodiac sign to be replaced by another the Ancients created "myths" to explain the movements of the Heavens and the stars within them. The Kosmokrator, Lord of the planets and stars, was believed to have guided the stars and constellations of the Heavens. This God symbolized order in the cosmos and society, because he gave and guaranteed the laws of the Cosmos and the Ancients understood that the stars and constellations moved by the Laws of this God. **This replacement of the constellation of Taurus at the Vernal equinox** and its substitute by the constellation Aries operated by these same Cosmic Laws. This took place at the Vernal Equinox between 4000 B.C.E. and 2000 B.C.E. and it was theorized that the "Bull of Heaven" must be killed to allow the Ram of Aries to take its place. The slaying of the Bull of Heaven was central to the Mithraic faith and the blood of the Bull acquired in men's minds a magic virtue. Mithraism was a greatly older religion than Christianity; but its genesis was similar. In fact, owing to the Precession of the Equinoxes, the crossing-place of the Ecliptic and Equator was different at the time of the establishment of Mithra-worship

from what it was in the Christian period; and the Sun instead of standing in the He-lamb, or Aries, at the Vernal Equinox stood, about two thousand years earlier (as indicated by the dotted line in the diagram), in this very constellation of the Bull. The bull therefore became the symbol of the triumphant God, and the sacrifice of the bull a holy mystery. Even at that we must not overlook here the agricultural appropriateness of the bull as the emblem of Spring-plowings and of service to man.



The sacrifice of the Bull became the image of redemption and symbolic of man's salvation with the renewed Sun of a new age as it passed above the "crossing of the celestial equator and the ecliptic" which as we have seen formed a "cross in the Heavens". With the emerging Sun from its Winter's death as the Winter solstice came new hope and new life for mankind as darkness was receding and with the emerging Sun and its longer daylight and warmer temperatures the sure promise of harvest which sustained the life of mankind. In a certain well-known Mithra-sculpture or group, the Sungod is



represented as plunging his dagger into a bull, while a scorpion, a serpent, and other animals are sucking the latter's blood. From one point of view this may be taken as symbolic of the Sun fertilizing the gross Earth by plunging his rays into it and so drawing forth its blood for the sustenance of all creatures; while from another more astronomical aspect it symbolizes the conquest of the Sun over winter in the moment of "passing over" the sign of the Bull, and the depletion of the generative power of the Bull by the Scorpion or Scorpio which of course is the autumnal sign of the Zodiac and herald of winter and symbolic of encroaching darkness and death. So we find that Mithra was symbolic of the God or Kosmokrator of the Cosmos that controlled the movements of the orbs in His Heaven and which was responsible for the precession of the

equinoxes.

THE WORSHIP OF ATTIS AT THE VERNAL EQUINOX

In the worship of Attis there were many points of resemblance to the Christian cult. **Concerning the worship of Attis, on the 22nd March, the Vernal equinox again plays a major part.**

Attis appears to be a god of vegetation, and his death and resurrection were annually mourned and rejoiced over at the Vernal equinox, the festival of Spring. Two different accounts of the death of Attis were current in history.

According to the one he was killed by a boar, like Adonis. According to the other he unmanned himself under a pine-tree, and bled to death on the spot. The latter is said to have been the local story told by the people of Pessinus, a great seat of the worship of Cybele, and the whole legend of which the story forms a part is stamped with a character of rudeness and savagery that speaks strongly for its antiquity. Both tales might claim the support of custom, or rather both were probably invented to explain certain customs observed by the worshippers. The story of the self-mutilation of Attis is clearly an attempt to account for the self-mutilation of his priests, who regularly castrated themselves on entering the service of the goddess. The story of his death by the boar may have been told to explain why his worshippers, especially the people of Pessinus, abstained from eating swine. In like manner the worshippers of Adonis abstained from pork, because a boar had killed their god. After his death Attis is said to have been changed into a pine-tree.

On the twenty-second day of March, a pine-tree was cut in the Woods and brought into the sanctuary of Cybele, where it was treated as a great divinity. The duty of carrying the sacred tree was entrusted to a guild of Tree-bearers. The trunk was swathed like a corpse with woollen bands and decked with wreaths of violets, for Violets were said to have sprung from the blood of Attis, as roses and anemones from the blood of Adonis; and the effigy of a young man, doubtless Attis himself, was tied to the middle of the stem. On the second day of the festival, the twenty-third of March, the chief ceremony seems to have been a blowing of trumpets. The third day, the twenty-fourth of March, was known as the Day of Blood: the Archigallus or high-priest drew blood from his arms and presented it as an offering. Nor was he alone in making this bloody sacrifice. Stirred by the wild barbaric music of clashing cymbals, rumbling drums, droning horns, and screaming flutes, the inferior clergy whirled about in the dance with wagging heads and streaming hair, until, rapt into a frenzy of excitement and insensible to pain, they gashed their bodies with potsherds or slashed them with knives in order to bespatter the altar and the sacred tree with their flowing blood. The ghastly rite probably formed part of the mourning for Attis and may have been intended to strengthen him for the resurrection. It was on the same Day of Blood and for the same purpose that the novices sacrificed their virility. Wrought up to the highest pitch of religious excitement they dashed the severed portions of themselves against the image of the cruel goddess. These broken instruments of fertility were afterwards reverently wrapt up and buried in the earth or in subterranean chambers sacred to Cybele, where, like the offering of blood, they may have been deemed instrumental in recalling Attis to life and hastening the general resurrection of nature, which was then bursting into leaf and blossom in the vernal sunshine.

The parallel of these Syrian devotees confirms the view that in the similar worship of Cybele the sacrifice of virility took place on the Day of Blood at the vernal rites of the goddess, when the violets, supposed to spring from the red drops of her wounded lover, were in bloom among the pines. Indeed the story that Attis unmanned himself under a pine-tree was clearly devised to explain why his priests did the same beside the sacred violet-wreathed tree at his festival. At all events, we can hardly doubt that the Day of Blood witnessed the mourning for Attis over an *effigy* of him which was afterwards buried. The image thus laid in the sepulchre was probably the same which had hung upon the tree.

But when night had fallen, the sorrow of the Worshippers was turned to joy. For suddenly a light shone in the darkness: the tomb was opened: the god had risen from the dead; and as the priest touched the lips of the weeping mourners with balm, he softly whispered in their ears the glad tidings of salvation. The resurrection of the god was hailed by his disciples as a promise that they too would issue triumphant from the corruption of the grave. On the morrow, the twenty-fifth day of March, which was reckoned the vernal equinox, the divine resurrection was celebrated with a wild outburst of glee. At Rome, and probably elsewhere, the celebration took the form of a carnival. It was the Festival of Joy (*Hilaria*). Finally, the Roman festival closed on the twenty-seventh of March with a procession to the brook Almo. The silver image of the goddess, with its face of jagged black stone, sat in a wagon drawn by oxen. Preceded by the nobles walking barefoot, it moved slowly, to the loud music of pipes and tambourines, out by the Porta Capena, and so down to the banks of the Almo, which flows into the Tiber just below the walls of Rome. There the high-priest, robed in purple, washed the wagon, the image, and the other sacred objects in the water of the stream. On returning from their bath, the wain and the oxen were strewn with fresh spring flowers. All was mirth and gaiety. No one thought of the blood that had flowed so lately. Even the eunuch priests forgot their wounds.

Such, then, appears to have been the annual solemnization of the death and resurrection of Attis in spring. But besides these public rites, his worship is known to have comprised certain secret or mystic ceremonies, which probably aimed at bringing the worshipper, and especially the novice, into closer communication with his god. Our information as to the nature of these mysteries and the date of their celebration is unfortunately very scanty, but they seem to have included a sacramental meal and a baptism of blood. In the sacrament the novice became a partaker of the mysteries by eating out of a drum and drinking out of a cymbal, two instruments of music which figured prominently in the thrilling orchestra of Attis. The fast which accompanied the mourning for the dead god may perhaps have been designed to prepare the body of the communicant for the reception of the blessed sacrament by purging it of all that could defile by contact the sacred elements. In the baptism the devotee, crowned with gold and wreathed with fillets, descended into a pit, the mouth of which was covered with

a wooden grating. A bull, adorned with garlands of flowers, its forehead glittering with gold leaf, was then driven on to the grating and there stabbed to death with a consecrated spear. Its hot reeking blood poured in torrents through the apertures, and was received with devout eagerness by the worshipper on every part of his person and garments, till he emerged from the pit, drenched, dripping, and scarlet from head to foot, to receive the homage, nay the adoration, of his fellows as one who had been born again to eternal life and had **washed away his sins in the blood of the bull**. For some time afterwards the fiction of a new birth was kept up by dieting him on milk like a new-born babe. The regeneration of the worshipper took place at the same time as the regeneration of his god, namely at the vernal equinox. At Rome the new birth and the remission of sins by the shedding of bull's blood appear to have been carried out above all at the sanctuary of the Phrygian goddess on the Vatican Hill, at or near the spot where the great basilica of St. Peter's now stands; for many inscriptions relating to the rites were found when the church was being enlarged in 1608 or 1609. From the Vatican as a centre this barbarous system of superstition seems to have spread to other parts of the Roman empire. Inscriptions found in Gaul and Germany prove that provincial sanctuaries modelled their ritual on that of the Vatican. From the same source we learn that the testicles as well as the blood of the bull played an important part in the ceremonies. Probably they were regarded as a powerful charm to promote fertility and hasten the flow birth. A light was brought, and the tomb was found to be empty. The next day, the 25th, was the festival of the Resurrection; and ended in carnival and license (the Hilaria). Further, says Dr. Frazer, these mysteries "seem to have included a sacramental meal and a baptism of blood" (Adonis, Attis and Osiris, Part IV of The Golden Bough, by J. G. Frazer, p. 403-409)

Fraser continuing says: "That the bath of blood derived from slaughter of the bull (tauro-bolium) was believed to regenerate the devotee for eternity is proved by an inscription found at Rome, which records that a certain Sextilius Agesilaus Aedesius, who dedicated an altar to Attis and the mother of the gods (Cybele) was 'taurobolio criobolio que in aeternum renatus.'" That is, **"By the slaughter of the bull and the slaughter of the ram born again into eternity."** "In the procedure of the Taurobolia and Criobolia," says Mr. J. M. Robertson, "which grew very popular in the Roman world, we have the literal and original meaning of the phrase 'washed in the blood of the lamb'; the doctrine being that resurrection and eternal life were secured by drenching or sprinkling with the actual blood of a sacrificial bull or ram." (J.M. Robertson, Pagan Christs, p. 315).

Fraser goes on to say "I do not myself see that there is any reason for supposing that the priests of Mithra or Attis regarded baptism by blood very differently from the way in which the Christian Church has generally regarded baptism by water--namely, as a SYMBOL of some inner regeneration. There may certainly have been a little more of the MAGICAL view and a little less of the symbolic, in the older religions; but the difference was probably on the whole more one of degree than of essential disparity. But however that may be, we cannot but be struck by the extraordinary analogy between the tombstone inscriptions of that period "born again into eternity by the blood of the Bull or the Ram," and the corresponding texts in our graveyards today" (Edward Carpenter, Pagan and Christian Creeds, p. 44).

Answer for yourself: Do you see the connection between the Heavenly Bull of Taurus which once ruled the Vernal equinox and the symbolic bull or earthly bull used in religious rites? I hope you do.

The Bull in heaven, the symbol of the triumphant Sungod, and the earthly bull, sacrificed for the good of humanity were one and the same; the god, in fact, SACRIFICED HIMSELF OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. This is the same sacrifice seen by the Sun which poured out its life and light for mankind so that mankind might enjoy God's salvation as expressed previously. And Mithra was the hero who first won this conception of divinity for mankind; though of course it is in essence quite similar to the conception put forward by the Christian Church.

As illustrating the belief that the Baptism by Blood was accompanied by a real regeneration of the devotee, Frazer quotes an ancient writer, Sallustius philosophus, who says that for some time after the ceremony the fiction of a new birth was kept up by dieting the devotee on MILK, like a new-born babe (Fraser, Golden Bough, Adonis, Attis and Osiris, note, p. 229). You should find it startling that "At Rome," he further says (p.

230), "the new birth and the remission of sins by the shedding of bull's blood appear to have been carried out above all at the sanctuary of the Phrygian Goddess (Cybele) on the **Vatican Hill**, at or near the spot where the great basilica of St. Peter's now stands. From the Vatican as a centre," he continues, "this barbarous system of superstition seems to have spread to other parts of the Roman empire. Inscriptions found in Gaul and Germany prove that provincial sanctuaries modelled their ritual on that of the Vatican."

It would appear then that at Rome in the quiet early days of the Christian Church, the rites and ceremonials of Mithra and Cybele, probably much intermingled and blended, were exceedingly popular. Both religions had been recognized by the Roman State, and the Christians, persecuted and despised as they were, found it hard to make any headway against them; **the more so perhaps because the Christian doctrines appeared in many respects to be merely faint replicas and copies of the older creeds.**

Robertson maintains that a he-lamb was sacrificed in the Mithraic mysteries, and he quotes Porphyry as saying] that "a place near the equinoctial circle was assigned to Mithra as an appropriate seat; and on this account he bears the sword of the Ram [Aries] which is a sign of Mars [Aries]." Similarly among the early Christians, it is said, a ram or lamb was sacrificed in the Paschal mystery.

In closing we find that at the Vernal equinox, at the crossing of the celestial sphere and the celestial equator by the Sun the Ancients worshipped the personified Sun and its influence upon Nature in the rites of Mithra and Attis. All of this mind you was in imagery of the "Bull of Heaven" since in the time period we find the constellation Taurus ruling the Vernal equinox. But that was to change with the precession of the equinox and the new age of Aries which was soon to dawn upon mankind.

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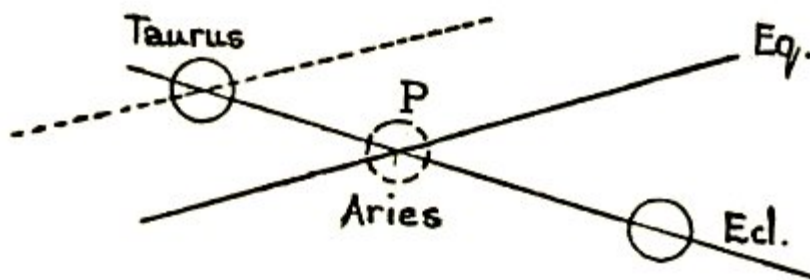
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WAS THE FIRST "CRUCIFIXION" IN THE SKY FROM WHICH ALL OTHERS WERE TAKEN? #4

Many people think that the association of the Lamb-god with the Cross arose from the fact that the constellation Aries at an earlier time (2160 B.C.E.) was on the heavenly cross (the crossways of the Ecliptic and



Equator and in the very place through which the Sungod had to pass just before his final triumph over darkness and death. And it is curious to find that Justin Martyr in his Dialogue with Trypho A Jew, chap. xl, alludes to an old Jewish practice of roasting a Lamb on spits arranged in the form of a Cross. "The lamb," he says, meaning apparently the Paschal lamb, "is roasted and dressed up in the form of a cross. For one spit is transfixed right

through the lower parts up to the head, and one across the back, to which are attached the legs [forelegs] of the lamb."

In my studies over the years I noticed that by and large the habit of the Ancients of personifying the forces of nature led to a universal recognition of the existence of the Gods of foreign peoples, and later to the idea that **all these Gods are but names of phases of one central and omnipotent Power.** Even among philosophers and theologians this conception never really destroyed the habit of thinking of the manifestations of *the* God as being minor deities. The synthesizing tendency, however, led to different cults being combined and different god-names being identified as referring to the same God. The idea of salvation as emanating from God was connected with light as the Sun was a SYMBOL of the Creator God to Egyptians. We hear often that Egypt was sun worshippers but never did they worship the "orb" but the One who created it. The Ancient Egyptians believed in One God whom as self-produced, self-existent, immortal, invisible, eternal, omniscient, almighty, etc. This One God was REPRESENTED through the functions and attributes of "His" domain. These attributes were called the "neteru". The term "gods" and "goddesses" are a MISREPRESENTATION of the Egyptian term "neteru". When we ask, "Who is God?", we are really asking, "What is God?". The mere name of noun does not tell us anything. One can only define "God" through the multitude of "His" attributes, qualities, powers, actions. To know "God" is to know the numerous qualities of "God". The more we learn of these qualities (neteru), the closer we are getting to our Divine origin. Far from being a primitive, polytheistic form, this is the highest expression of monotheistic mysticism.

Mithra is but one example of the "All who are the One"; a principle of expressing God's attributes, qualities, powers, and actions in a personified form; in this case in the symbol of Mithra who is above all depicted as the slayer of the Bull in the Heavens (the constellation Aries). There are many explanations of this "bull slaying phenomena" which have included the bull as being variously regarded as a symbol of the earth, the moon, the sun, lust, evil, and the cosmogonic bull of the Magian system. **There can be little doubt that these successive religious representations rest mainly on a zodiacal system of sacred symbolism in which the slaying of a given animal means either the passing of the sun into or out of a particular sign of the**

zodiac at a particular season of the year, or the slaying of the animal represented as a special sacrifice or both.

The zodiac is of immense antiquity. Although the signs no longer do so, once they must have coincided with the actual constellations whose names they bear. The view that the slaying of the Bull originally pointed to the sun's entering the sign of the Bull either at the Vernal equinox is supported by the fact that the bull was once a symbol of the Sun-god and of agriculture, early ploughs being drawn by bulls or oxen. The slaying of the lion would signify the sun's entry into Leo at midsummer and may connect with the worship of Tammuz after whom the midsummer month was named in Syria-unless the God took his name from the month. Owing to the precession of the equinoxes, the constellation Taurus ceased to be the sun's place at the vernal equinox for about 2000 years before the reign of Augustus. Its position was occupied by the constellation of the Ram (Aries). But just as the symbol of slaying the lion (Leo) held its ground after the bull played a similar part, so the sign of the Bull continued to be used after the sun had begun to enter the constellation Aries at the sacred season. During the Christian era the bull was prominent in Mithraic monuments, **but there was an actual ceremony of slaying a ram in honor of the Sun-god as well. In Persia the sign Aries, the Ram, was known as "the Lamb"; and in some of the Mithraic mysteries during the Christian era it was a "lamb that was slain".**

Answer for yourself: Did you catch that? I said the slaying of a "lamb" in Mithraic mysteries that were "bull centered". Mithraic mysteries had only sacrificed bulls owing to the fact that Taurus ruled the Vernal equinox up until and after the change of the Age of Taurus with the Age of Aries.

Answer for yourself: Does this explain why devotees of Mithra, the largest challenge to later Christianity, would say instead of "being washed in the blood of the bull" they would say "washed in the blood of the lamb"? Can you see that this has nothing to do with a human being but is celestial in its nature to the very core?

Further support for the zodiacal explanation of religious symbols which we have mistaken believed to apply to an assumed historical personage is provided by the ancient worship of a Fish-god. The early Christians called Jesus Christ "the Fish". In the zodiac the sign of the Fishes, Pisces, comes next to the Ram in the Zodiac and in the Precession of the Equinoxes; the two Fishes of Pisces had actually taken the place of the Ram at the spring Vernal equinox festival when this symbol came into use. The age of Aries had been replaced by the Age of Pisces and **we should expect "fish" symbolism to be associated with the new god of the new age.**

Whatever the original significance of slaying the bull, it came to be associated with the idea of sacrifice and purification. The great vogue of the Phrygian institutions of the Taurobolium and Criobolium, or purification by the **blood of bulls and rams**, must have reacted on Mithraism even if it were not strictly of Mithraic origin. **Mithra, like Osiris and Dionysus, was the bull as well as the God to whom the bull was sacrificed, just as Amun, to whom rams were sacrificed in Egypt, was thought of as "the Great ram."** In the procedure of the Taurobolia and Criobolia, which became very popular in the Roman world following the Age of Taurus being replaced by the Age of Aries, we have the literal and original meaning of the phrase **"washed in the blood of the lamb" which replaced "washed in the blood of the bull"!** **The doctrine connected with such a saying was that resurrection and eternal life were secured by drenching or sprinkling with the actual blood of a sacrifice or sacrificial bull or ram, often, doubtless a lamb since the Age of Aries had begun.** Thus we have such mortuary inscriptions as *Taurobolio criobolioque in aeternum renatus* (**By the bull-sacrifice and the ram-sacrifice born again for eternity**). At first the initiate was placed in a pit over which there was a grating. On this was placed the animal to be slain and the blood dropped on the devotee beneath (J.M. Robertson, *Pagan Christs*, p. 106-110).

We must not forget in our anxiety to show that the Lamb-god and the sacrifice of the Lamb were honored by the devotees of Mithra and Cybele in the Rome of the Christian era, that the sacrifice of the Bull and the baptism in bull's blood were the salient features of the Persian and Phrygian ceremonials, some centuries earlier than Christianity. **Christianity only later borrowed prior Pagan symbolism and terminology to**

apply to their new god of the Age of Pisces.

Answer for yourself: How can we reconcile the existence side by side of divinities belonging to such different periods, or ascribe them both to an astronomical origin? The answer is simple enough. As I have explained before, the Precession of the Equinoxes caused the Sun, at its moment of triumph over the powers of darkness, to stand at one period in the constellation of the Bull (Taurus) at the Vernal equinox for over two thousand years, and at a period some two thousand years later in the constellation of the Ram (Aries). This was a momentous thing that cannot be underestimated. God was doing a "new thing" in the Heavens and enlightened mankind and Priesthood who studied the Heavens knew this. God remember was the Kosmokrator; the One who move the Heavens. **It was perfectly natural therefore that a change in the sacred symbols should, in the course of time, take place; yet perfectly natural also that these symbols, having once been consecrated and adopted, should continue to be honored and clung to long after the time of their astronomical appropriateness had passed, and so to be found side by side in later centuries.** That is exactly what history teaches us when we look. The devotee of Mithra or Attis on the Vatican Hill at Rome in the year 200 A.D. probably had as little notion or comprehension of the real origin of the sacred Bull or Ram which he adored, as the Christian in St. Peter's to-day has of the origin of the Lamb-god whose vicegerent on earth is the Pope.

It is indeed easy to imagine that the change from the worship of the Bull to the worship of the Lamb which undoubtedly took place among various peoples as time went on, **was only a ritual change initiated by the priests in order to put on record and harmonize with the astronomical alteration.** Anyhow it is curious that while Mithra in the early times was specially associated with the bull, **his later association with the lamb belonged more to the Roman period.**

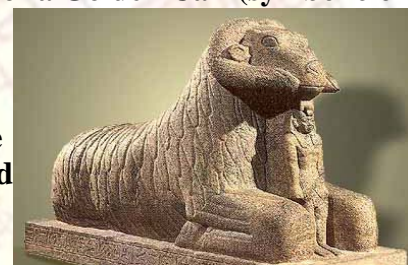
Answer for yourself: And why should that be? Simply because the Age of Taurus had been replaced by the Age of Aries during the time of Rome's supremacy in the world.



Somewhat the same happened in the case of Apis. Before we move on please notice that between his horns a solar disk which again speaks of his solar symbolism for the Sun as it move through the constellation Taurus for some 2150 plus years.

Answer for yourself: Do we find a similar thing with Moses in the Bible concerning the changing of the Age of Taurus with the Age of Aries? Do we find overlap there as well?

In the Bible we read of the indignation of Moses at the setting up by the Israelites of a Golden Calf (symbolic of the prior Age of Taurus), **AFTER the sacrifice of the ram-lamb had been instituted commemorating the new Age of Aries** as if indeed the rebellious people were returning to the earlier cult of Apis (the bull as the old religion of Egypt) which they ought to have left behind them in Egypt. In Egypt itself, too, we find the worship of Apis, as time went on, yielding place to that of the Ram-headed god Amun or Amun-Ra, or Jupiter Ammon. Tacitus, *Hist.* v. 4, speaks of ram-sacrifice by the Jews in honor of Jupiter Ammon. Herodotus (ii. 42) mentions the same in Egypt. So we find that both from the Bible and from Egyptian history we may conclude that **the worship of the Lamb or Ram succeeded to the worship of the Bull as symbols for God and His workings in His cosmos and that both of these find their origin with astrotheology and the Vernal equinox as impacted by the Precession of the Equinox as explained previously.**



Finally it has been pointed out, and there may be some real connection in the coincidence, that in the quite early years of Christianity the FISH came in as an accepted symbol of Jesus Christ. Considering that after the domination of Taurus and Aries, **the Fish (Pisces) comes next in succession as the Zodiacal sign for the Vernal equinox and Precession of the Equinoxes, and is now the constellation in which the Sun not**

only stands today but at that same historical period some 2000 years ago. It should not seem strange knowing these facts that it is not impossible that the astronomical change has been the cause of the adoption of this new symbol and re-adaptation of understanding of the Creator who exists behind such symbols.

Anyhow, and allowing for possible errors or exaggerations, it becomes clear that the travels of the Sun through the belt of constellations which forms the Zodiac must have had, from earliest times, a profound influence on the generation of religious myths and legends. To say that it was the only influence would certainly be a mistake since Mother Nature has had a large impact but ironically it is always in my opinion secondary as Nature is impacted primarily by the Sun, Moon, and other celestial powers first. Other causes undoubtedly contributed but Solar forces and resultant allegorical mythology and personification of them was a main and important influence on the evolution and origin of religion and religious worship for mankind. The origins of the Zodiac are obscure; we do not know with any certainty the reasons why the various names were given to its component sections, nor can we measure the exact antiquity of these names; but pre-supposing the names of the signs as once given it is not difficult to imagine the growth of myths and legends connected with the Sun's course among them. These "legends" became over time the personifications of the Ancients observed workings of God's Cosmos that we read as the Ancient's godmen and even have inherited as "godmen" down through history; and of course that includes the "Jesus Story" as well since his life and career in the New Testament is shown upon study in comparative religions to be a unbelievable parallel to the lives of these prior sungods.

The "Jesus Story" has a great number of correspondences with the stories of former Sungods and with the actual career of the Sun through the heavens; so many indeed that they cannot well be attributed to mere coincidence or even to the blasphemous wiles of the Devil which is himself but "personified darkness".

Answer for yourself: Is it possible that the "Jesus Story" is little more than the personification of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and the equinoxes and solstices? I found that it is without a doubt. That is why I resigned my pastorate as I realized that I was a "man" teaching a false religion and leading others into gross idolatry due to my Roman forged texts which presented these prior allegories, myths, and legends as if "literal truths". Serious study will reveal to you that the "Jesus Story" is but that; a story that does not represent factual history but rather allegorized Astronomy and personifications of the movement of the orbs of Heaven.

Let me enumerate some of these. There are;

- The birth from a Virgin mother;
- The birth in a stable (cave or underground chamber);
- The birth occurred on the 25th December (just after the winter solstice).
- There is the Star in the East (Sirius) and
- The arrival of the Magi (the "Three Kings");
- The threatened Massacre of the Innocents, and
- The consequent flight into a distant country as told also of Krishna and other Sungods
- There are the Church festivals of Candlemas (2nd February), with processions of candles to symbolize the growing light of the Sun
- The Festival of Lent, or the arrival of Spring;
- The Festival of Easter Day (normally on the 25th March) to celebrate the crossing of the Equator by the Sun;
- The simultaneous outburst of lights at the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem.
- There is the Crucifixion and death of the Lamb-God, on Good Friday, three days before Easter;
- There are the nailing to a tree,
- The empty grave,
- The glad Resurrection (as in the cases of Osiris, Attis and others)
- There are the twelve disciples (the Zodiacal signs);

- The betrayal by one of the twelve.
- The price of 30 pieces of silver (symbolic of the phases of the moon)
- Then later there is Midsummer Day, the 24th June (Summer solstice), dedicated to the Nativity of John the Baptist, and corresponding to Christmas Day (Winter solstice)
- There are the festivals of the Assumption of the Virgin (15th August) and
- There is the Nativity of the Virgin (8th September), corresponding to the movement of the god through Virgo;
- There is the conflict of Christ and his disciples with the autumnal asterisms,
- The Serpent and the Scorpion; and finally
- There is the curious fact that the Church dedicates the very day of the winter solstice (when any one may very naturally doubt the rebirth of the Sun) to St. Thomas, who doubted the truth of the Resurrection!

Answer for yourself: Is this all of the astrotheology that was later incorporated into the "Jesus Story"? No it is not but representative of this fact in hopes that the "thinking believer" will see that attributing this to pure chance or coincidence is beyond reason. This is a calculated construction of events that have celestial origins which were later personified and given life in the form of myths and legends and attributed to "make-believe" gods and godmen to capture Divine Truths which was later "literalized" by Rome in their "Jesus Story".

These are some of, and by no means all, the coincidences in question. But they are sufficient, I think, to prove, even allowing for possible margins of error, the truth of our general contention which I make. To go into the parallelism of the careers of Osiris, Krishna, Adonis, Krishna, the Indian Sungod, Hercules, Dionysus, and Jesus would take too long. There are many good books out there that will give you this information today.

But let us not forget the crux of what these articles were to present to the readers in these 4 articles. We saw beyond any question by preponderance of both Astronomical evidence as well as evidences from Nature that early mankind personified the path of the Sun in relation to not only the Zodiac but to the equinoxes and solstices (the seasons of the year) and interpreted these movements of these Heavenly orbs in concepts that they were accustomed to in their daily lives; by that I mean they interpreted these movements of the Sun, stars, and constellations through the concepts of "birth, life, death, and rebirth". These same Cosmic Laws were seen by them to operate not only in the Heavens above but in Mother Nature all around them and when their knowledge advanced to understand, as Egypt, Mesopotamian, and later Greece did, the Precession of the Equinoxes then over time mankind created "myths" and "legends" that captured these Divine Laws and Order of the Cosmos and they preserved for all times these intricate workings of God in His Cosmos and the message that it conveyed for eternity in the stories of their gods and godmen which were but personifications of these Heavenly powers, forces, and events. Understanding these celestial phenomena they understood that with the return of the Sun from the underworld of darkness and death of the Winter solstice and its rise above the celestial equator of the earth at the Vernal equinox that the Sun (personified as the "son of the Sun"), by crossing over this celestial intersection of the ecliptic and the celestial equator, had survived death on the "cross of the Zodiac" and had defeated darkness (the "dark=evil"; the "d-evil", the "devil") and could now bring God's salvation to mankind at this Vernal equinox which was witnessed by the rebirth of Nature in the Spring and its longer daylight and its attendant photosynthesis and harvests which ensured the continued life of mankind in the world. Order was being reestablished in God's world and man was to learn to pattern himself and his life after such "light and order" and not "darkness and chaos". The Heavens and Nature was the blackboard of God and man was taking notes as God spoke to all mankind through these forces, powers, and events that taught man to be like Him; "be ye holy for I am holy".

In such an understanding and with the fashioning these various "religious myths" that captured these Divine Truths of the Laws of God's Cosmos and His intended "order" for all mankind and creation we find these same myths existing today in various nations around the globe from literally over 10-15 thousand years ago. It is we today who have lost the "gnosis" to understand these solar and lunar myths as did those who created them and in so doing it is we who are led astray by "literalizing them as if these events were actual historical occurrences that happened to a real human being; we have lost this knowledge and severely misinterpreted them by not only failing to understand and interpret them correctly because we lack the sufficient knowledge to recognize them for what they truly are as did the Ancient priests and holy men who created them for the common layman but

at the same time fail to recognize in our "Jesus Story", which we have inherited in this Western hemisphere and the Roman church, that "key cardinal" religious doctrines and dogmas attached to this "Jesus Story" were but personifications of celestial events that occur every year above our heads and were never intended by the originators of such myths to be taken "literally" as happening to one historical person. By that I mean for example the "Crossification" or "crucifixion of the Sun" at the Vernal equinox which is but a picture of God's general laws and operations of His Cosmos and which are erroneously taught today by our Christian clergy and our forged New Testaments to be interpreted as if "literal" or "historical" and referring to a real human being or presumed Jewish Messiah some two thousand years ago when in fact nothing could be further from the truth.

Answer for yourself: You wanted the truth now didn't you?

These facts alone just demonstrated should make the reader want to understand atonement correctly as taught by the Jewish nation who today has not fallen into such deceptions as have the Gentile Church of Rome and her Protestant offspring. This should make you want to know just why there were over 6000 alterations to the Book of Isaiah that we as Christians and followers of "the Christ" have inherited (esp. Isa. 52-53). This should make you want to know as much as you can about your birth faith let alone Biblical Judaism which yet today teaches these Divine Truths more correctly than most as it is they that have inherited them intact from Egypt and for the most part preserved them for all mankind in their intended interpretation. Sadly today the Christian world has tunnel vision not wishing to learn from Israel whom the prophets call "the light of the world". I hope that such articles like these will help others rethink the value of setting at the feet of the Rabbis as we learn of the God of the Cosmos and not the God of Rome and their lies any longer.

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THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST AS RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT...IS IT A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

Answer for yourself: Would you think it strange if you found out that the time of the birth of many of the incarnated Gods and Saviors of antiquity was fixed at the same period, and this period known as the 25th of December, was celebrated all over Christendom as the birthday of Jesus Christ?

This is all the more strange when you discover that this period formerly dated the birth of a new year -- the birth of King Sol. And when we find that the ancient pagans were in the habit of celebrating this venerated the twenty-fifth of December as the birthday of their Gods in the same manner Christians now celebrate it as the birthday of Christ, we are driven to admit that something more than a mere fluky accident must be offered to account for this coincidence! Let see what it is!

Answer for yourself: Would a judicial court, once knowing the facts of the matter, accept such as truth concerning Jesus Christ? What are the facts of this matter? Let us see what they are.

THE TESTIMONY OF SCHOLARS...WHAT DO THEY KNOW THAT WE DON'T?

According to Dr. Lightfoot, the temple of Jerusalem was employed in celebrating the birthday of a pagan God (Adonis) on the very night Christians assign for the birth of Christ.

The Reverend Robert Taylor (Diegesis) informs us that nearly all the nations of the East were once in the habit of rising at midnight to celebrate the birthday of their Gods, on the twenty-fifth of December. And to this statement Mr. Higgins adds that, *"At the first moment after midnight of the twenty-fourth of December, the ancient nations celebrated the accouchement of the queen of heaven and celestial virgin, and the birth of the God Sol, the Infant Savior, and the God of Day"* (Graves, The Sixteen Crucified Saviors, chapter 8)."

THE ROLL CALL IS IMPRESSIVE

Bacchus of Egypt, Bacchus of Greece, Adonis of Greece, Chrishna of India, Chang-ti of China, Chris of Chaldea, Mithra of Persia, Sakia of India, Jao Wapaul (a crucified Savior of ancient Britain), were all born on the twenty-fifth of December, according to their respective histories. Chrishna is represented to have been born at midnight on the twenty-fifth of the month Savarana, which answers to our December, and millions of his disciples celebrated his birthday by decorating their houses with garlands and gilt paper, and the bestowment of presents to friends. The Rev. Mr. Barret tells us, "It was once common for the women in Rome to perambulate

the streets on the twenty-fifth of December, singing in a loud voice, *"Unto us a child is born this day."*

The twenty-fifth of December, then, it will be observed, was marked as the birthday of the incarnated Gods, Saviors, and Sons of God, of many of the religious systems of antiquity, long prior to the birth of Christ.

And why the birth of this Christ was fixed at that date is not hard to account for. You just have to know a little [Astronomy](#) and then you see it very plainly.

According to the celebrated Christian writer Mr. Goodrich, the Christian world had no chronology and recorded no dates for several centuries after the commencement of the Christian era (Goodrich, History of all Nations, p. 23.) No event of Christian history was marked by dates for nearly four hundred years. Hence, the time of Christ's birth is altogether a matter of conjecture, as is also every other event noticed in the Christian bible. This is proved by the fact that the ablest Christian writers and chronologists differ to the extent of thirty-five hundred years in fixing the time of every event in the bible. Kennedy presents us with three hundred different chronological systems, by different Christian writers, all founded on the bible, and proving that the date of its various events are inextricably involved in a labyrinth of doubt, darkness and uncertainty.

Relative to the time of Christ's birth, the Encyclopedia Britannica says: *"Christians count one hundred and thirty-three (133) contrary opinions of different authors concerning the year the Messiah appeared on earth -- many of them celebrated writers."* (Art. Chron.) Mark the declaration -- one hundred and thirty-three different opinions as to the year Christ was born; one hundred and thirty-three different years fixed on by different Christian chronologists as the time of the birth of the most extraordinary and most noted being, as Christians would have us believe, that ever appeared on earth. Think of an omnipotent God descending from heaven, performing astounding miracles, and presenting other proofs of being a God, and yet not one of the three hundred writers of that era take any notice of him, or make any note of his birth or any event of his life. This circumstance is of itself sufficient to expel and dissipate all faith in his divinity or existence as it has come down to us.

As you well know, Christmas, December 25th, is a day which has been set apart by the Christian church on which to celebrate the birth of their Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, and is considered by the majority of persons to be really the day on which he was born. This is altogether erroneous, as you are now beginning to see upon examination of the subject.

There was no uniformity in the period of observing the Nativity among the early Christian churches; some held the festival in the month of May or April, others in January (see Bible for Learners, vol. iii, p. 66; Chamber's Encyclopedia, Art, "Christmas").

MOST WHO PROFESS TO KNOW HIS BIRTHDAY....DON'T

The year in which he was born is also as uncertain as the month or day. "The year in which it happened," says Mosheim, the ecclesiastical historian, *"has not hitherto been fixed with certainty, notwithstanding the deep and laborious researches of the learned"* (Ecc. Hist., vol. i. p. 53. Quoted in Taylor's Diegesis, p. 104).

According to Irenaeus (a famous Church Father...A.D. 190), on the authority of "The Gospel," and "all the elders who were conversant in Asia with John, the disciple of the Lord, Christ Jesus lived to be nearly, if not quite, fifty years of age".

Answer for yourself: Did you catch that? Irenaeus, in 180 A.D., who gave the world the Second New Testament that replaced the Christians' First New Testament (they were Chrestians (Gnostics) before Christians) testifies that Jesus Christ did not die on the Cross but lived to be 50 years old! Amazing!

The Rev. Dr. Giles says:

*"Concerning the time of Christ's birth there are even greater doubts than about the place; for, though the four Evangelists have noticed several contemporary facts, which would seem to settle the point, **yet on comparing these dates with the general history of the period, we meet with serious discrepancies, which involve the subject in the greatest uncertainty**"* (*Hebrew and Christian Records*, vol. ii. p. 189)

Again he says:

*"Not only do we date our time from the exact year in which **Christ is said to have been born**, but our ecclesiastical calendar has determined with scrupulous minuteness the day and almost the hour at which every particular of Christ's wonderful life is stated to have happened. All this is implicitly believed by millions; **yet all these things are among the most uncertain and shadowy that history has recorded. We have no clue to either the day or the time of year, or even the year itself, in which Christ was born**"* (*Hebrew and Christian Records*, p. 194).

It is evident, from the facts just presented, that all systems of Christian chronology are founded on mere conjecture, and hence should be rejected as worthless.

Answer for yourself: What event of Christ's life, then, can be accepted as certain, when no record was made of it till the time was forgotten, and none for at least half a century after the dawn of the Christian era, according to Dr. Lardner, when nearly all who witnessed it must have been dead?

Sharon Turner, author of *History of the Anglo-Saxons* remarks: "We think the most reasonable conclusion in the case is, that Christ, instead of performing those Munchausen prodigies attributed to him -- such as casting out devils, raising the dead, controlling the elements of nature, etc. -- led such an ordinary, obscure life -- excelling only in healing the sick and other noble deeds of charity and philanthropy -- that he attracted but little notice by the higher classes, or by anybody but those of a similar turn of mind, till he was deified by Constantine, in the year 325 A.D. Hence, the time of his birth was not recorded, and was forgotten.

Consequently, the twenty-fifth of December was selected as his birthday, because it was the birthday of other Gods, and because it was regarded by the heathen, from time immemorial, as the birthday of Sol, the glorious luminary of heaven, it being the period he is born again into a new year, and 'commences again his journey and his life;' and because, also, this epoch was, as Sharon Turner informs us, in his *History of the Anglo-Saxons*, the commencement of a new year up to the tenth century".

Answer for yourself: What is this "new life" that Sharon Turner speaks of above? **Simply it is the path of the Sun through the Heavens as it ascends once again from the darkness and death of the Winter Solstice from which it is reborn on Dec. 25th.**

These events signalized the twenty-fifth of December, and made it a period of sufficient importance to lead the early Christians to suppose it must have been the birthday of their Messiah. Mosheim, however, confesses that the day or the year in which it happened ***"has not been fixed with certainty, notwithstanding the profound researches of the learned."*** So that it is still an open question as to when Christ was born. What day of the month, what year, or what century it took place in, is still unknown. This circumstance is, as before suggested, sufficient of itself to utterly prostrate all faith in the divine claims for Jesus Christ. What would be thought of a witness who should testify in court to the truth of an occurrence of which he did not know the year, or even the century, in which it took place, or who could come no nearer than one hundred and thirty-three years in fixing or guessing at the time.

Answer for yourself: Would a judicial court accept such testimony?

Answer for yourself: Is there a chance that what we have learned of the "Jesus Story" occurred in a different

time and a different place? Could this even have happened in Egypt long ago and we not know it?

Some Christian writers fix the year 4 B.C., as the time when he was born, others the year 5 B.C., and again others place his time of birth at about 15 B.C. The Rev. Dr. Geikie, speaking of this, in his Life of Christ, says: "The whole subject is very uncertain. Ewald appears to fix the date of the birth at five years earlier than our era. Petavius and Usher fix it on the 25th of December, five years before our era. Bengel on the 25th of December, four years before our era; Anger and Winer, four years before our era, in the Spring; Scaliger, three years before our era, in October; St. Jerome, three years before our era, on December 25th; Eusebius, two years before our era, on January 6th; and Idler, seven years before our era, in December" (Geikie, Life of Christ, vol. i. p. 559).

Albert Barnes writes in a manner which implies that he knew all about the year (although he does not give any authorities), but knew nothing about the month. He says:

"The birth of Christ took place four years before the common era. That era began to be used about A.D. 526, being first employed by Dionysius, and is supposed to have been placed about four years too late. Some make the difference two, others three, four, five, and even eight years. He was born at the commencement of the last year of the reign of Herod, or at the close of the year preceding" (Barnes' Notes, vol. ii. p. 402).

"The Jews sent out their flocks into the mountainous and desert regions during the summer months, and took them up in the latter part of October or the first of November, when the cold weather commenced. . . . It is clear from this that our Savior was born before the 25th of December, or before what we call Christmas. At that time it is cold, and especially in the high and mountainous regions about Bethlehem. God has concealed the time of his birth. There is no way to ascertain it. By different learned men it has been fixed at each month in the year" (Barnes' Notes, vol. ii. p. 25).

Canon Farrar writes with a little more caution, as follows:

"Although the date of Christ's birth cannot be fixed with absolute certainty, there is at least a large amount of evidence to render it probable that he was born four years before our present era. It is universally admitted that our received chronology, which is not older than Dionysius Exiguus, in the sixth century, is wrong. But all attempts to discover the month and the day are useless. No data whatever exists to enable us to determine them with even approximate accuracy" (Farrar, Life of Christ, App., pp. 673-674).

Bunsen attempts to show (on the authority of Irenaeus, above quoted), that Jesus was born some fifteen years before the time assigned, and that he lived to be nearly, if not quite, fifty years of age (Bible Chronology, pp. 73-74).

According to Basnage (Hist. De Juif) the Jews placed his birth near a century sooner than the generally assumed epoch. Others have placed it even in the third century B.C. This belief is founded on a passage in the "Book of Wisdom," written about 250 B.C., which is supposed to refer to Christ Jesus, and none other. In speaking of some individual who lived at that time, it says:

"He professeth to have the knowledge of God, and he calleth himself the child of the Lord. He was made to reprove our thoughts. He is grievous unto us even to behold; for his life is not like other men's, his ways are of another fashion. We are esteemed of him as counterfeits; he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness; he pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his Father. Let us see if his words be true; and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him. For if the just man be the son of God, he (God) will help him, and deliver him from the hand of his enemies. Let us examine him with despitefulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience. Let us condemn him with a shameful death; for by his own saying he shall be respected."

This is a very important passage. Of course, the church claims it to be a **prophecy** of what Christ Jesus was to do and suffer, but this does not explain it.

If the writer of the "Gospel according to Luke" is correct, Jesus was not born until about A.D. 10, for he explicitly tells us that this event did not happen until Cyrenius was governor of Syria. *Now it is well known that Cyrenius was not appointed to this office until long after the death of Herod (during whose reign the Matthew narrator informs us Jesus was born), and that the taxing spoken of by the Luke narrator as leaving taken place at this time, did not take place until about ten years after the time at which, according to the Matthew narrator, Jesus was born* (Josephus, *Aniq.* xviii.ch.i.sec.i.).

Eusebius was Bishop of Cesarea from A.D. 315 to 340, in which he died, in the 70th year of his age, thus playing his great part in life chiefly under the reigns of Constantine the Great and his son Constantius. Eusebius, the first ecclesiastical historian, places Jesus' birth at the time Cyrenius was governor of Syria, and therefore at about A.D. 10. Eusebius is known by many scholars to be one of history's biggest liars that ever lived. His words are as follows:

"It was the two and fortieth year after the reign of Augustus the Emperor and the eight and twentieth year after the subduing of Egypt, and the death of Antonius and Cleopatra, when last of all the Ptolemies in Egypt ceased to bear rule, when our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, at the time of the first taxing— Cyrenius, then President of Syria— was born in Bethlehem, a city Judea, according unto the prophecies in that behalf promised" (Eusebius, *Ecc. Hist. Lib. 1. ch.vi.*).

Had the Luke narrator known anything about Jewish history, he never would have made so gross a blunder as to place the taxing of Cyrenius in the days of Herod, and would have saved the immense amount of labor that it has taken in endeavoring to explain away the effects of his ignorance. One explanation of this mistake is, that there were two assessments, one about the time Jesus was born, and the other ten years after; but this has entirely failed. Dr. Hooykaas, speaking of this, says:

"The Evangelist (Luke) falls into the most extraordinary mistakes through out. In the first place, history is silent as to a census of the whole (Roman) world ever having been made at all. In the next place, though Quirinius certainly did make such a register in Judea and Samaria, it did not extend to Galilee; so that Joseph's household was not affected by it. Besides, it (the census) did not take place until ten years after the death of Herod (Jesus would have had to be born already for Herod to seek his death), when his son Archelaus was deposed by the emperor, and the districts of Judea and Samaria were thrown into a Roman province. Under the reign of Herod, nothing of the kind took place, nor was there any occasion for it. Finally, at the time of the birth of Jesus, the Governor of Syria was not Quirinius, but Quietus Sentius Saturninus." (*Bible for Learners*, vol. iii. P. 56).

The institution of the festival of the Nativity of Christ Jesus being held on the 25th of December, among the Christians, is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished during the reign of Antonius Pius (A. D. 138-161), but the first certain traces of it are found about the time of the Emperor Commodus (A. D. 180-192) (*Chamber's Encyclo.*, art. "Christmas").

"The pre-Christian Europeans practiced a variety of paganistic rituals that culminated each year, at the dawning of the winter type weather, on Dec. 25th. They celebrated this day as the day of the Birth or Resurrection of the Sun God. Not as a symbol. They actually looked upon Dec. 25 as the day when the Sun was Born anew-Resurrected into new life. This ritual worship of the resurrection (birth) of the Sun-God on Dec. 25th goes back thousands of years into pre-history" (Jabbar, *The Astrological Foundation of the Christ Myth*, p. 10).

For a long time the Christians had been trying to discover upon what particular day Jesus had possibly or probably come into the world; and conjectures and traditions that rested upon absolutely no foundation, led one to the 20th of May, another to the 19th or 20th of April, and a third to the 5th of January. At last the opinion of the community at Rome gained the upper hand, and the 25th of December was fixed upon (*Bible for Learners*, vol. iii. p. 66). It was not until the fifth century, however, that this day had been generally agreed upon. By the fifth century, however, whether from the influence of some tradition, or from the

desire to supplant Heathen Festivals of that period of the year, such as the Saturnalia, the 25th of December had been generally agreed upon (Encyclopedia Brit., art. "Christmas"). How it happened, that this day finally became fixed as the birthday of Christ Jesus, may be inferred from what we shall now see as look to the pagan sanctification of the day long before Jesus' birth. This was a "pagan holy day that commemorated the birth of the Sun" as we have shown.

PAGAN ANTECEDENTS ... UNREFUTABLE EVIDENCE OF THE PAGANIZATION OF THE JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

On the first moment after midnight of the 24th of December (i.e., on the morning of the 25th), nearly all the nations of the earth, as if by common assent, celebrated the child birth of the "Queen of Heaven," of the "Celestial Virgin" of the sphere, and the birth of the god Sol.

In India this is a period of rejoicing everywhere (Monier Williams, Hinduism, p. 181). You need to remember that these Indo-Europeans would only hand-down their Sun-Myths to the Aryans at a later time; therefore it is here we find the earliest record of such belief. It is a great religious festival, and the people decorate their houses with garlands, and make presents to friends and relatives. This custom is of very great antiquity (Prog. Relig. Ideas, vol. i. p. 126).

In China, religious solemnities are celebrated at the time of the winter solstice, the last week in December, when all shops are shut up, and the courts are closed (Ibid. 216).

Buddha, the son of the Virgin Maya, on whom, according to Chinese tradition, "the Holy Ghost" had descended, was said to have been born on Christmas day, December 25th (Bunsen, The Angel-Messiah, pp. x-25, and 110, and Lillie, Buddha and Buddhism, p. 73).

Among the ancient Persians their most splendid ceremonials were in honor of their Lord and Savior Mithra; they kept his birthday, with many rejoicings, on the 25th of December.

The author of the Celtic Druids says:

"It was the custom of the heathen, long before the birth of Christ, to celebrate the birthday of their gods," and that, "the 25th of December was a great festival with the Persians, who, in very early times, celebrated the birth of their god Mithras" (Celtic Druids, p. 163; Prog. Relig. Ideas, vol. i. p. 272; Monumental Christianity, p. 167; Bible for Learners, vol. iii, pp. 66-67).

The Reverend Joseph B. Gross, in his Heathen Religion, also tells us that:

"The ancient Persians celebrated a festival in honor of Mithras on the first day succeeding the Winter Solstice, the object of which was to commemorate the birthday of Mithras" (The Heathen Religions, p. 287)

Among the ancient Egyptians, for centuries before the time of Christ Jesus, the 25th of December was set aside as the birthday of their gods. M. Le Clerk De Septehenes speaks of it as follows:

"The ancient Egyptians fixed the pregnancy of Isis (the Queen of Heaven and the Virgin Mother of the Savior Horus), on the last days of March, and towards the end of December they placed the commemoration of her delivery" (Relig. Of the Anct. Greeks, p. 214).

Mr. Bonwick, in speaking of Horus, says:

“He is the great God-loved of Heaven. His birth was one of the greatest mysteries of the Egyptian religion. Pictures representing it appeared on the walls and temples. One passed through the holy Adytum (the interior or sacred part of a heathen temple) to the still more sacred quarter of the temple known as the birth-place of Horus. He was presumably the child of Deity. At Christmas time, or that answering to our festival, his image was brought out of that sanctuary with peculiar ceremonies, as the image of the infant Bambino is still brought out and exhibited in Rome” (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 157).

Rigford observes that the Egyptians not only worshipped a Virgin Mother “prior to the birth of our Savior, but exhibited the effigy of her son lying in a manger, in the manner the infant Jesus was afterwards laid in the cave at Bethlehem” (quoted in Anacalypsis, p. 102, vol. ii).

The Chronicles of Alexandria, and ancient Christian work, says:

“Watch how Egypt has constructed the childbirth of a Virgin, and the birth of her son, who was exposed in a crib to the adoration of the people” (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 143).

Osiris, son of the “Holy Virgin,” as they called Cerea, or Neith, his mother, was born on the 25th of December (Anacalypsis, vol. ii. p. 99).

This was also the time celebrated by the ancient Greeks as being the birthday of Hercules. The author of The Religion of the Ancient Greeks says:

“The night of the Winter Solstice, which the Greeks named the triple night, was that which they thought gave birth to Hercules” (Relig. Anct. Greece, p. 215).

He further says:

“It has become an epoch of singular importance in the eyes of the Christian, who has destined it to celebrate the birth of the Savior, the true Sun of Justice, who alone came to dissipate the darkness of ignorance” (Ibid.).

Bacchus, also, was born at early dawn on the 25th of December. Sir. Higgins says of him:

“The birth-place of Bacchus, called Sabizius or Sabaoth, was claimed by several places in Greece; but on Mount Zelmissus, in Thrace, his worship seems to have been chiefly celebrated. He was born of a virgin on the 25th of December, and was always called the Savior. In his Mysteries, he was shown to the people, as an infant is by the Christians at this day, on Christmas-day morning, in Rome” (Anacalypsis, vol. ii. p. 102; Dupuis, p. 237, and Baring Gould, Orig. Relig. Belief, vol. i. p. 322).

The birthday of Adonis was celebrated on the 25th of December. This celebration is spoken of by Tertullian, Jerome, and other Fathers of the Church (Anacalypsis, vol. ii. p. 99), who inform us that the ceremonies took place in a cave, and that the cave in which they celebrated his mysteries in Bethlehem, was that in which Christ Jesus was born.

This was also a great holy day in ancient Rome. The Rev. Mr. Gross says:

“In Rome, before the time of Christ, a festival was observed on the 25th of December, under the name of 'Natalis Solis Invicti' (Birthday of Sol the Invincible). It was a day of universal rejoicings, illustrated by illuminations and public games (The Heathen Religion, p. 287). “All public business was suspended, declarations of war and criminal executions were postponed, friends made presents to one another, and the slaves were indulged with great liberties”.

A few weeks before the winter solstice, the Calabrian shepherds came into Rome to play on the pipes. This

practice is kept up to the present day.

The ancient Germans, for centuries before "the true Sun of Justice" was ever heard of, celebrated annually, at the time of the Winter solstice, what they called their Yule-feast. At this feast agreements were renewed, the gods were consulted as to the future, sacrifices were made to them, and the time was spent in jovial hospitality. Many features of this festival, such as burning the yule-log on Christmas-eve, still survive among us (Bible for Learners, vol. iii. p. 67).

Yule was the old name for Christmas. In French it is called Noel, which is the Hebrew or Chaldee word Nule (Chambers's, art. "Yule," and Celtic Druids, p. 163).

The greatest festival of the year celebrated among the ancient Scandinavians, was at the Winter solstice. They called the night upon which it was observed, the "Mother-night." This feast was named Jul—hence is derived the word Yule—and was celebrated in honor of Freyr (son of the Supreme God Odin, and the goddess Frigga), who was born on that day. Feasting, nocturnal assemblies, and all the demonstrations of a most dissolute joy, were then authorized by the general usage. At this festival the principal received presents—generally horses, swords, battle-axes, and gold rings—at their departure" (Mallet, Northern Antiquities, pp. 110, 355).

The festival of the 25th of December was celebrated by the ancient Druids, in Great Britain and Ireland, with great fires lighted on the tops of hills (Dupuis, 160; Celtic Druids, and Monumental Christianity, p. 167).

Godfrey Higgins says:

"Stuckley observes that the worship of Mithra was spread all over Gaul and Britain. The Druids kept this night as a great festival and called the day following it Nolagh or Noel or the day of regeneration and celebrated it with great fires on the tops of their mountains which they repeated on the day of the Epiphany or twelfth night. The Mithraic monuments which are common in Britain, have been attributed to the Romans but this festival proves that the Mithraic worship was there prior to their arrival (Anacalypsis, vol. ii. p. 99).

This was also a time of rejoicing in Ancient Mexico. Acosta says:

"In the first month which in Peru they call Rayme, and answering to our December, they made a solemn feast called Capacrayme (the Winter Solstice) wherein they made many sacrifices and ceremonies, which continued many days" (Hist. Indies, vol. ii. p. 354).

EVEN THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST IT...SOME FOR IT

The evergreens, and particularly the mistletoe, which are used all over the Christian world at Christmas time, betray its heathen origin. Tertullian, a Father of the Church, who flourished about A. D. 200, writing to his brethren, affirms it to be...

"rank Idolatry" to deck their doors "with garlands or flowers, on festival days, according to the custom of the heathen" (Middleton, Works, vol. i. p. 80).

St. Chrysostom, (A. D. 390), referring to this Pagan festival, says:

"On this day, also, the birth of Christ was lately fixed at Rome, in order that whilst the heathen

were busy with their profane ceremonies, the Christians might perform their holy rites undisturbed" (Ibid.).

Add to this the fact that St. Gregory, a Christian Father of the third century, was instrumental in, and commended by other Fathers for, **changing Pagan festivals into Christian holidays**, for the purpose, as they said, of drawing the heathen to the religion of Christ.

These few examples show that the heathen in those days, did as the Christians do now.

Answer for yourself: What have evergreens, and garlands, and Christmas trees, to do with Christianity? Or with a Jewish Rabbi who preached repentance?

Simply nothing!

It is the old Yule feast which was held by all the northern nations, from time immemorial, handed down to, and observed at the present day. In the greenery with which Christians deck their houses and temples of worship, and in the Christmas-trees laden with gifts, we unquestionably see a relic of the symbols by which our heathen forefathers signified their faith in the powers of the returning sun to clothe the earth again with green, and hang new fruit on the trees. Foliage, such as the laurel, myrtle, ivy, or oak, and in general, all evergreens, were **Dionysiac plants**, that is, **symbols of the generative power**, signifying perpetuity of youth and vigor (Knight, Anct. Art and Mythol, p. 32).

Among the causes, then, that cooperated in fixing this period— December 25th—as the birthday of Christ Jesus, was, as we have seen, that almost every ancient nation of the earth held a festival on this day in commemoration of the birth of their virgin-born god.

On this account the Christians adopted it as the time of the birth of their God. Mr. Gibbon, speaking of this in his Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, vol. ii. p. 383, says:

"The Roman Christians, ignorant of the real date of his (Christ's) birth, fixed the solemn festival to the 25th of December, the Brumalia, or Winter Solstice, when the Pagans annually celebrated the birth of Sol"

And Mr. King, in his Gnostics and their Remains, says:

"The ancient festival held on the 25th of December in honor of the 'Birthday of the Invincible One,' and celebrated by the great games at the circus, was afterwards transferred to the commemoration of the birth of Christ, the precise day of which many of the Fathers confess was then unknown" (King's Gnostics, p. 49).

As Dr. Hooykaas remarks:

"The church was always anxious to meet the heathen half way, by allowing them to retain the feasts they were accustomed to, only giving them a Christian dress, or attaching a new or Christian signification to them (Bible for Learners, vol. iii. p. 67).

In doing these, and many other such things, which we shall speak of in our next articles, the Christian Fathers, instead of drawing the heathen to their religion, drew themselves into paganism and instead of understanding the allegorical truths handed down through history

"literalized them" and created a false Christ. Christianity, instead of being "Jewish," is false. And it is these same "perverted truths and practices" handed down by Rome that people who confess that they love God continue to do today out of ignorance

It is evident, from the facts just presented, that all systems of Christian chronology are founded on mere conjecture, and hence should be rejected as worthless.

Answer for yourself: What event of Christ's life, then, can be accepted as certain, when no record was made of it till the time was forgotten, and none for at least half a century after the dawn of the Christian era, according to Dr. Lardner, when nearly all who witnessed it must have been dead?

Although I cannot agree with the entirety of the next quote as to the obscurity of Jesus (Sharon Turner, History of the Anglo-Saxons), yet it is yet worth reading especially in light of the reference to Sun Worship:

"We think the most reasonable conclusion in the case is, that Christ, instead of performing those Munchausen prodigies attributed to him -- such as casting out devils, raising the dead, controlling the elements of nature, etc. -- led such an ordinary, obscure life -- excelling only in healing the sick and other noble deeds of charity and philanthropy -- that he attracted but little notice by the higher classes, or by anybody but those of a similar turn of mind, till he was deified by Constantine, in the year 325 A.D. Hence, the time of his birth was not recorded, and was forgotten.....

Consequently, the twenty-fifth of December was selected as his birthday, because it was the birthday of other Gods, and because it was regarded by the heathen, from time immemorial, as the birthday of Sol, the glorious luminary of heaven, it being the period he is born again into a new year, and "commences again his journey and his life;" and because, also, this epoch was the commencement of a new year up to the tenth century" (Sharon Turner, History of the Anglo-Saxons).

These events signaled the twenty-fifth of December, and made it a period of sufficient importance to lead the early Christians to suppose it must have been the birthday of their Messiah. Mosheim, however, confesses that the day or the year in which it happened *"has not been fixed with certainty, notwithstanding the profound researches of the learned."* So that it is still an open question as to when Christ was born. What day of the month, what year, or what century it took place in, is still unknown. This circumstance is, as before suggested, sufficient of itself to utterly prostrate all faith in the divine claims for Jesus Christ.

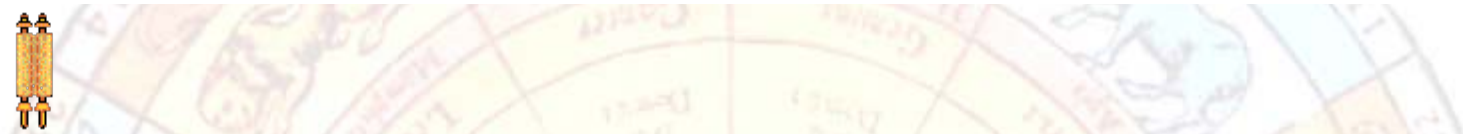
Answer for yourself: What would be thought of a witness who should testify in court to the truth of an occurrence of which he did not know the year, or even the century, in which it took place, or who could come no nearer than one hundred and thirty-three years in fixing or guessing at the time.

Answer for yourself: Would the court accept such testimony? Should you?

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the birth of jesus christ as recorded in the new testament...truth...or sun myth retold?





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THE NATIVITY: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

The word "nativity" might be new to some or our readers or the meaning vague so let us begin this article with the definition of the word "nativity".

na-tiv-i-ty

- **birth.**
- **birth with reference to place or attendant circumstances**
- **the birth of Christ.**
- **the church festival commemorating the birth of Christ; Christmas.**
- **a representation of the birth of Christ, as in art.**
- **in Astrology; a horoscope of a person's birth.**

So we find that the word "nativity" refers to a "birth" and in particular the "birth of Christ" along with the later Christian festival that sanctifies that birth as exceptional among mankind. The word even goes so far as to apply to art that is created around this theme.

Answer for yourself: But did you notice that the word also carries the meaning of a relationship to astrology?

Answer for yourself: How can astrology be connected to the birth of Jesus Christ? As in our other articles in this series we must ask if the birth of the historical Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament is related to astrology and can we find the genesis or origin for such an event in the stars and in astrology and not in a "historical event" as we have been erroneously told?



The Nativity brings together Mary, Joseph, the Christ Child, the Shepherds, the Angels and, on Epiphany, the Wise Men. Representations of the birth of this "Jesus" or "Christ" proliferated from the 4th century, particularly in books like Psalters which were used during the liturgy. There are two traditions of iconographic representation of the Nativity.

The Western tradition sees the conception and birth of Jesus as divine events: Mary is virginal and because she was not subject to the curse of the daughters of Eve and did not suffer during labour. This is why she is depicted seated, holding the Infant Jesus on her lap. At the end of the 14th century, under the influence of Italian artists, the Virgin is represented on her knees in a posture of adoration.

The Eastern tradition, on the other hand, emphasizes the reality of the incarnation of this Jesus and his human birth: Mary, having just given birth, is pictured lying down.

The iconography of the Nativity also includes the



tidings of good news to the Shepherds, the homage of the Wise Men and other elements. [Though Jesus's birth is celebrated on December 25](#), most scholars agree that it is unlikely that any true "Savior" was actually born on this date.



First, we must recognize that it was almost inevitable, in an ancient context, that stories of a miraculous birth for a "Savior" or for our Jesus (the name means 'Lord's salvation') would have appeared, and this in turn will make the historian skeptical with almost equal inevitability. The narratives of the heroes in the Hebrew Bible make a miraculous birth almost an essential pre-requisite for anyone who wants to have a significant role in Israel's history.

Similarly, the Roman historian Suetonius, born around 69-70 C.E., had the following to say about a sign proceeding the birth of Caesar Augustus (the quote is from his work entitled [The Twelve Ceasars](#)):

According to Julius Marathus [the freeman and secretary of Augustus], a public portent warned the Roman people some months before Augustus' birth that Nature was making ready to provide them with a king; and this caused the Senate such consternation that they issued a decree which forbade the rearing of a male child for a whole year. However, a group of senators whose wives were expecting prevented the decree from being filed at the Treasury and thus becoming law – for each of them hoped that the prophesied King would be his own son.

Suetonius also reports that another source tells [the story of how Augustus was conceived miraculously by Apollo rather than by his human father](#). Any historian would look at such stories with skepticism. Pagan heroes like Alexander the Great and Caesar Augustus and mythological figures such as Hercules and Prometheus are depicted in various texts as being born from a virgin. Similar stories exist in Egyptian, Mesopotamian and Persian texts. In China, legend has it that the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu was also born of a virgin. Scholars say, many believe Buddha was born of the virgin Maya after a holy ghost descended upon her. Miraculous births are also reported in the Old Testament: the aged Sarah bearing Isaac and the barren wife of Manoah giving birth to Samson. All of these figures scholars teach us are mediators between the divine and the human. Some critics point to the plethora of virgin-birth stories in mythology and in other world religions as evidence that the event the world celebrates at Christmas is just a nice, feel-good tale. Many scholars go so far as to say that the biblical accounts are responses to the pagan stories about the virgin birth of their heroes and leaders. Human beings are and have been for thousands of years constantly looking for a bridge to God. The virgin birth "belief" helps them in this regard.

So it makes sense that there are so many stories about miraculous births down through history and in many different religions. It is not necessarily that the historian lives in a worldview which excludes the possibility of the miraculous and of divine intervention a priori. But whereas the literature of the ancient world suggests that the miraculous was an almost daily occurrence, modern experience does not confirm this. And so even if one today were to admit that such things may occasionally happen, one would still feel justified in examining the large number of accounts of miraculous events from the ancient world. As David Hume said, ["Extraordinary events require extraordinary evidence."](#)

The problem with stories like those of Jesus' miraculous birth from a virgin in Matthew and Luke, is that a historian would seem unjustified giving them credence while denying the historicity of other ancient accounts of miraculous births, ones from around the same time and with the same amount of supporting evidence. **In fact, Matthew and Luke's evidence seems to blatantly contradict the claims of Paul (our earliest source), as well as being internally incoherent. Both Matthew and Luke have preserved genealogies of Joseph, and two contradictory ones at that, while also affirming that Joseph was not really the father!** Of course, Joseph's acceptance of the child would have amounted to 'adoption', but Paul's testimony is that Jesus really is the descendent of David according to the flesh:

Rom 1:3 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; (KJV)

2 Tim 2:8 8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Have you studied our **"Egyptian-Christian" website?** Problematic for us in such a quote from Romans above is the **archeological fact that the King David of the Bible is actually the Pharaoh Tuthmose III and not a Jewish King at all.** But of course that is a completely different study for those "strong of heart" and curious to know the truth behind the "Jesus Story" we have inherited today.

This information above does not mean that you as an individual cannot believe the virgin birth. What it does mean is that, as a historian, you do not have sufficient basis to justify the assertion "We can say with a great deal of confidence that we are certain that Jesus was born of a virgin." But once again, we come back to the reverse as well: we cannot say how Jesus was conceived. We simply do not have enough relevant evidence.

Answer for yourself: Could Joseph have been the father, as later Jewish Christian groups believed and mentioned in the New Testament texts? If we take these texts as "truthful" it is a possibility **but the more you study it becomes hard to maintain a belief in a "historical Jesus".** It is certainly the most 'natural' explanation some would say but it is they who have not done the necessary studies to see what really lies behind the "Jesus Story".

Answer for yourself: Could Mary have been raped by a Roman soldier, as some later Jewish polemical writings claimed? There are so many stories that circle around the identity of this "Jesus". If this Jesus was somehow a real person then it is certainly not a possibility that can be excluded. **At the end of the day, one's assessment of the stories of Jesus' miraculous birth will be a judgment call based above all else on one's diligence and depth of his studies into the origin of the Christian faith and the evolution of the idea of "the Christ" since the time of Egypt.** Those whose worldview accepts the possibility of God 'interfering' with the natural course of events in all sorts of minute details hidden from human scrutiny will find nothing implausible about Jesus (or Augustus or anyone else) having been conceived in a miraculous way, with accompanying signs and portents. Those whose worldview does not include experience of day-to-day miraculous divine intervention will quite naturally be skeptical of ancient accounts which imply that the world then was very different and 'played by different rules' than those that appear to be in force today.

One only needs to look at the way the later Church developed the legends concerning Jesus' birth further still in order to **see that the canonical Gospels are simply stages in the development of stories about Jesus' origins and birth that are increasingly miraculous and of steadily decreasing value for a historian.** It is a pity that we start our study of the information regarding the historical figure Jesus of Nazareth with the stories about his birth, because these are from relatively **late sources** having been added to the "Second New Testament" of Irenaeus after 180 A.D. and are among the least reliable material in the Gospel tradition. But nothing more needs to be said by way of introduction here. **It is time we move directly into the nativity and see if there is any connection with astrology which forms the very genesis for such a legend and myth.**

THE NATIVITY

According to the New Testament Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem in a stable, surrounded by farm animals and shepherds. The baby Jesus was born into a manger from the Virgin Mary assisted by her husband Joseph. The odd location of the birth was the result of the refusal of a nearby inn to accommodate the expecting couple. Three wise men were also said to have visited the event, bearing gifts. This in a nutshell is the "nativity"

Answer for yourself: Is the events mentioned above that comprise the "nativity" actual historical events or were these later "literalizations" of events that occurred in the Heavens and Sky above as seen through the eyes of stargazers? Were the paths of the Stars later personified and even later "literalized" and formed into legends and myths of sungods and even later in the story of "Jesus Christ" as we find in the New Testament?

Well we need to look into this if truth is your quest. Certainly no one desires to worship God in vain or in error and unless we come to terms with such stories in the Bible then the certainly of the value of our worship as taught by Christianity will always remain in doubt.

ASTROLOGY...THE SIGN OF CANCER

The sign of Cancer also plays a very important role in the event known as the "Nativity," the birth of Christ in the manger in the inn. The improbable story of the Annunciation, the flight into Egypt and then the pause along the way are all cover stories for the relationship and dynamics of the constellations. It is reported that the son of god was born on the 25th of December (Christmas).

Answer for yourself: Why is this day so remarkable throughout antiquity?

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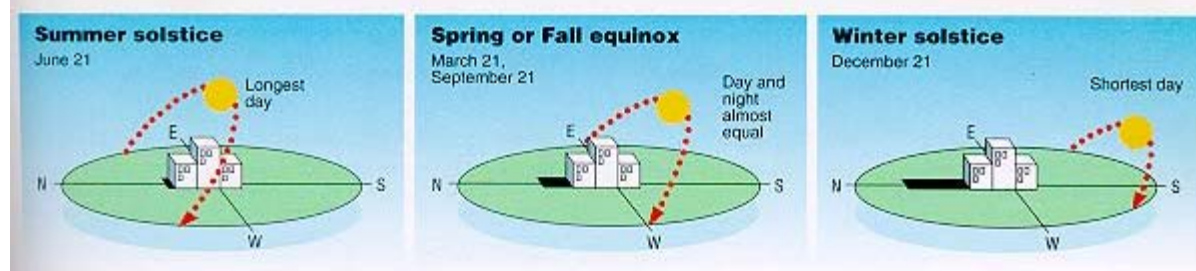
This is a few days after the famous [Winter Solstice](#) and this date had long been a pagan festival. Stop right here! If you are not familiar and thoroughly understand the Winter Solstice then before you continue to read you need to click the link and become very, very familiar with the Celestial phenomena that is associated with this very important "religious time" of mankind.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that in Egypt December 25th was the birthday of Horus, son of Isis and Osiris, and had been for thousands of years before the Roman "Jesus"?

Answer for yourself: Do you know why this day and period of time of the year was held sacred? Simply because this is Astro-theology at its best. This is the time of the Winter Solstice. People have celebrated the middle of winter for centuries. Winter Solstice is the longest night of darkness of winter, after which each of the days grow progressively longer with increasing light and illumination of the Sun until the Summer Solstice. Many cultures have celebrated for thousands of years before the "Roman Jesus" this sign of winter's waning and this death of winter at the Winter Solstice. The importance of agriculture in early societies made the seasons very important to their celebrations and are linked to mankind's religion. Spring and Summer were times of new life and Fall was the time of the Harvest. Winter, cold and dark, was a time of little sunlight and conditions at this time threatened the very existence of mankind. The dark, cold days of Winter not only brought increased darkness but the gradual cessation of the food chain with Mother Nature's retreat. The sun's light weakened towards Winter, and people feared that it might disappear completely as the Sun sinks lower in the sky daily and as the days contain less light and warmth daily. In order to honor the sun which was to them the very symbol of the Creator and His salvation and goodness to them. Thus people celebrated. If they honored the sun, they felt it would return quickly and completely. Music, bonfires, and feasts were used to honor the sun back to its full strength. The importance of the lights of Hanukkah and Christmas (symbolic of the light of the sun) could be said to have Solstice origins. The ancient Romans celebrated Saturnalia, beginning December

17th. Saturnalia honored the god of agriculture, Saturn. This was a time of feasting, gift-giving, and visiting. Evergreen trees were covered with fruit and other decorations, and candles were popular gifts. Elements of Saturnalia can be seen in Winter Solstice and other Winter celebrations today.

But more to the point the Ancients noticed in very ancient times that during the solstice period, the sun which was travelling south into the cold of winter and would descend lower on the horizon as it set daily until it reached a point where it would stop. At this time the days contained as mentioned above less light gradually and the days were darker longer each day. The the winter the days became shorter and shorter as the Sun set lower



in the sky day after day.

The Winter Solstice is the day when the Sun is the lowest in the southern sky. During the short winter days the Sun does not rise exactly in the east,

but instead rises just south of east and it sets south of west. Each day after the Winter Solstice, which occurs on December 21st, and after the Sun remained motionless to mankind at it set no lower in the Sky for 3 days then miraculously the Sun's path becomes a little higher in the southern sky after having remained motionless in the sky for 3 days. Mankind had fearer with the decline of the Sun and reaching a point where it remained fixed and motionless as it set in the same place for 3 days that the Sun had died fighting the increasing darkness. Since darkness was understood by man as his greatest enemy and was "

evil" then they reasoned that the Sun had been fighting the "dark-evil, d-evil, ... 'the devil' for 3 days where after these 3 days where it appeared dead and motionless it won this battle against its chief foe...the devil" and rose from the dead as seen in the Sun's slow rise in the Sky from which it had remained motionless for 3 days. The Sun, as it rose from the dead, also begins to rise closer to the east and set closer to the west until we reach the day when it rises exactly east and sets exactly west. This day is called the equinox. In fact this is what the word 'solstice' means, 'sun standing still.'

This most southerly position of the sun is marked on all globes, as the tropic of Capricorn, for it is in that sign that this event takes place. All the sungods of history that died on the "cross of heaven" struggled with this "devil" and rose from the dead after 3 days. Notice if you will that the Sun seems to sinking lower into the horizon as winter approaches and the days possess less daylight and heat. That means less photosynthesis and less harvests and food supplies diminishing. Ancient man feared the darkness for it was personified death to him.

In the absence of light from the Sun then man was vulnerable to bad and evil things happening to him. In fact we get the term "the devil" from this concept as the Ancients connected the ideas of "evil" and "darkness" together. To the Ancients the dark was "evil" and they called it the "dark-evil" or the "d-evil" or the "devil". I hope you see this. Darkness brought the threat of attack from enemies he could not see, the capture of his women and family by invaders, the threat of attack by predator animals or poisonous snakes let alone the absence of light and heat that promised food for tomorrows. In such conditions as the Sun, the provider of light, security, safety, heat, and photosynthesis and the abundance of food stuffs was the Savior of the Ancients. So when we speak of the Winter Solstice it is rather easy knowing this that as the Sun sank deeper into the southern horizon on a daily basis and with less light every day to the point that the path of the Sun had moved further down the sky to where it had remained motionless for 3 days at the Winter Solstice then the ancients considered that the sun had actually died. In fact, the great orb, would remain standing still for three days neither moving north or south. Then, it was noticed, that on the third day, the sun would begin moving northward again.

Answer for yourself: Can you now see and understand why it was always said that the sun, the light of the world, would die for three days and then on the third day rise again?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this was known thousands of years before Christianity came on the

scene?

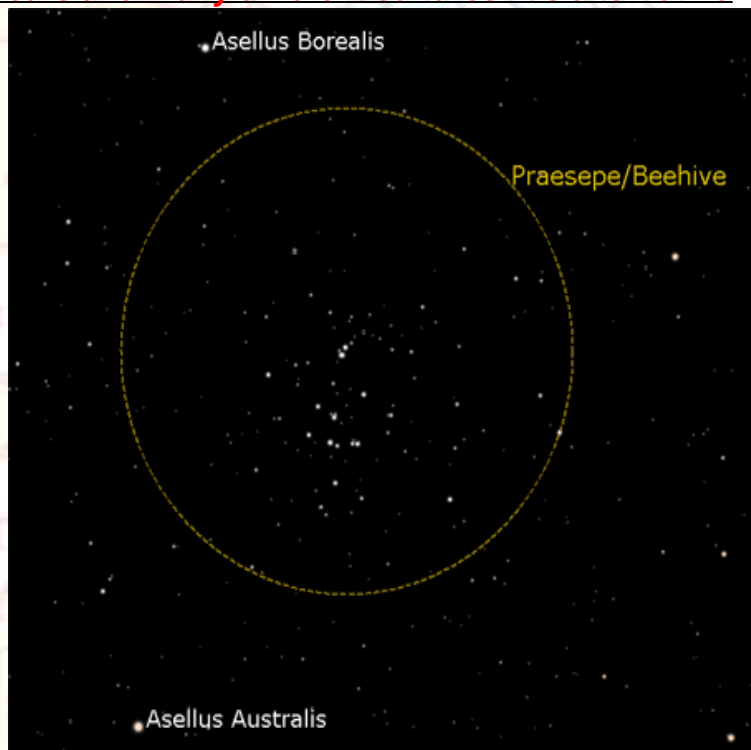
Now this all occurs in the sign of Capricorn. But due to the movement of the earth in relation to the zodiac, the stars of the opposite signs or constellations are visible in the opposite houses. So in the house of Capricorn one sees the stars of the northern signs, including that of Cancer.

And there are several important constellations in the sign of Cancer.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that one of the important constellations in the sign of Cancer is called the "manger" or "cradle"? M44 (NGC 2632), the name for the star in Cancer, is better known by the name the Beehive Cluster, or the Latin equivalent, Praesepe, which not only means a hive but also a crib, or manger. The Praesepe, or Beehive Cluster, is one of the best known star clusters and has an observational history that spans several thousand years and many different cultures. It's alternative name, the Manger, is linked to the two stars to it's left, above and below it - Asellus Borealis and Asellus Australis, respectively. These represent the two donkeys that were often depicted as feeding from Christ's manger in the first atlases.

As stated one of these constellations, known to the ancients astrologers was called the Manger or the Cradle. Said to be the manger in which the Christ Child was born. It is visible from December to June. The two brightest stars of the constellation are said to be the donkeys present when the Child was born.

It is important for theological reasons to understand the constellation of Cancer which is that portion of the night sky into which the Sun "walks like a crab," sideways. It is the position of the sun during the summer solstice. The sun enters, stays for a few days, and walks out backward.



Answer for yourself: We are now aware that it is at this time that after remaining motionless in the sky for 3 days as if "dead" the Sun begins to move backwards in the sky from the Winter Solstice (born again) and in so doing brings hope to the world and salvation again to mankind.

Answer for yourself: Then is it any coincidence that we find a connection between the Sun's "birth" from the "dead" and the "birth of the Christ child" on the same day which is December 25th? This is long beyond coincidence and any thinking believer will be hard pressed believing that the infancy narratives concerning Jesus Christ in the New Testament and the parallels to it which can be found in Ancient history and comparative religions concerning other sun-gods birthed on December 25th for thousands of years is but a coincidence.

This again is the constellation, amongst others, that is seen just before dawn on the day when the sun is beginning its rebirth. So it was said that the sun of god, the light of the world, that dies on the cross of the zodiac, rises after three days and is born from a manger or cradle.

Answer for yourself: What is the "cross" of the Zodiac?

The idea of the cross comes about because it was known that the two solstices and two equinoxes can be geometrically aligned using a perfect cross. In fact this was the origin of the symbol of the cross. It comes

from no other place and no other discipline than astrology. Now we know what constellations are seen in the night sky of December.

Well this is but the beginning of our study into the nativity as we yet have to address the [3 magi](#), [being visited by shepherds](#), [the recognition of the Christ child and being given gifts](#), [born in a manger or cave](#), [the heavenly host singing](#), [the descent into hell](#), [having to die on a cross](#), [being born in Bethlehem](#), [star in the east](#), [the virgin birth](#), [the desire to kill the Christ child](#), and many other events in the Heavens later told as a "historical truth" in the "Jesus Story" we inherited. We have a lot to "unlearn" and "relearn" and we need be about it so we progress in our studies of the Astro-theology behind the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament.

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BIRTH OF HORUS: WAS THIS THE PROTOTYPE FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS?

If one does the necessary study and reads the right sources then beyond any doubt he sees that much of the Christian History was pre-extant as Egyptian Mythology.

Answer for yourself: Why has this not been public knowledge and is only now begun to be taught and revealed to interested readers and students of Biblical history? Well the main reason is that it has only been in the last two hundred years that we have been able to rediscover how to read the Egyptian hieroglyphics which was prompted by the discovery of the [Rosetta Stone](#).

The answer is not too difficult to comprehend. The facts concerning the "Jesus Story" being patterned after the Horus of Egypt like other foundations, have been buried out of sight for thousands of years in a hieroglyphical language, that was never really read by Greeks or Romans, and could not be read until the lost clue was discovered by Champollion, almost the other day! Champollion was a French Egyptologist, who is acknowledged as the father of modern Egyptology. He achieved many things during his short career, but he is best known for his work on the Rosetta Stone. It was his deciphering of the hieroglyphics contained on the Stone that laid the foundations for Egyptian archaeology. Hidden for a thousand years in the lost language of Egypt and their hieroglyphics is to be found the exact replica of the later Roman "Jesus Story". This is almost too incredible to believe until you examine the results for yourself and if you do then you see that the "logia" or the "sayings of the Christ" can be found in the rituals contained in the Egyptian Book of the Dead as uttered by Horus as well as others. This information has laid beyond the knowledge of moderns until the efforts of Champollion and his work on the Rosetta Stone in the latter 1820s. Provided for the interested reader is the necessary link to examine the history for himself to see how the earlier "Horus/Jesus Stories" were lost to the world for thousands of years but now resurrected with the restoration of Egyptian hieroglyphics through the efforts of Champollion.

This loss of ability to decipher Egyptian Hieroglyphics is the reason why the original sources of our Mythology and Christology remained as hidden as they have; that is until the century in which we live. The mystical matter enshrouded in this language was sacredly entrusted to the keeping of the buried dead, who have faithfully preserved it as their Book of Life, which was placed beneath their pillows, or clasped to their bosoms, in their coffins and their tombs.

As Christians we all fell into the same pit of ignorance. We all were taught to accept the Canonical Gospels as containing an assumed undoubted human history, and we assumed, as others taught us to do, that the assumed history on the pages of our New Testament proved itself. Everything goes well with such an approach until one decides to study the origin of the Christian Faith and do so in a scholarly fashion.

The first thing we encounter in such study is the fact that a Jesus, or Jehoshua Ben-Pandira, *was* an historical character, known to the Talmud. The only problem with this is that this historical character, Jehoshua Ben-Pandira is found in history 100 years too early for the assumed New Testament Jesus. Without such study we all make the same mistake; namely, approaching the New Testament supposing that this New Testament and its

record of a Jesus, the events surrounding his life and his sayings proved the personal existence of this Jesus as found portrayed in the Canonical Gospels.

The hardest thing in my life as an Ordained Pastor was to study to the point where I found that this depiction of Jesus in the New Testament was a fraud. After dedicated and sustained serious study of the origins of Christianity one is hard pressed to believe this account of an assumed historical when confronted with the records of Egyptian history and religion as you are about to see for yourself.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF THE EGYPTIAN MESSIAH...HORUS & THE PATTERN FOR THE LATER JESUS STORY

The mythical Messiah was always born of a Virgin Mother. It finds its ultimate expression from the constellation virgo. Understand that most all of the Ancient "saviors" had virgin-births?

Answer for yourself: Why was a virgin birth necessary in the instance of Horus? Simply because his father, Osiris, had been murdered by his brother (the Cain and Able story). If you are familiar with the Osiris Myth then you would already know this but if not I suggest that you become very familiar with this story as it is the undergirding tale that lies behind the "Jesus Story". You will find upon study that the Jewish race was heavily influenced by both Egypt and Babylon and many of their "religious myths" become incorporated in their religious heritage and find expression in the Tanakh.

Answer for yourself: Why is the constellation virgo connected with all this virgin birth stuff? Well you have to know a little astronomy to understand the role of Virgo in the mind of the Ancients (<http://jesuastrotheology.netfirms.com>). If you take the time to get into such stellar astronomy and religion then you will see that most religious stories found in the Christian New Testament come from the personification of the movement of the orbs in the Heavens. I was blown away by such revelations the more I studied this topic when reading books from such men like:

- The Origin Of All Religious Worship by Charles Dupuis
- The Origin and Evolution Of Religion by Albert Churchward
- Ruins Or Meditation On The Revolutions Of Empires And The Law Of Nature by C.F. Volney
- The Historical Jesus And The Mythical Christ by Gerald Massey
- Ancient Egypt: The Light Of The World by Gerald Massey

This information was so overwhelming and earth-shattering that it answered for me any and all questions that remained unanswered concerning the possibility for a historical Jesus that lingered after yeas of advanced study. This of course, a virgin birth, is an event unknown to the medical profession as well as being opposed to all natural phenomena observed in the operation of the laws of nature given to us by the Creator. Therefore such an event as a possible virgin birth to a "thinking believer" should be first of all suspect and understood as an impossible historical event and one should be aware that such an event, as recorded in almost every ancient religion is one that can only be explained by means of a Mythos which incidentally can be found preserved in numerous Ancient theologies long before the birth of Christianity. This astronomical phenomena is replayed over and over down through history since all nations saw the same constellations in the night sky and with trade, travel, and military conquest these myths of the constellations and the path of the Sun moved around the globe given enough time.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the "Virgin Mother" was represented in Egypt by the maiden Queen, Mut-em-ua, the future mother of Amenhept III some 16 centuries B.C.? Truly there is nothing new under the Sun and one only has to undertake a serious study of Egypt and Egyptian religion to find the "Jesus Story" and the "Logia" (the sayings of the Lord) which we find later reproduced in the New Testament as put into the mouth of the later "messiah" of Rome's invention.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever heard of the Temple of Luxor? The Luxor area of Upper Egypt was the

Thebes of the ancient Egyptians - the capital of Egypt during the Middle and New Kingdoms. Today it is famous for its temples and the nearby Valley of the Kings.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that on the walls of the Temple of Luxor we find carved in stone what appears to be the "first" nativity from which all others are patterned?

THE EGYPTIAN NATIVITY

Of great interest to us in this article are four consecutive scenes reproduced in Temple which are found portrayed upon the innermost walls of the *Holy of Holies* in the Temple of Luxor, which was built by Amenhept III, a Pharaoh of the 17th dynasty. Below is the depiction taken from the wall of this Temple of Luxor. It is important for our study to examine this depiction of events on the wall of the Temple of Luxor very closely so we will refer to this picture in the following article repeatedly.



What appears to be a meaningless depiction of scattered events is pregnant with meaning (excuse the word play).

The Legend of Osiris is one of Egypt's most Ancient literature myths. So old, it's origins have been lost in time. It was an important story to the Egyptians because of Osiris' role as the king who is resurrected as the "King of the dead". A king that every Egyptian, from the mightiest pharaoh to the lowliest peasant, hoped to join in the afterlife. Other important themes that we find in the story are; the trials of Isis in which she is idolized as a dutiful wife and protective mother. And the revenge of Horus against his evil uncle Seth who killed his father Osiris, which is a powerful struggle of good verses evil. In an effort to avoid confusion you should be aware that there are two forms of the god Horus in this story, first we find him as the brother of Osiris, then later we find him called Harpocrates or Horus his infant son.

It may be worth noting that in all the vast amount of text that we have from the ancient Egyptians, we find no complete version of this tale. We find only pieces, references and additions to it. One of the most important versions of the story comes to us from a Greek writer named, Plutarch, who lived in the first century A.D.

We find the Legend of Osiris literally portrayed on the walls of the Holy of Holies of the Temple of Luxor. Unknown to the reader of this article at this time is that the Legend of Osiris and his son Horus is the very same story of the birth of the Jesus as depicted in the New Testament thousands of years later.

We find that the "Gospel Story" was written on the walls of this Temple of Luxor (Thebes) thousands of years before the assumed Jesus of history. The story of the divine Annunciation, the miraculous Conception (or Incarnation), the Birth, and the Adoration of the Messianic Child (originally Horus), had already been engraved in hieroglyphics and represented in 4 consecutive scenes upon the innermost walls of the holy of holies in the Temple of Luxor which was built by Amenhept III, a Pharaoh of the 18th dynasty, long before there was any concept of Jesus existing in the first century A.D. In these scenes the maiden queen Mut-em-ua, the mother of Amenhept III, her future child, impersonates this "virgin-mother" (originally Isis) who was miraculously impregnated following the death of her husband Osiris and consequently bore a child without sexual



intercourse since her husband had been murdered by his evil brother (see the Osiris Myth).

Let us look at the above picture as we describe the scenes for the reader.

Annunciation: The first scene on the left hand shows the God Taht (Thoth) [the New Testament Gabriel] the Lunar Mercury, the Annunciator of the Gods, in the act of hailing the Virgin Queen, Mut-em-ua, [Mary] and announcing to her that she is to give birth to the coming Son (Amenhotep III in the character of Horus, the divine child [prototype for the later Jesus]. Originally the story finds its first telling when the god Thoth announces to a virgin, Isis, the impending birth of her son, Horus.

Luke 1:26-33 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (KJV)

Immaculate Conception: In the next scene the god Kneph (the Egyptian Holy Ghost) and the goddess Hathor hold crosses, sign of life, originally to the head and nostrils of Isis and mystically impregnate her. Of course this myth is retold later in the account of Queen Mut-em-ua, the future mother of Amenhept III. Kneph ("the Egyptian Holy Spirit") descends and assisted by Hathor, impregnates the virgin [the New Testament Mary] by holding the "ankh", symbol of life, to her head, mouth, nostrils.

Gen 2:7 7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (KJV)

Luke 1:31-35 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that Pharaohs were called "Sons of God"?

The "ankh" is the Egyptian cross having a loop for its upper vertical arm. The Ankh, known in Latin as a crux ansata ("handle-shaped cross"), is the Egyptian hieroglyphic symbol for "life". Kneph is the form of the Holy Ghost or Spirit that causes the Immaculate Conception, Kneph being the "spirit" by name in Egyptian. Impregnation and conception are made apparent in the virgin's fuller form (see the picture). The natural effects of this "miracle conception" are made apparent in the virgin's swelling form (just look at her abdomen in the 2nd depiction on the 'left' of the mural).

The Birth Of The Child God: In the next scene we see the mother is seated on the midwife's stool, and the child is supported and lifted up by the hands of one of the nurses. Originally, the mother, Isis, sits on a midwife's stool, and the newly born infant, Horus, is held by attendants. With the development of the mythos we find that next the mother, Queen Mut-em-ua, the future mother of Amenhept III, is seated on the mid-wife's

stool, and the newborn child is supported in the hands of one of the nurses. Later this same story is told only the names of the virgin mother has been altered [Mary] as well as the name of the child god [Jesus instead of Horus].

Luke 2:4-7 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (KJV)

Adoration: The fourth scene is that of the Adoration. Here the child is enthroned, receiving homage from the gods and gifts from men. Behind the deity Kneph, on the right look for 3 figures who are men kneeling and offering gifts with the right hand and life (ankh cross) with the left hand.

Originally the infant Horus receives homage from gods and Three Kings, the Magi, who offer him gifts. In a re-adaptation of the earlier myth we find here the child of Queen Mut-em-ua is enthroned, receiving homage from the Gods and gifts from men as well. As children growing up in the mainly Christian Western Hemisphere we heard this same story over and over never suspecting that it is but a retelling of the Osiris Myth. Never did we know that when we heard of the birth of Jesus and read the birth narratives with our families at Christmas time that we were reading the same story told for over 10,000 years. Never did we suspect that as these men who worshipped Jesus in the New Testament account were but a re-adaptation of those who originally worshipped Horus. All along we had a re-adaptation of these 3 wise men who found baby Horus; in our case the name was changed: Horus became Jesus and Mut-em-ua became Mary. These same 3 wise men worshipped Jesus (the New Testament Horus), and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But lets look deeper. In the depiction of this miraculous birth on the walls of the Temple of Luxor Isis has been replaced by Queen Mut-em-ua [later to be replaced by Mary]. Behind the deity Kneph, on the right, three spirits--the Three Magi, or Kings of the Legend, are kneeling and offering presents with their right hand, and life with their left. The child thus announced, incarnated, born, and worshipped, was the Pharaonic representative of the Aten Sun in Egypt, the God Adon of Syria, and Hebrew Adonai; the child-Christ of the Aten Cult; the miraculous conception of the ever-virgin mother, personated by Mut-em-ua, as mother of the "only one," and representative of the divine mother of the youthful Sun-God.

Luke 2:8-20 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. (KJV)

Matt 2:1-2 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king,

behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (KJV)

These scenes, which were mythical in Egypt, have been copied or reproduced as historical in the Canonical Gospels. In this [set of engravings] we have the Annunciation, the Conception, the Birth, and [the] Adoration as described in the first and second chapter of Luke's Gospel. John G. Jackson, in Christianity Before Christ [American Atheist Press, PO Box 2117, Austin, TX 78768-2117, 1985, pp. 43-46.], cites Gerald Massey in Ancient Egypt: Light of the World, Vol. II, p. 757 [London, T. Fisher Unwin, 1907], as providing this information concerning the mythical elements of an annunciation, an immaculate conception, a virgin birth, and an adoration as presented as consecutive engravings on the inner walls of Temple of Luxor, in Luxor, Egypt, from the time of King Amenhotep III (1538-1501 B.C.). These books are must reads in my opinion if you want to see these things in more detail let alone follow the story of the evolving Horus-Jesus in the New Testament. On my websites I devote considerable space to this very important myth for behind it all again one finds astronomical origins for such a myth.

It needs to be said that critics should remember that the scenes described are literally carved in stone on the walls of the Temple at Luxor and stand as an original source of mythical elements of the Horus myth let alone the source for the later "Jesus birth myth".

John G. Jackson, in Christianity Before Christ, p. 109, states that the resurrection of Osiris is depicted by bas-reliefs (stone carvings on the a wall or a side of an altar, a statue, etc.) of the walls of a Temple of Osiris at Denderah, Egypt, in which Osiris is presented (1) as a mummy on his bier, (2) he arises, and (3) stands erect, with Isis standing behind him, and a male figure hold a crux ansata, an Egyptian symbol of life. Jackson also states that another Osiris resurrection is depicted at the Temple of Isis in Philae, Egypt, upon which is this inscription: "This is the form of him whom one may not name, Osiris of the Mysteries (myths), who springs from the returning waters." Again, critics should remember that the Osiris myth resurrection scenes described are literally carved in stone on the walls of the Temple of Osiris at Denderah and the Temple of Isis at Philae and stand as original sources of mythical elements of the Osiris myth. **We herein have an ancient Egyptian mythical element of a death and resurrection and a parallel to the death and resurrection mythical element in the "Jesus Story".**

Answer for yourself: Is the "Jesus Story" as we have inherited it not a historical reality? Well that is for you to decide based on evidences like these presented in this article. The sole pursuit of such study is to come to the truth of such matters surrounding the New Testament Jesus in hopes that our worship of the Creator be not tainted with idolatry but offered solely to the Creator grounded in truth. I have found that the study of Egypt will give you the answers to these most difficult questions that surround the truth concerning the New Testament Jesus.

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BORN OF A VIRGIN: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

Matt 1:23 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (KJV)

The New Testament teaches that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. This means that Mary had no sexual relations with any man prior to the birth of Jesus.

Luke 1:27-38 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. 38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. (KJV)

According to traditional Christian dogma the virgin birth is set down in the New Testament as an historical fact. The writers who recorded the story were Matthew -an eyewitness to the events in the life of Jesus-and Luke, the doctor, who presents many things in the life of Christ from Mary's viewpoint. The passages in both Matthew and Luke are authentic, with no evidence at all that they were later additions to the text. The doctrine of the virgin birth has been believed by the church from its inception. Ignatius, who lived at the start of the second century, wrote to the Ephesians: ***"For our God, Jesus the Christ, was conceived in the womb by Mary, according to a dispensation, of the seed of David but also of the Holy Ghost."***

Answer for yourself: Is the virgin birth that we read about in the New Testament taken from Astronomy and we not know about it?

It is taken from granted that the reader of this article is very familiar with our prior article on the [nativity](#) and the [winter solstice](#). This is necessary information that is crucial to the understanding of the origin of the virgin birth teaching. Having said that then understand that the virgin birth dogma makes reference to another

sidereal phenomena happening at the same time. On the eastern horizon on the morning of the 25th of December, the day of the winter solstice noting the birth of the Sun from lying motionless and dead for 3 days, the ancients also took notice of the constellation of Virgo.

THE CONSTELLATION VIRGO...IS IT THE ULTIMATE ORIGIN FOR THE VIRGIN-BIRTH TEACHING?

Answer for yourself: What do we know of the constellation of Virgo and its legend or myth? Well, let me help you catch up.

Virgo is the Winged Virgin. We see this clearly when looking at Isis in Egypt. Virgo, personified as Isis, often is depicted holding a Palm Branch in her left hand or an Ear of Wheat in her right, a symbol of the fruitfulness of



woman, which marks her brightest star, Spica. Virgo was worshipped as the great goddess of the harvest throughout the ancient world. The origins of the cult of the Great Goddess, who was both virgin and mother, are prehistoric, but since the dawn of recorded history the Great Goddess has been associated with the constellation Virgo. The Sun nowadays passes through

the constellation of Virgo in September/October, and is therefore the constellation that announces the harvest. Virgo is the second largest constellation (after Hydra).

The image of a female deity has long been associated by early cultures with the constellation of Virgo. Ancient star maps often depict a winged woman holding stalks of wheat or corn in her left hand. The bright star that represents the woman's left hand is called Spica, which means "Ear of Grain" in Latin. The representation of the constellation as a goddess of cultivation is due to the position of the summer solstice within this portion of the sky from 6000 to 4000 BC. The appearance of the constellation Virgo in the horizon marked the time of harvest and the change of seasons. The figure of a woman within this portion of the sky was probably determined by the matriarchal societies of this era when the development of the sciences and arts of agriculture and grafting, the domestication of animals and the settling of cities was occurring. Few know today that earliest understanding of God was "feminine" and not "masculine". When human beings first began to acknowledge a higher, creative power they recognized that power as belonging to the female principle. If one looks into the distant archaic world that initiated the worship of the Goddess one will find that the earliest understanding of God was "feminine". In time, however, the male principle pushed aside and eventually crushed the worship of the female divinity, and replaced it with a Father God who was responsible for all creation. Now the Male Principle is perceived as the ultimate creative force in the universe, somewhat of an obvious paradox, but one we have bought into for thousands of years. Few ever stop to think that the Bible was written by men. The early patriarchs of the Jews wrote in masculine terms, convinced that there had never been a Goddess and that God had always been male. This was advantageous for men politically as well as socially. Empowered by the belief that a male God favored men as the superior creation, they abolished any female worship. Because of this we have lost the true understanding of Virgo and its influence upon religion today; especially in Christianity with its emphasis upon Mary, the immaculate conception, and the Virgin birth.



The Arabs called the star Spica the "Defenseless One" because it lacks bright companion stars. It is visible on clear summer nights if you trace a line from Polaris to the south, through Arcturus in Boötes. It also forms a large triangle with Arcturus and Denebola in the constellation Leo that can be used to orient yourself. Some of

the mythological representations of Virgo are Nana, Eve, Istar, Demeter, Hecate, Themis, Hera, Astraea, Diana, Cybele, Isis, Fortuna, Erigone, Sibylla and the Virgin Mother. From Virgo we get all of our representations of the Great Mother in some form. Virgo as the feminine aspect of the Creator existed before the masculine gods of ancient and classical mythology.

In Egypt Virgo represents the goddess Isis, the moon goddess-wife of Osiris the god of fertility and agriculture, and mother of Horus the new moon. Isis originally represented the Great Mother, similar to Nana and Themis. She is usually depicted as a woman carrying a small child in her arms, probably the infant Horus. **The image eventually came to represent the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus.** The "Virgin myth" began long ago in Egypt. It is in the Predynastic Egypt that we find the myth of the Virgin in its inception which was taken from the constellation Virgo. We have three characters in this story. It starts off by the killing of Osiris. Isis (Inanna in Sumerian times) collects the pieces of her dead husband. The only piece she keeps is his phallus (penis), subsequently impregnating herself (of course here is where the "virgin" part comes in). Isis became pregnant and



bore a child, Horus. **This child Horus of course parallels the profile of "Jesus".** The Isis and Horus story was very popular in Egypt and it was **symbolic for life and death and the life that raises out of death which again found its earliest expression from the "rebirth of the Sun from the dead at the Winter Solstice".** As you can see when contrasting the pictures of Isis and Horus and Mary and baby Jesus there are remarkable similarities not only in the statues but when you examine the facts of these two "myths" as found between the story of Isis and Horus and Mary and the virgin born Jesus then there is no doubt that the Christian story of the Virgin birth was plagiarized from the Isis and Horus story of Egypt. When one examines the evidence then one is led to accept the same conclusion as the scholars. The myth was obviously stolen; the names were changed and the events were changed (typical Christian behavior down through history). **Herein lies another 2000 year old case of plagiarism in the first century of the early Christian movement.** This mother and son relationship was universal among pagan nations. Each nation



would have their own name for their gods and goddesses, but they all adopted each others concepts. This was mainly due to one nation conquering another, and absorbing each other's cultures. Later, this pagan culture was absorbed into the (un)holy Roman Empire, and ultimately by the Roman catholic church. Notice the similarity between the catholic Madonna (Mary) and the Egyptian Madonna (Isis).

Isis had a pronounced effect on the Christian perception of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Isis was endlessly depicted holding the divine child Horus, so there was no break in continuity when the Christian image of the Madonna and Child took over. Looking at old figurines it is often quite impossible to tell which was which.

Mary was first called the Mother of God in Alexandria, the Egyptian centre of Isis worship, in the third century. Just after 400 AD Epiphanius denounced women who worshipped Mary as a goddess. Yet by 430 AD Proclus hailed her as the Mother of God and an intermediary between God and man. Nestorius objected to this. But a decisive sermon was preached in 431 AD at Ephesus which led to Nestorius being discredited and Mary elevated to the Queen of Heaven. In another of those pointed coincidences, Diana or Artemis, whose day was 13 August, had been the goddess of the Ephesians and represented an aspect of Isis. In the sixth century a popular myth that Mary had been miraculously carried to Heaven by Jesus and his angels was officially recognized by the Church as **The Assumption**. Now it is a great Roman Catholic festival held on... 13 August! But that is not all we need to notice. Get a load of this. **The festival of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin is held on 25 March because it is precisely nine months before the official birth date of Jesus on 25 December. It is no coincidence that the birth of Jesus was set on the same day as the birth of the sun god who was identified with Horus (Ra), the son of Isis and Osiris. 25 March is thus also the date of the Annunciation of Isis.**

Isis was often represented standing on the crescent moon, with twelve stars (Zodiac) surrounding her head. In

almost every Roman Catholic church on the continent of Europe may be seen pictures and statues of Mary, the "Queen of Heaven," standing on the crescent moon, her head surrounded with twelve stars. *"It would seem more than a chance that so many of the virgin mothers and goddesses of antiquity should have the same name. The mother of Bacchus was Myrrha; the mother of Mercury or Hermes was Myrrha or Maia; the mother of the Siamese Savior - Sommona Cadom was called Maya Maria, i.e. 'the Great Mary'; the mother of Adonis was Myrrha; the mother of Buddha was Maya; now, all these names whether Myrrha, Maia or Maria, are the same as Mary, the name of the mother of the Christian Savior. The month of May was sacred to these goddesses, so likewise is it sacred to the Virgin Mary at the present day. She was also called Myrrha and Maria, as well as Mary..."* (T.W. Doane, Bible Myths And Parallels In World Religions, p. 332).

With the rise of the patriarchal society and religion of Christianity, no strong female figure was easily recognizable. The Virgin Mary, as mother of God, became the obvious representation of all the noble and necessary feminine traits of the Great Mother. Her representation in the stars was placed with Virgo.

Virgo is the Queen of Heaven (Isis, Mary, etc.). Of all the names that she has been given and all the roles ascribed to her, surely this title represents her best. In the zodiac, as we now know it, she is the only female representation. As such, she rules over one whole half of creation, existence, and experience. All the other female figures in myth are bits of her, or in the case of Innana-Isis-Ishtar-Aphrodite - different facets of her Personality as seen by different cultures at different times. In Christian symbology she is the Blessed Virgin, Mother of the Son of Light, and/or the Magdalene Mary.

ASTRONOMY AND THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Now if we logically look at the allegories and origins of Virgin Births in all myths and religions we discover that the prototypes of the Virgin Mary, are the sister-wives of Sun-gods. It is in this context that we must understand certain virgin goddesses such as the Egyptian Isis, and the Greek Artemis, are both sisters of the Sun gods, Osiris and Apollo respectively.

The Virgin Mary is the Constellation of Virgo and the story of virgin births is the timeless allegory of Virgo giving birth to the Sun on the darkest night of the year, the 24th of December. This we have seen is connected to the birth of the Sun at the Winter Solstice (later personified as "the Son" of the Sun). We can see in the study of early histories (including church fathers, Jerome and others) that December 25th was celebrated by pagans of past times for the rebirth of a "ray" from a sun-god born in human form in a cave. In Syria and Phoenicia this "ray" was named Adonis (lord). In Persia this human incarnation was Mithras, also known as Mitra in India. Born in a cave, the one called Mithras was seen by worshipers as a god who takes on the sins of mankind, and it is reported too that a ritual similar to that of Christian baptism was apparently indulged in by believers. The births of these god-men was celebrated like our Jesus on or around December 25th called both the "Birthday of Mithras" and "Night of Light". Justin Martyr (2nd century Christian writer) records Mithras was born on the day the sun was born anew, in a stable. If we follow the path of the Sun we discover that towards the end of August the radiant Sun enters the celestial Virgo and places the seed of the new Sun in her to germinate the embryo of the new Sun, Horus, Apollo or Christ.

This phenomenon, which takes place every year in August, gave rise to Christmas, a festival which still exists, and in which it is supposed that the Mother of Christ, disregarding her earthly life, is associated with the glory of her son, and is placed by his side in the heavens. We know that the sign of the celestial virgin (the constellation Virgo) rose over the horizon at the moment assigned to the birth of our Lord Jesus the Christ (Winter Solstice). Ignoring that fact Christians may be reluctant to recognize Virgo as the Blessed Virgin. Yet Virgo's stars descend after harvest below the horizon, and the sun of the winter rises from the same point which is understood in astrology to be the infant Sun in his Mother's arms. It is the birthday of the Christos who represents the Sun that is born in each and every one of us.

The story of the Virgin Mother Isis, giving birth to the Sun-god, Horus, which Christianity has so faithfully preserved, is a reminder of the inscription concerning Mary's Egyptian prototype, Isis, which appeared on the Temple of Sais: The inscription reads **"The fruit which I have brought forth is the Sun"**. Horus, son of Osiris, the Sun-god, was conceived of even though his phallus had been cut off by his brother Set, the dark, twin, aspect of Osiris. **On a very important related note December 25th was celebrated in Rome, Italy as this "New Birth" or "Unconquered Sun", the Sol Invictus as seen on ancient calendars. The cult of Isis became enormously popular in the Roman Empire.** Romans called her the "eternal savior of the race of men. **The transfer of part of the Isis myth undoubtedly took place in the 1st century A.D.** Over time "the image of Isis suckling her child Horus under the sacred tree of Hathor at Denderah," became the archetypal model for images of the Virgin Mary with the infant Jesus.

Ishtar, taken from Isis and the personification of the constellation Virgo, is the Babylonian Mary, called Mother of the Fruitful Breast, Queen of Heaven, Creator of People, Guide of Humanity. Ishtar was worshiped in Jerusalem where priests staged the time honored death and resurrection of her Sun-god lover Tammuz, Innana and Dammuzzi in Sumerian, whose Syrian name was Adonis.

Ezek 8:14 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. (KJV)

Her breast offering pose suggested her function as the goddess of all nourishment. Eventually Christian writers belittled her Holy sexual character by calling her the 'Whore of Babylon and Mother of Harlots (Revelation 17:5)

In mythology, Mary is a development of the goddesses: Isis, Hathor, Ishtar, Aphrodite among others as depicted in the works of Plutarch. Her left the foot on land and the other in water to show her dominion over earth and sea. She is shown as the naked goddess with all her usual halo of stars, one breast was a moon, which figure was repeated on her pubis. Her right breast was a star, or sun pouring blessings on the world. Isis and Hathor were the two major goddesses in Egypt. Hathor was called the mother of all gods and goddesses, who brought forth herself, never having been created. She was Queen of Heaven and her name was on every royal list in the earliest dynasties. Isis also existed from the beginning. She was goddess from whom all becoming arose. Both were said to have given birth to the Sun, Hathor as the Nile Goose, Mother of the Golden Egg, and Isis as the womb of Horus.

The great Christian doctrine of the virgin birth, if looked at logically, is similar to a series of divine births of both Hindu, Egyptian, Persian, Greek and Old Testament gods. In the Hebrew scriptures we have stories of the "wondrous births" in connection with Isaac, Samson and Samual. The Talmudic Moses has a virgin mother; Samuels mother became pregnant after receiving the divine seed.

Impregnation by angels was deemed holy and desirable. The Immaculate Conception represents such a union. Among the offspring of such human beings are: Buddha, Dionysus, Hercules, Christna, Theseus, Melchizedek, Plato, Apollonius of Tyanna, and Merlin the Magician. On the Greek side not only were the heroes of legend, Hercules, Theseus, Perseus, Jason and others believed to be the sons of divine fathers and human mothers, but the same legend reached down to more historical figures like Pythagoras and Plato, both of whom were sons of the sun-god Apollo.

So as stated above the constellation Virgo was noticed by the Ancients on the Easter horizon on the morning of the 25th of December when the Sun was "born" from the dead of winter. As we have seen above the constellation Virgo was always known as being associated with Isis, the divine and archetypal Mother. **So it was said that the sun of god, the light of the world was born or risen again after his 3 days of death when he laid motionless in the south-western horizon and in his reawakened "birth" that he is born in a crib or manger (in the sign of Cancer), of a Virgin. And even long before these particular constellational dynamics were known, the sun was said to be born of a virgin. The relevance came from the fact that**

in ancient times, the Egyptian New Year began in the sign of Virgo, on the 25th of July. So it was said that the sun was born of a Virgin, or in a Virgin.

The star-sprinkled Egyptian night sky that not only stuns visitors to Egypt was also studied intensely by special temple priests who soon discovered that the appearance of a star they named sepdet (which we know as Sirius) was associated with the beginning of the Nile flood . This was the start of the world's first calendar, invented over 5000 years ago. To develop a calendar, you need a regular event that is predictable. And what was more regular and important to the ancient Egyptians than the rise and fall of the River Nile? The waters started rising around the end of June, and the flood period (achet) lasted until October, covering the land with rich black mud and preparing it for the sowing and growing period (peret). The harvest time (schemu) started at the end of February and ended with the new Nile flood This predictable, ongoing cycle defined the agricultural year. But there was a problem! The flood came within a range of 80 days with variable intensities all in all, not very accurate timing. **The brightest star in the sky, Sirius, or Sothis as it was called by the ancient Egyptians, the star who's heliacal rising was in early July 3000 years ago, but due to the wobble of the earth on its axis is now a few weeks later, turned out to be a very reliable predictor of the recurring flood and defined the exact length of the trip of the earth around the sun .** From their mythology, the Egyptians saw a connection between Sirius' appearance and the beginning of the Nile flood. They believed the Nile flood was caused by the tears that Isis (the Great Mother of All Gods and Nature) shed, after her husband Osiris was murdered by his brother Seth. Sirius was the cosmic appearance of Isis. The first new moon following the reappearance of Sirius after it disappeared under the horizon for 70 days was established as the first day of the New Year.

Now knowing all this then I ask you to think with me a moment. We all know that daylight hours gain as our new year unfolds. This of course concerns the return of the Sun to its northward movement following the Winter Solstice as we have learned above in the articles on the [Winter Solstice](#) and the [nativity](#). Thus we are reminded and asked by Edward Carpenter in his [Pagan and Christian Creeds](#) (see his chapter on Solar Myths), to imagine a time when the average person had no access to Almanacs or Calendars. A time when all that “timid mortals” could see was the failure of light and warmth and the sun sinking low in the sky (in northern climates with the coming of Winter which for them meant "death"). Further, if we go out next **Christmas evening, at midnight, we will see the brightest of the fixed stars, Sirius, afire in the southern sky to the left of the meridian. Due to the Precession of the Equinoxes, this same star, some three thousand years ago was almost exactly on meridian line.** Without printed calendars therefore, **the arrival of Sirius to the meridian at midnight “became the sign and assurance of the Sun having reached the lowest point of his course, andthe moment of rebirth.** This then was the sacred hour when in the underworld (the Stable or the Cave or whatever it might be called)” [the sun having plunged under the earth] a **“personified Sun-child was born to be the Savior of men. At that moment Sirius stood on the southern meridian (and in more southern lands....this would be more nearly overhead); and that star Sirius, of whom there is little doubt, is the Star in the East mentioned in the Gospels”.** Still thinking back in time, **while Sirius is at midnight on the Meridian, the constellation Virgo (Virgin) is rising on the horizon. Here we see an astronomical myth or fact of the brightest star in the Heavens, the blazing star sirius pointing to a Virgin in the East, who will soon give birth (sunrise) to a renewed and reborn “sun” god (or son of god) who will save mankind from darkness (personified "dark-evil", "d-evil", "devil)by no longer remaining motionless for 3 days in the Heavens but reversing its course (December, 25th) northward in the horizon once again thus gaining in light and delivering a new year filled with gifts of warmth, renewed energy, food and spiritual relief.** One can visualize Virgo, the virgin, giving birth lying on the horizon “out of her side” as in the story of Buddha being born from his mother’s side. Albert Magnus (13th century bishop) has written **“we know that the sign of the Celestial Virgin rose over the horizon at the moment we fix the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ” (the personified Sun).**

These astronomical event-myths and thoughts are noted in many writings and recordings and are also projected

Romulus (the founder of Rome and son of Mars), as well as Plato and Krishna among others in worldwide traditions. **Our Christmas story appears to be an old one, retold many times throughout history.**

And we read that Mary came into the Inn upon a donkey or ass. This refers again to Cancer, as one of the largest and most well known of the constellations in Cancer was and is called the Ass. This constellation and that of the Manger can be seen on any planisphere. In the art-work of the Medieval and Renaissance periods, four animals are commonly seen around the cot of Jesus. There is the donkey, the bull, the lamb and the lion. These represent the constellations and paranatellons of the Cardinal signs. There can be no other reason why a lion would be incorporated into the depiction. **Actually the reference to Mary being a virgin is not from the Hebrew Scriptures being the essence of physical accuracy. The word almah, was mistranslated to read 'virgin,' when it really meant 'unmarried mother' or "young woman". The mistranslation occurred purposely to align the concoction of the 'biography' of Jesus to ancient cosmological and mythic motifs.**

There is much more to learn regarding the Virgin birth teaching as applied to the "Jesus Story" in relationship to the forgery of the religious texts we find both in the Christian Old Testament as well as the later forgeries in the Roman New Testament. We now continue our study in these related areas.

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THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST AS RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENTTRUTH...OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

In antiquity, filled with legend, lore, and superstition, the report of a virtuous woman giving birth to a child with the usual form, and possessing the usual characteristics of a human being, but without a male partner in the conception, might in an age of miracles and ignorance of natural law, be believed with implicit credulity. But in an age of intelligence, when the keys of science have provided modern man the answers for such legends and myths. Modern investigations into religious histories of pagan nations have laid bare the fact that most ancient religious countries abound in reports of these "virgin births." That being the case then the only recourse for a Christian who is a "thinking believer" is to obtain a profound and general skepticism after he has done personal study into such legends.

We continue our search for the truth and origin of the "virgin birth" stories that not only were applied to Jesus in the New Testament, but which also can be traced to the beginning of time for other "god-men" and the various religions of the heathen nations. **What is truth? How do we know we have? How do we know we don't have it?** Well, the last question is easy: You study!

My research has again linked such "virgin birth" stories to the Sun. Nothing is new here as you shall quickly see. In this respect these immaculately conceived "virgin born" gods are **personified from the Sun.**

THE EVIDENCE

Mankind will not emulate extraordinary leaders but instead fall to their knees, adore and worship them. Rather than follow a difficult example it is easier to deify the exemplar thus providing an excuse for not emulating him. It has been said: "How can mere men do what gods can do?" This inclination to worship Jesus as a god rather than follow him as a man stems from the earliest days of Christianity. Within 60 years of the crucifixion Jesus's adoring followers had created the myth of the conception of Jesus by the Holy Ghost making him at least half a god from the start. He thus became an impossible role model for merely mortal men. Yet even the half of him that was human passed on by his mother was too much for the adorers. They they wanted a fully fledged god. After centuries as a tolerated heresy, in 1854 the doctrine of "The Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God" was adopted by the Roman Church rendering Jesus's mother a perfect being from her own birth, free of original sin, incapable of sin throughout her life - a sinless mate for God Almighty to conceive a divine son. Jesus as a fine example of loving manhood had been usurped by the adorers and worshippers.

But lets look at the text. No mention is made of the Virgin Birth in the epistles and in fact Paul could not be more explicit in recording that Jesus was "of the seed of David according to the flesh" as if he were refuting the suggestion. For Paul Jesus was the Son of God through the "Spirit of Holiness" which did not require a supernatural conception. Nor does the earliest gospel mention the virgin birth. The mystical Book of the Revelation of John the Divine does not mention it, though it would be perfect for inclusion in such an allegorical

piece. None of the Jewish patriarchs were born of virgins and, though older women beyond the menopause had their wombs "opened" to conceive Isaac, Jacob and Samuel, no divine impregnation was suggested.

The virgin birth appears in Luke and Matthew, years after the event, to prove Jesus's divinity. The birth stories in the two gospels come from different sources and differ widely but both contradict their central thesis that Jesus's mother was a virgin by giving a genealogy to show that Joseph was descended from David, an irrelevancy if Joseph had not impregnated his wife. The original idea was obviously to trace Jesus's lineage through Joseph to David to fulfill messianic prophecy. Then the idea of making Jesus more divine through a virgin birth arose and was tacked on spoiling the object of the genealogy. The editors of both gospels see a problem and try to avoid it: in Luke by inserting "as people thought" to show Jesus was not really Joseph's son and in Matthew by slyly separating Joseph from his son by inserting after "...Joseph" "the husband of Mary, of whom was begotten" Jesus. If the intention was to imply that Mary was begetting Jesus then the person inserting the story was either ignorant or depended on the ignorance of his readers for only men could beget according to Jewish convention. Neither Luke nor Matthew refer to the birth story again and indeed it contradicts the main story. Presumably his family or at least his mother would have been aware of all that feting by kings and shepherds, and glory in the heavens, and the reason for it all. Yet later they are continually puzzled and disappointed by Jesus's behaviour. And why bother trying to establish a divine conception when both refer to Joseph in the main narrative as the father of Jesus.

The Ebionites, the first Jewish followers of Jesus accepted Joseph as the natural father. An attempt was made by the early Christians to justify the virgin birth story by referring to Isaiah 7:14 where is written, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son". The word employed in the Greek version of the Old Testament was parthenos. But a reference to the original Hebrew yields the word almah. Both parthenos and almah did not necessarily mean a virgin as we understand it, a woman who had never had intercourse. In Greek it could mean youth, the state of unmarried, or even a person who is first married. In Hebrew it could mean beside the usual meaning, an immature girl who could not conceive because she had not yet started to menstruate. The idea of a virgin as a premenstrual girl allows her to have children and still be a virgin. If she were to conceive from her very first ovulation, she would not have menstruated but would be a mother and still a virgin. If she conceived at the first ovulation after the birth, she could be a virgin mother of two children of different ages. Since Jewish girls often married before menstruation - in Joel 1:8 an almah's husband is mentioned - virgin mothers were not unusual. Now Mary was described as "betrothed" to Joseph implying that she was a minor under the age of twelve and a half. After that age she could become his wife. Thus the "virgin" Mary could have given birth. If she did, the truth was misunderstood in the gentile world of the Roman Empire, and indeed beyond, where it was de rigeur not only for gods but also great men to be born of virgins. **Ra, Hatshepsut, Amenophis III, Cyrus the Great, Julius Caesar, Perseus, Plato, Apollonius of Tyana, Fohi, Lao Kium, Zoroaster and Attis all came of virgin births according to their followers.**

Herodotus explained that such conceptions occurred by way of a ray of light and according to Plutarch's book on Isis and Osiris it entered through the ear. Tertullian confirms it was a ray of light. Thus medieval pictures of Mary at the moment of conception show a ray of light entering her ear. **Furthermore it is common for gods and those akin to gods to have mothers called Mary or a cognate name. Adonis was born of Myrrha, Hermes of Maia, Cyrus of Mariana or Mandane, Joshua of Miriam, Buddha of Maya and Khrishna of Maritala.**

Many are the cases noted in history of young maidens claiming a paternity for their male offspring by a God.

Mr. Kenrick tells us the likeness of this virgin mother, with the divine child in her arms, may now be seen represented in sculpture on some of the ancient, ruined temples of that ruined empire. And Mr. Higgins (Anacalypsis) makes the broad declaration that **"the worship of this virgin mother, with her God-begotten child, prevailed everywhere."** This author also quotes Mr. Riquord as saying, this son of God "was exhibited in effigy, lying in a manger, in the same manner the infant Jesus was afterward laid in the cave at Bethlehem." Mr. Higgins further testifies that **the worship of this virgin God-mother (that is, the God and the mother) is of very ancient date and universal prevalence in all the eastern countries, as is proved by sculptured figures bearing the marks of great age.** By the way, the reprint of Anacalypsis is available on the Internet...I recommend it very highly if you want to get to the truth about many of



the doctrines of Christendom.

Mr. Higgins remarks that the mother was still held to be a virgin, even after she had given birth to other children besides the deity-begotten bantling, which furnishes another striking [parallel to the history of Mary, the mother of Jesus](#), as she was still called a virgin after she had given birth to Jesus and his brothers James and John. And it is an incident worth noticing here, that, in the case of Mayence, virgin-mother of the God-sired Hesus of the Druids, the ancient traditions of the country, more than two thousand years old, represent her body as being enveloped in light, and a crown of twelve stars upon her head, corresponding exactly to the apocalyptic figure described by St. John, in the twelfth chapter of his Revelation. She is also represented with her foot on the head of a serpent, according to Davie's [Universal Etymology](#).

In corroboration of this statement one only needs to examine the evidence existing today of such legends; such evidence from the religious records of India, Egypt, Persia, Greece, Rome, Mexico, Tibet, etc.

Maia, mother of Sakia and Yasoda of Chrishna; Celestine, mother of the crucified Zunis; Chimalman, mother of Quexalcote; Semele, mother of the Egyptian Bacchus, and Minerva, mother of the Grecian Bacchus; Prudence, mother of Hercules; Alcmene, mother of Alcides; Shing- Mon, mother of Yu, and Mayence, mother of Hesus, were all as confidently believed to be pure, holy and chaste virgins, while giving birth to these Gods, sons of God, Saviors and sin-atoners Mediators, as was Mary, mother of Jesus, and long before her time.

Ceres, the virgin mother of Osiris, claimed that he was begotten by the "father of all Gods."

In Greece it became so common that the reigning king issued an edict, decreeing the death of all young women who should offer such an insult to deity as to lay to him the charge of begetting their children. The virgin Alcmene furnishes a case of a young woman claiming God as the father of her offspring, when she brought forth the divine Redeemer Alcides, 1280 years B.C.

Auguste Nichols tells us, in his [Philosophical Essays on Christianity](#), that Io is called, in Eschylus, "the Chaste Virgin," and her son "the Son of God" If you would like to see other example you need look no further than Guigne's [History of the Huns](#).

Gonzales informs us he found on an ancient temple in India the Latin inscription 'Partura, virginis,' "the virgin about to bring forth." And similar inscriptions have been found on pagan temples in the country of the ancient Gauls (Riquord's [Theology of the Ancient Gauls](#), Chapter X.).

"He who hath ears to hear, let him hear," and treasure up these facts. According to Chinese history there were two beings -- Tien and Chang-Ti -- worshiped in that country as Gods more than twenty- five hundred years ago, born of virgins "who knew no man." The mother of the mighty and the almighty God Hercules, we are told, "knew only Jove."

If history and tradition, then, are to be credited, God had many "well-beloved sons," born of pious and holy virgins, besides Jesus Christ. And some of them are represented as being his only begotten," and others his "first begotten," sons. And all these cases appear to be equally as well authenticated as the story of Jesus Christ. All stand upon a level, the same kind and the same amount of evidence being offered in each case.

THE BLACK VIRGIN

Curiously, several of the above-named Saviors are represented as being black, Jesus Christ included with this number. There is as much evidence that the Christian Savior was a black man, or at least a dark man, as there is of his being the son of the Virgin Mary, or that he once lived and moved upon the earth. And that evidence is the testimony of his disciples, who had nearly as good an opportunity of knowing what his complexion was as the evangelists, who omit to say anything about it. In the pictures and portraits of Christ by the early Christians, he is uniformly represented as being black. And to make this the more certain, the red tinge is given to the lips; and the only text in the Christian bible quoted by orthodox Christians, as describing his complexion, represents it as being black. Solomon's declaration, "I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem" (Sol. i. 5), is often cited as referring to Christ. According to the bible itself, then, Jesus Christ was a black man.



But a little background into the "black virgin." Hundreds of icons of Mary have intentionally black faces and hands. In France they are called "Vierge Noires" or Black Virgins; in other countries they are called Black Madonnas. Some call her "the other Mary"; **Jung said she is Isis**; others consider her to be the iconic remains of prehistoric Earth Mother worship. **She is linked with Cybele, Diana, Isis & Venus; cross-culturally she is associated with Kali, Inanna & Lilith.** Historically she has ties to the Crusades and the Moorish occupation of Spain, to the Conquistadors, who brought her to the New World, and to the Merovingians and Knights Templars, who saw her as Mary Magdalene. As Sara-la-Kali she is revered by the Gypsies at Saintes Maries de la Mer. For modern psychologists she is said to express the archetype of the Dark Feminine. Whoever the enigmatic Black Virgin may be, she holds a powerful attraction for her millions of devotees around the world. Her sacred sites stand on highly charged earth energy centers, enhanced by megalithic ley-lines and sacred architecture. From ancient times to present, people have undertaken pilgrimages to her shrines as a way to explore her mysteries and to enable her to do her miraculous work of healing, transformation and inspiration. France has more than 300 Black Virgin sites, with over 150 Black Virgins still in existence.

Answer for yourself: It is believed by many that Jesus will return to this planet as Messiah. Let us suppose that, at some future time, he makes his second advent to the earth, as some Christians anticipate he will do, and that he comes in the character of a "black" Messiah, how would he be received negro-hating Christians or the sons of the Aryan nations?

Answer for yourself: Would they worship a negro God?

THE LINK TO ASTROLOGY

And the tradition of divine Saviors being born of undefiled and undeflowered virgins has an astronomical chapter we must not omit to notice. The virgin, with her God-begotten child, was pictured imaginarily in the heavens from time immemorial. They are represented on the Hindu zodiac, at least three thousand years old, and on the ancient Egyptian planispheres. And if you will examine Burritt's Geography of the Heavens, you will find the **infant God-son (the sun) is represented as being born into a new year on the 25th of December (the very date assigned for Christ's birth), and may be seen rising over the eastern horizon, out of Mary, Maria, or Mare (the Latin for sea), with the infant God in her arms, being heralded and preceded by a bright star, which rises immediately preceding the virgin and her child, thus suggesting the text, "We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him." (Matt. 2:8).**

If you have not you need to refresh yourself with the 280 cycle from the vernal equinox to Dec. 25 which the ancients believed was the gestation of the Sun-god impregnation of "mother earth." The ancients believed this "child god" was to be born of a Virgin. This, of course represents the constellation of Virgo. Virgo had command of the Fall equinox at the time this passage was edited by the Gentile priesthood. And Virgo, as such, represented the fall of the fetus in the third trimester, before it's birth. A human fetus enters its third

trimester after 186-187 days. The Fall equinox, Sept. 22 (when the fetus falls toward the vagina, birth) is 186 days from the Conception at the vernal equinox (March. 21). Again, we see the link between the human body and the Cosmos and the ancients interpreted this as man being made in the image of the Cosmos which declared to them God.

Answer for yourself: Is this a coincidence and is the writers of the New Testament relating "truth" when they write of the birth of Jesus? Where is the Holy Spirit in any of this?

Such facts led the learned Alphonso to exclaim:

"The adventures of Jesus Christ are all depicted among the stars"

And such facts fasten the conviction on our mind that the stories of Gods cohabiting with young maids or virgins, and begetting other Gods, is of astrological origin -- the story of Jesus Christ included. A critical research shows that astronomy and religion were interblended, interwoven, and confounded together at a very early period of time, so indissolubly, that it now becomes impossible to separate them (at least without a considerable amount of study and finances to procure the necessary documents for inspection).

INDIAN AND EGYPTIAN MYTHOLOGY

This Virgin, of whom the Sun, the true "Savior of Mankind," is born, is neither the bright and beautiful Dawn, or the dark Earth, or Night. Hence we have, as we have already seen if your have read the prior articles, the **"Virgin,"** or **"Virgo,"** as one of the signs of the Zodiac. The sign of the "Celestial Virgin" rises above the horizon at the moment in which we fix the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i. p. 314, and Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 147). We have in the first decade the **Sign of the Virgin**, following the most ancient tradition of the Persians, the Chaldeans, the Egyptians, Hermes and Aesculapius, a young woman called in the Persian language, "Selinidos de Darzama; in the Arabic, Aderenedesa-that is to say, a chaste, pure, immaculate virgin, suckling an infant, which some nations call Jesus (Savior), but which we in Greek call "Christ" (Abulmazer). As a Christian you need to understand that this is the origin of the Mary and Jesus statues you see in many Catholic Churches. From this would come a whole host of "false doctrines" believed by millions today.

The **"Dawn"** was **personified** by the ancients as a **"virgin mother, who bore the Sun"** (Fiske, Myths and Mythmakers, p. 156). In Sanskrit "Ida" is the **"Earth,"** the wife of Dyaus (the Sky), and so we have before us the mythical phrase, **"the Sun at its birth rest on the earth."** In other words, **"the Sun at birth is nursed in the lap of the mother."** The moment we understand the "nature" of a myth, all impossibilities, contradictions, and immoralities disappear. If a mythical personage be nothing more than a name of the Sun, his birth may be derived from ever so many different mothers. He may be the son of the Sky or the Dawn or of the Sea or of the Night (Renouf's Hibbert Lectures, p. 108).

This Celestial Virgin was feigned to be a mother. This Celestial Virgin is represented in the Indian Zodiac of Sr. William Jones, with ears of corn in one hand, and the lotus in the other. In Kircher's Zodiac of Hermes, she has corn in both hands. In other planispheres of the Egyptian priests she carries ears of corn in one hand, and the infant Savior Horus in the other. In Roman Catholic countries, she is generally represented with the child in one hand, and the lotus or lily in the other. In Vol. II. of Montfaucon's work, she is represented as a female nursing a child, with ears of corn in her hand, and the legend IAO. She is seated on clouds, a star is at her head. The reading of the Greek letters, from right to left, show this to be very ancient.

In the Vedic hymns Aditi, the **"Dawn,"** is called the **"Mother of the Gods."** She is said to have given birth to the Sun (Max Muller, Origin of Religions, p. 261). "As the Sun and all the solar deities rise from the east," says Prof. M. Muller, "we can understand how **Aditi (Dawn)** came to be called the **"Mother of the Bright Gods"** (Ibid. p. 230). The poets of the



Veda indulged in theogonic speculations and they knew of Indra as the greatest of gods, they knew of Agni as the god of gods, they knew of Varuna as the ruler of all; but they were by no means startled at the idea that their Indra had a mother, or that Varuna was nursed in the lap of Aditi. All this was true to nature; for their god was the Sun, and the mother who born and nursed him was the Dawn. Without scarcely an exception, all the names by which the "Virgin goddess" of the Akropolis was known point to this mythology of the Dawn (Cox, Aryan Myths, vol. i. p 228).

We find in the Vishnu Purana, that Devaki (the virgin mother of the Hindu Savior Chrishna, whose history corresponds in most every particular with that of Christ Jesus who would come over 800 years later) is called Aditi, which, in the Rig-Veda, is the name for the Dawn. Thus we see the legend is complete. Devaki is Aditi, Aditi is the Dawn, and the Dawn is the Virgin Mother. "The Savior of mankind," who is born of her is the Sun, the Sun is Chrishna, and Chrishna is Christ.

In the Mahabharata, Chrishna is also represented as the "Son of Aditi" (Cox, Aryan Myths, vol. iii, pp. 105, and 130, vol. ii). In other words, Chrishna is the son of the "Virgin Mother" as is the Christ.

Indra, the Sun, who was worshipped in some parts of India as the Crucified God, is also represented in the Vedic hymns as the Son of the Dawn. He is said to have been born of Dahana, who is Daphne, a personification of the Dawn (Fiske, Myths and Mythmakers, p. 118).

The humanity of this SOLAR GOD-MAN, this demiurge, is strongly insisted on in the Rig-Veda. He is the son of God, but also the son of Aditi. He is Purusha, the man, the male. Agni is frequently called the "Son of man." It is expressly explained that the titles Agni, Indra, Mitra, etc., all refer to one Sun-god under "many names." And when we find the name of a mortal, Yama, who once lived upon earth, included among these names, the humanity of the demiurge becomes still more accentuated, and we get at the root idea.

Horus, the Egyptian Savior, was the son of the virgin Isis. Now, this Isis, in Egyptian mythology, is the same as the virgin Devaki in Hindu mythology. She is the Dawn (Renouf, Hibbert Lectures, p. 111 and 161). Isis, as we have already seen, is represented suckling the infant Horus, and, in the words of Prof. Renouf, we may say, "in whose lap can the Sun be nursed more fitly than in that of the Dawn" (Ibid., p. 161, 179).

Among the goddesses of Egypt, the highest was Neith, who reigned inseparable with Amun in the upper sphere. She was called "Mother of the gods," "Mother of the sun." She was the feminine origin of all things, as Amun was the male origin. She held the same rank at Sais as Amun did at Thebes. Her temples there are said to have exceeded in colossal grandeur anything every seen before. On one of these was the celebrated inscription thus deciphered by Champollion:

I am all that has been, all that is, all that will be. No mortal has ever raised the veil that conceals me. My offspring is the Sun

She was mother of the Sun-god Ra, and is commonly supposed to represent Heaven; but some expressions which are hardly applicable to heaven, render it more probable that she is one of the many names of the (Ibid., p. 179).

GREEK MYTHOLOGY

If we turn from Indian and Egyptian, to Grecian mythology, we shall also find that their Sun-gods and solar heroes are born of the same virgin mother. Theseus was said to have been born of Aithra, "the pure air," and Cedipus of Iokaste, "the violet light of morning." Perseus was born of the virgin Danae, and was called the "Son of the bright morning" (Tales of Ancient Greece, pp. xxxi). In Io, the mother of the "sacred bull, the mother also of Hercules, we see the violet-tinted morning from which the sun is born; all these gods and heroes being, like Christ Jesus, personifications of the Sun (Cox, Aryan Myths, vol. i. p. 229). The bull symbolized the productive force in nature, and hence it was associated with the Sun-gods. This animal was venerated by nearly

all the peoples of antiquity (Wake, Phallism in Anct. Religs. p. 45).

"The Savior of Mankind" was also represented as being born of the **"dusky mother,"** which accounts for many Pagan, and so-called Christian, goddesses being represented **black**. This is the **"dark night,"** who for many weary hours travails with the birth of her child. The Sun, which scatters the darkness, is also the child of the darkness, and so the phrase naturally went **"that he was born of her."** Of the two legends related in the poems afterwards combined in the "Hymn to Apollo," the former relates the birth of Apollo, the **Sun**, from Leto, the **Darkness**, which is called his mother. The idea was entertained by the ancients that these god-begotten heroes were engendered without any carnal intercourse, and that they were they sons of Jupiter. This idea is later expanded and relates that such "virgin births" comes from the idea that the **Holy Spirit was operating in some fashion on the virgin mother Earth** (Knight, Ancient Art and Mythology, p. 156).

The dark earth was also represented as being the mother of the god Sun, who apparently came out of, or was born of her, in the East, as Minos (**the sun**) was represented to have been born of Ida (**the earth**) (Cox, Aryan Myths, p. 87).

In Hindu mythology, the **Earth**, under the name of Prithivi, receives a certain share of honors as one of the primitive goddesses of the Veda, being thought of as the **"kind mother."** Moreover, various **deities** were regarded as the progeny resulting from the fancied union of the Earth with Dyaus (**Heaven**).

Our Aryan forefathers looked up to the **heavens** and they gave it the name of Dyaus, from a root word which means **"to shine."** And when, out of the forces and forms of nature, they afterwards fashioned other gods, this name Dyaus became **Dyaus pitar, the Heaven-father**, or Lord of All; and in far later times, when the wester Aryans had found their home in Europe, the Dyaus pitar of the central Asian land became the **Zeupater** of the Greeks, and the **Jupiter** of the Romans, and the first part of his name gave us the word **Deity**.

According to Egyptian mythology, Isis was also the Earth (Williams, Hinduism, p. 24). Again, from the union of Seb and Nut sprung the mild Osiris, Seb in the **Earth**, Nut in **Heaven**, and Osiris is the **Sun** (Renouf's Hibbert Lectures, p.110-111).

Tacitus, the Roman historian, speaking of the Germans in A.D. 98, says:

There is nothing in these several tribes that merits attention, except that they all agree in worshipping the goddess Earth, or as they call her, Herth, whom they consider as the common mother of all (Manners of the Germans, p. xi).

These virgin mothers and virgin goddesses of antiquity, were also, at times, **personifications of the Moon**, or of Nature (Knight, Ancient Art and Mythology, pp. 81, 90, and 166). **The moon was called by the ancients, "The Queen," "The Highest Princess," "The Queen of Heaven," "The Princess and Queen of Heaven," etc.** She was **Ishtar, Ashera, Diana, Artemis, Isis, Juno, Lucina, Astarte, etc.** (Goldzhier, pp. 158; Knight, pp. 99-100).

Answer for yourself: Who is "God the Father," who overshadows the maiden?

The overshadowing of the maiden by **"God the Father,"** whether he be called **Zeus, Jupiter, or Jehovah**, is simply the **Heaven, the Sky, the "All-Father,"** looking down upon with love, and overshadowing the maiden, the broad flushing light of Dawn, or the Earth. **From this union the Sun is born without any carnal intercourse. (virgin birth).** The mother is not yet a virgin. This is illustrated in Hindu mythology by the union of Prithivi, "Mother Earth," with Dyaus, **"Heaven."** Various deities were regarded as their progeny. **The "God the Father" of all nations of antiquity was nothing more than a personification of the Sky or the Heavens.** In one of the Chinese sacred books, the Shu-king, Heaven and Earth are called "Father and Mother of all things" (Taylor, Primitive Culture, pp. 294-296). The **"God the Father"** of the Indians is Dyaus, that is, the **Sky** (Williams, Hinduism, p. 24). Ormuzd, the god of the ancient Persians, was a personification of the sky. In Greek iconography Zeus is the Heaven. **The Christian God supreme is still Dyaus Pitar, the "Heavenly Father."**

NOW PAY ATTENTION: THE SUN BECAME THE SON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In the Vedic hymns the **Sun**, the Lord and Savior, the Redeemer and Preserver of mankind, is frequently called the **"Son of the Sky"** (Muller, Origin of Religions, pp. 261, 290).

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that the **Sun is now become the "Son"**? Get ready for incarnational theology for here it comes.

According to Egyptian mythology, Seb (**the Earth**) is overshadowed by Nut (**Heaven**), the result of this union being the beneficent Lord and Savior, Osiris (Renouf, Hebbert Lectures, pp. 110-111). The same thing is to be found in ancient Grecian mythology. Zeus or Jupiter is the **Sky**, and Danae, Leto, Iokaste, Io and others, are the **Dawn**, or the **violet light of morning** (Cox, Tales of Ancient Greece, pp. xxxi, and 82; and Aryan Mythology, vol. i. p. 229).

The sky appeared to men to perform the functions of a Father, as the Earth those of a Mother. The sky was the father, for it cast seed into the bosom of the earth (rain), which in receiving them became fruitful, and brought forth, and was the mother...Plutarch

The Phoenician theogony is founded on the same principles. Heaven and Earth (called Ouranos and Ghe) are at the head of a genealogy of aeons, whose adventures are conceived in the mythological style of these physical allegorists (Squire, Serpent Symbol, p. 66).

In the Samothracian mysteries, which seem to have been the most anciently established ceremonies of the kind in Europe, the Heaven and the Earth were worshipped as a male and female **divinity**, and as the **parents of all things** (Squire, Serpent Symbol, p. 64).

The Supreme God (the Al-fader), of the ancient Scandinavians was Odin, a personification of the Heavens. The principal goddess among them was Frigga, a personification of the Earth. It was the opinion among these people that this Supreme Being or Celestial God had united with the Earth (Frigga) to produce "Baldur the Good" (the Sun), who corresponds to the Apollo of the Greeks and Romans, and the Osiris of the Egyptians (Mallet, Northern Antiquities, pp. 90, 94, 98. 406, 510, 511).

Xiuletl, in the Mexican language, signifies Blue, and hence was a name which the Mexicans gave to Heaven, from which Xiuleti-cutli is derived, an epithet signifying "the God of Heaven," which they bestowed upon Tezcatlipoca, who was the "Lord of All," the "Supreme God." He it was who overshadowed the Virgin of Tule, Chimelman, who began the Savior Quetzalcoatl (the Sun).

Now I could go on but you get the point. As you have seen, the overshadowing of the Earth by the Sky produced the Sun. It would be a short step from personification to glorification to deification. And as you also saw, as far back as the Vedic hymns the **Sun**, the Lord and Savior, the Redeemer and Preserver of mankind, is frequently called the **"Son of the Sky"** (Muller, Origin of Religions, pp. 261, 290). **It is this concept later accepted by Nicea that made Jesus "of the same essence as the Father;" therefore the Son is equal with the Father. This is how idolatry and Sun Worship crept into the faith of the early church and remains there today!**

But back to the point, the whole concept of the immaculate virgin births of pagan godmen is found in the overshadowing of the Earth by the Sun thus producing the offspring of the Sun and Earth; namely the Son.

Answer for yourself: Now don't you think that these beliefs among the Gentiles of the world played a large part in the fashioning of many doctrines "about Jesus?" Could it be possible such doctrines were "read into the life of Jesus" by non-Jews who had ingrained anti-Semitism? Is it possible that they made "Jesus equal with God" and recorded such "beliefs" in documents that you have come to believe today are "inerrant" and "infallible"?

(New Testament)?

Answer for yourself: Is the evidence not overwhelming? Where is a Jewish Rabbi to be found in any of this whose purpose was to bring men to God by preaching repentance and obedience to the Commandments of God?

Answer for yourself: As a Christian, could you have inherited and believed lies instead of the truths about the "historical Jesus" which fly in the face of such pagan traditions?

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THE CONSTELLATION VIRGO AS THE VIRGIN WHO GAVE BIRTH TO THE "SON" OF THE SUN

We touched only slightly on the problem for Christianity of the prevalence everywhere of a virgin mother and her divine child in the ancient world long before the Christian era. In this solar myth, the "sun of God", as the personification of the Sun, was considered to be born of the new, or virgin, moon. We need to first acquaint ourselves with some astronomical terminology:

There are two different types of observations that we make for stars and their "risings" and "settings". One is called "inferred" and the other "perceptible".

Certain types of rising and settings of stars must be inferred instead of observed, because the star is obscured by sunlight. These are used only by astronomers:

- the cosmical rising: the star and the sun rise together. The star, of course, is obscured by the sun.
- the cosmical setting: the star sets as the sun rises.
- the true achronychal rising: the star rises as the sun sets.
- the true achronychal setting: the star and sun set together

But more for our interest is the perceptible risings and settings of stars. These risings and settings can be observed directly, and it is these which have played a part in calendars:

- **the heliacal rising:** the first visible, though brief, appearance of a star on the eastern horizon before sunrise. On the previous morning, sunlight made the star invisible. When the rising of a star is spoken of, it is usually the heliacal rising that is meant. In ancient Egypt, the helical rising of Sirius coincided with the annual rising of the Nile at Memphis.
- **the heliacal setting:** the last visible setting of a star at the evening twilight. On the following evening, the star will pass below the horizon while there is still too much sunlight for it to be seen.
- **the apparent achronychal rising:** the last visible rising of a star in the evening twilight. On the following evening, the star will rise while there is still too much daylight for it to be seen.
- **the apparent cosmical setting:** the first visible setting of a star in the morning twilight. On the previous morning, the star didn't quite reach the western horizon before sunlight made it invisible.

Matthew 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matthew 2:7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

Matthew 2:9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

Matthew 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

The Virgin birth aspect also comes from the observation that during certain ages the constellation of Virgo rose with the sun:

"At the moment of the Winter Solstice, the constellation Virgo, the Virgin, rose heliacally (with the Sun), having the Sun (Horus) in her bosom. . . . Virgo was Isis; and her representation, carrying a child (Horus) in her arms, exhibited in her temple, was accompanied by this inscription: "I AM ALL THAT IS, THAT WAS, AND THAT SHALL BE; and the fruit which I brought forth is the Sun"

(Albert Pike, The Morals and Dogma of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, L.H. Jenkins, 1928, p. 455).

At the time of the birth of Christ, there were some very interesting alignments and appearances of stars that need to be noticed.

The Ancient calendar also started at a different time. For those who did not begin their calendars with Capricorn, the Ancients began their calendar in Virgo and ended in Leo, that is why the Sphinx has the head of a Virgin and the Body of a Lion. **When the Sun of God was re-born at the Vernal equinox, it was for a while in the history of mankind in the Constellation of Virgo, so it was said the Sun or as the personified Son, that he was "Born of a Virgin".** The Sun is the "Eye of God" or "Eye of Horus". Ra was the Sun God in Egypt. His full name was Amen Ra. That is why we say "A-men" after our prayers. The Egyptians knew this and all of the Egyptian beliefs and customs are built into our society secretly by the Freemasons.

SIRIUS..THE STAR OF ISIS AND THE VIRGIN

First of all Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, and the "Star in the East" in our Gospel accounts, was on the meridian line. The brightest of all the fixed stars is Sirius. Known to astronomers as Alpha Canis Major, it is the principal star of the constellation Canis Major (the Big Dog). The ancient Egyptians called it Septit, the Hebrews knew it as Sihor, to the Greeks as Sothis and also as the "the Dog Star" that followed Orion the Hunter. Sirius has a magnitude of -1.42, which makes it nine times more brilliant than a standard first magnitude star. It can even be seen in daylight with a telescope. Sirius is 23 times as bright as our sun and has almost twice its diameter. Being only 8.7 light-years away, Sirius is the fifth nearest star to our solar system, and the nearest after Alpha Centauri among the naked eye stars. Throughout recorded history, and probably long before, Sirius was the subject of much veneration and myth making throughout the world. Even as late as the 1970s it became the subject of a very controversial theory linked to extra-terrestrials and the Dogon tribe of Mali published by the scholar and author Robert Temple. There is much speculation on the origin of its modern name which is generally thought to be derived from the Greek word "Sirio" meaning "scorching" or "sparkling", apparently because it rose in the height of the summer heat. Some etymologists, however, have suggested a connection with the ancient Egyptian god Osiris. But of all the various names and epithets that this star was given, none can match the notoriety of its role in history as the "Star of Isis". Since earliest times the ancient Egyptian paid particular attention to Sirius, which they identified to the 'soul' of the Goddess Isis. There was a time, very long ago, that Sirius could not be seen in the sky from Egypt. This was because of a phenomenon known as the Precession of the Equinoxes. The Precession is a very slow wobble of our planet taking the polar axis of the Earth in a circular swing of 47 degrees every 26,000 years. The general effect is that the stellar landscape appears to swing up and down like a pendulum. Before the 12th millennium BC Sirius was below the horizon line as seen from the region of Cairo/Giza. It made its first appearance in the skies at that place in c.10,500 BC. Then it had a declination of about 58 degrees 43', which meant it would have just been visible in the south about 1.5 degree above the horizon line. For early man to witnessing the 'birth' of such a bright star must have been a very impressive sight rich with meaning and messages from the gods. **Also the rising of Sirius occurred when the constellation of Virgo was rising in the east, which may partly explain why the star became the symbol of a virgin-goddess. We do not know when exactly Sirius became identified to the goddess Isis, but the idea certainly goes back to the origin of Egyptian**

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This event, the rising of Sirius at the same time that Virgo was rising in the east partly explains why the star became the symbol of a virgin-goddess. We do not know when exactly Sirius became identified to the goddess Isis, but the idea certainly goes back to the origin of Egyptian culture. It was from the 'womb' of Isis-Sirius that was born the divine child, Horus.

To understand how Virgo was connected with the "virgin birth" we need to understand the myth of Isis and Osiris. We find that Isis and Osiris were among the four children born from the womb of the sky-goddess, Nut and fathered by Ra, the sungod. The other two children were Seth and Nephtys. Osiris took Isis as his wife, and they became the first rulers of Egypt. At the age of 28 Osiris was brutally murdered by his jealous brother Seth and his body cut into fourteen pieces. **Isis recovered all of the pieces of Osiris' body except the phallus, which she could not find. Isis fashioned an artificial phallus for Osiris, placed herself on it in the form of a kite, and became pregnant with his seed.** This was a type of virginal insemination by other means than natural intercourse. She then went into hiding in the marshes of the Nile, and gave birth to Horus. This as you can see begins to pattern the Jesus story of the virgin birth from being overshadowed by the Holy Spirit of God and the hiding from an evil one who desired to kill the new born child. **From the Pyramid Texts and various other religious writings, it is clear that this myth has its counterpart in the stars, with Isis identified to Sirius and Osiris to the constellation of Orion.** In the Pyramid Texts it is said of Osiris-Orion:

"Your sister Isis comes to you rejoicing for love of you. You have placed her on your phallus and your seed issues in her, she being ready as Sirius, and Horus Sopd (a star) has come forth from you as Horus who is in Sirius..." [Pyr. Text line 632]

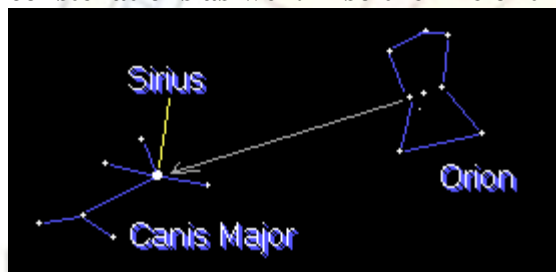
Recreating the ancient skies of the early Dynastic Era (c.3300 BC) which took place just before the great Pyramid Age (c.2750 - 2100 BC) we find that the star Sirius performed a very evocative cycle in the heavens which readily explains why it was associated to a magical birth. Because the earth moves around the sun, the fixed background of the stars appears to shift throughout the year in relation to the sun. Yearly observations of Sirius, for example, would show that there is a time when the star sets in the west immediately after sunset. After that the star is no longer visible for a period of about 70 days. It will reappear again, however, just before sunrise in the east. **This reappearance is known as the heliacal rising of the star. In c. 3300 BC the heliacal rising of Sirius occurred exactly on the day of the summer solstice (21 June Gregorian).**

The striking conjunction of the heliacal rising of Sirius and the summer solstice in 3300 BC was, in itself, a powerful omen; but there was something else also occurring at the same time which, quite literally, caused the whole of Egypt to be reborn. This was the annual flooding of the Nile. In ancient times the Nile would begin to swell in early June caused by the huge volume of water brought down river by the melting snows in the highlands of Central Africa. By late June the water would begin to spill over the banks to eventually flood the whole Nile Valley by end July. We know for certain that the ancient Egyptians considered the heliacal rising of Sirius to be the magical cause of the Nile Flood. **To a land that gets little if any rain the flooding of the Nile was their salvation from God above and it was connected with the rising of Sirius**

and Virgo in the east. The heliacal rising of Sirius became the celestial sign that marked the beginning of the New Year. There are many ancient texts which refer to the conjunction of the 'New Year', the summer solstice, the start of the Flood and the appearance of Sirius which shows that this event was of the utmost importance to the Egyptians. The oldest of these texts is carved on a small ivory tablet dated to the 1st Dynasty (c. 3100 BC) where it is said that *"Sirius is the Opener of the Year's Flood"*. The very same notion is given in the Pyramid Texts (c. 2200 BC), where it is stated that: *"It is Sirius, the beloved daughter (of Ra, the Sun-god), who prepares yearly sustenance (the flood) for you in her name of 'Year'"*. In his book *Echoes of Ancient Skies*, the archaeo-astronomer Dr. Ed Krupp writes that,

"After disappearing from the night sky (for 70 days) Sirius eventually reappears in the dawn, before the sun come up. The first time this occurs each year is called the star's heliacal rising, and on this day Sirius remains visible for only a short time before the sky gets too bright to see it. In ancient Egypt this annual reappearance of Sirius fell close to the summer solstice and coincided with the time of the Nile's inundation. Isis, as Sirius, was the 'Mistress of the Year's beginning', for the Egyptian new year was set by this event. New Year's ceremony texts at Dendera say Isis coaxes out the Nile and causes it to swell. The metaphor is astronomical, hydraulic, and sexual, and it parallels the function of Isis in the myth. Sirius revives the Nile just as Isis revives Osiris. Her time in hiding from Seth is when Sirius is gone (70 days) from the night sky. She (Isis) gives birth to her son Horus, as Sirius gives birth to the new year, and in the texts Horus and the new year are equated. She is the vehicle for renewal of life and order. Shining for a moment, one morning in summer, she stimulates the Nile and starts the year."

So we must envision that the Virgo was rising in the East at the same time Sirius was visible in the east as well. But also Orion, called "The Three Kings" by oriental astronomers, was in proximity to these other two constellations as well. Also the line of the ecliptic, of the equator and of the horizon all met in the constellation of Virgo. This was a site to behold and captured the minds of men and yet do today at this myth lives among us today. It is interesting also to note that the brightest and largest star in the constellation Virgo is called Spica; it is to be found in the "ear of corn" (sign of fertility) which the Virgin holds. Bethlehem means the "house of bread," and there is therefore an obvious connection between these two words.



These are astronomical facts. The interpretation of the symbolism attached from ancient days to these constellations is as old as religion itself. Whence came the signs, and how the meanings and symbols associated with them came into being, is lost in the night of time. They have existed in men's minds and thoughts and writings for thousands of years, and are our joint heritage today. **We find it at the very heart of Christianity.**

THE ALLEGORY OF EASTER, CHRISTMAS, AND THE SON OF THE SUN

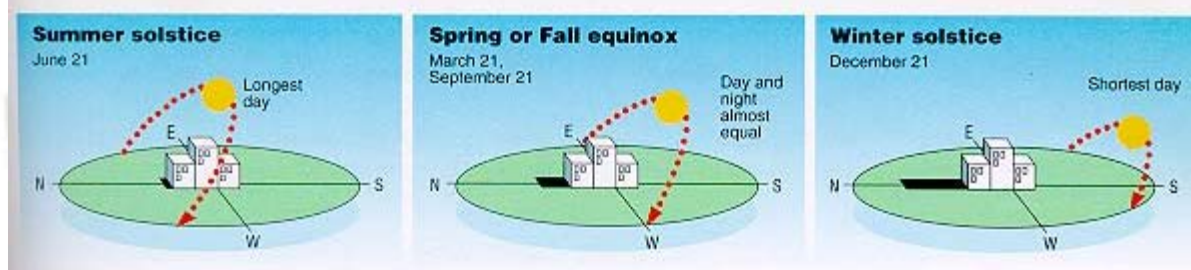
From earliest times mankind has depended upon our great central Orb, the Sun, center of our planetary system to create and regulate all life on our particular place of residence, the Earth. To those who cared to do their own thinking and analyzing, the Sun governed with unfailing accuracy the length of the days and seasons in every clime. Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter followed each other with such regular punctuality that man attributed divine power to the Sun which never ceased bestowing food and warmth through the productivity of the Earth. **To the thinker, the Sun was the Savior of mankind! The Sun rescued man from the severities of the Winter months and therefore was considered a Savior; and as life was re-activated in the Spring, the Sun assumed the role of a Creator; and then as the Great Preserver in the Summer and Autumn months as food and comfort were supplied to fortify and provide for man's future.** Through the ages, and among most peoples, as mankind came to realize its complete dependency upon the Sun,

this magnificent "Orb of Day" became the Great Benefactor or in its personified state as it stories were told down through history as "the son" of God and the center of Worship, by priesthoods of various religions. The part played by the Sun is most strikingly to be observed in the Christian Religion. For demonstration's sake, although by now you have seen abundant evidence to support such a contention, let us assume that the story of Christ, as expressed in the modern New Testament texts, is a parable for the Sun's activities. The birth takes place on the 25th of December. The Sun in its annual circle through the signs of the Zodiac, or the months of the year, shines upon the Earth in regular orderly manner between the Tropic of Cancer on the North and the Tropic of Capricorn on the South. December 21st of each year the Sun reaches its lowest point of declination at the Tropic of Capricorn. It then remains, seemingly motionless (Sol, the Sun, "stands still" Solstice) the 22nd, 23rd and 24th, and then on the 25th of December (Christmas) it has noticeably started its return North toward the Equator and therefore is "born again". Perhaps this metaphor will be more easily grasped when the phenomenon of the New Year replacing the Old year is represented by the picture on the right as we contrast the old being replaced by the stages of the solar year being represented by a young child's entering as an old man exits on the opposite side.



In Christianity, Jesus (I-ES+us, the one ES-sence or the Sun), born again every December 25th at the **Winter solstice**, is portrayed as a babe because at that time of the year the Sun's power is weak. Beginning December 25th, the Sun's northbound progress as it rises higher in the sky daily, is depicted in the increase of daylight; that is longer and longer days until on the 21st of March, the **Vernal Equinox**, when the Sun has reached the

Equator, the length of the days and the nights is equal. On the 25th of March (when the Sun has entered Aries), the Sun has progressed Northward into the



Northern Hemisphere and has therefore impregnated that section of our globe with the fertile seed; and plant life activity becomes more visible everywhere, in our part of the world. This natural annual occurrence on March 25th checks accurately with the religious story because exactly nine months later, December 25th the son (Sun) is born. But the center of our interest in this article is the fact that astronomers tell us that one minute after midnight on December 24th the constellation Virgo rises above the horizon with its bright star, Vindimiatrix (located in the figure's elbow), of major propensity and clearly to be seen, gives evidence of the birth's being virgin. Referring again to March 25th at the Spring equinox the days begin to be longer than the nights thus signalling the triumph of "Light" over "Darkness". This physical astronomical phenomenon is celebrated in the Christian churches by the designation of a particular Sunday called **Easter**. In symbology, the Moon is considered the wife of the Sun and therefore Easter, at present, is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the 25th of March, (the Spring Equinox) that is, after the Sun crosses the Equator. Nine months later in the religious story, the "Holy Mother" has the child.

The Summer Solstice, when the Sun has reached the Tropic of Cancer in its northern trek, takes place the 21st through the 24th of June, and on June 25th the days begin to grow shorter as the Sun's path (the Ecliptic) descends Southward to the Equator which it crosses the 25th of September. In the religious story this is called the second crucifixion at Golgatha where the god is crucified between two thieves and mention is made of the presence of a hand maiden. (Virgo, the Virgin). After this the Sun's journey continues Southward to the Tropic of Capricorn which it reaches on December 21st and the annual phenomenon is repeated. (The ever repeating "Crucifixion of the Lord, the SUN)! Just as children would continue to believe in the myth of Santa Claus, so would, and so do human grown-ups believe in the priestly concocted religious stories until they, the humans, turn their searchlights of thinking and reasoning upon what they have been "fed" since birth and compare them

rationally and reasonably to the phenomena of Nature occurring continually before their eyes.

So for any thinking believer it surely seems that the "Jesus Story" originated in the stars, was later personified, and later believed as if "literal" through the erroneous teaching of the various priesthoods.

Just as the 20th Century was accurately designated by W. E. B. DuBois as "The Century of the Color Line" or Racism, so do we see the 21st Century as "The Century of 'The Truth' about the World's Religions".

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JESUS' BIRTH FORETOLD BY A STAR...TRUTH...OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

The evidence is extensive. One has only to look.

"The pathway of sacred history and literature reveals that all the systems of worship which have existed in the past have had a dip in "the halo of the heavenly orbs" so states Kersey Graves (Sixteen Crucified Saviors). This means that the heathen pagan nations and their religions are heavenly influenced by the cosmos and the personifications of it over the history of mankind.

He is so true. Over the years my research has found numerous examples of stars playing significant roles in "marking" and "announcing" the births of several of the false "Crucified Sun-god Saviors" of the nations enmeshed in Sun Worship, besides figuring in some cases by marking important events in their subsequent history. Mr. Higgins, the author of an incredible book entitled Anacalypsis, remarks that:

"Among the ancients there seems to have been a very general idea that the arrival of Gods and great personages who were expected to come, would be announced by a star."

The stars have a clear role at the births of several of the saviours and to mark important events in their subsequent history. The ancients thought the arrival of gods and great people would be announced by a star. **A star figured either before or at the birth of Abraham, Caesar, Pythagoras, Yu, Krishna, and Christ.** The astrological practice of calculating destinies by the stars had long been popular in the East at the time of Christ's birth.

We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him (Mt 2:1).

Note, it was **his star not just a star** or even the star, suggesting an astrological meaning.

Zoroaster, about 1000 BC, prophetically announced to the wise men of that country that a saviour would be born, attended by a star at noonday. Similarly when Nared had examined the stars, having heard of **Chrishna's** fame, he declared him to be from God—the Son of God. The Roman Calcidius speaks of it as a wonderful star, **presaging the descent of a God amongst men.** A star foretold of the birth of the **Roman Julius Caesar.** The Chinese God **Yu** was not only heralded by a star, but conceived and brought to mortal birth by a star.

Numbers 24:17 is the famous passage: There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Seth. This is a text often quoted by Christian writers as having a prophetic reference to the Christian Messiah. The same text goes on to say, It shall destroy the children of Seth, a prophecy which is plainly false, if it is meant like the rest, to apply to Jesus Christ.

The star of Jacob or Judah, both being the same, is shown on astronomical maps as prominent in the constellation Virgo, the Virgin, called by the Hebrews, Ephraim. When this "star" was positioned in the "belly"

of the constellation Virgo...the virgin was immaculately made pregnant by the Sky God and she would bring forth the Son of God. It was known in the Syrian, Arabian and Persian Systems of astronomy as **Messaail**, suggestive of **Messiah**, and was considered the ruling genius of the constellation. It seems to have been the star, Spica. The star of Jacob was evidently a figure from astrology in which the virgin is shown rising with an infant Messiah (Messaail) in her arms. Messaail is, when analyzed, **Messaeh-el (Messiah-God)**, and is found in the **constellation Virgo, which commences rising at midnight, on the 25th of December**, with this star in the east in her arms—the star which piloted the wise men. According to Albertus Magnus, in his Book on the Universe, the sign of the celestial virgin rises above the horizon, at the moment we find fixed for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sir William Drummond adds in OEdipus Judaicus: The anointed of El, the male infant, who rises in the arms of Virgo, was called Jesus by the Hebrews... and was hailed as the anointed king or Messiah.

Early people thought a star was alive, because it appeared to move, and acted as though controlled by a living spirit. In Job 38:9 the morning stars join in a chorus and sing together. An astrological interpretation of the star of Bethlehem makes more sense than the notion of a star leaving the firmament and travelling untold light-years to stand over the young child Jesus, as he lay amongst the oxen and asses in a stable (Mt 2:7). To those who like to see God grossly violating his own laws of nature, they might as well believe, since it would have been much easier, even for God, that the star was a large electric light bulb suspended on a wire from heaven. All nations once believed that the planetary bodies or their inhabitants controlled the affairs of men, and even their births. Such astrology still holds sway over many gullible people today.

We find a counterpart to the story of Matthew's travelling star in Virgil (60 BC) who has a star guiding Aeneas westward from Troy. Pliny in his Natural History records that the people of Rome fancied they saw a man they took for a god in a star or comet. The apocryphal book of Seth relates that a star descended from heaven and lighted on a mountain, in the midst of which a divine child was seen bearing a cross. To Jews, pagans and Christian the stars might as well have been flies on a ceiling. They could have had no idea that they were immensely bigger than the earth and even the nearest was untold millions of miles away.

And the cases of Abraham, Caesar, Pythagoras, Yu, Chrishna, and Christ, may be cited in proof of this declaration. We find such phenomena in all of them plus many more. A star figured either before or at the birth of each, according to their respective histories and "legends." The "star" in question is the bright "morning star" which originally heralded the birth of the god Sol, the Sun-god, the beneficent Savior.

What is very interesting is that a knowledgeable glance at a geography of the heavens will show the "chaste, pure, immaculate Virgin, suckling an infant," preceded by a Star, which rises immediately preceding the Virgin and her child. This can truly be called "his Star," which informed the "Wise Men," the "Magi," who were the Astrologers and Sun-worshippers of their day. Let us not also forget the "shepherds who watched their flocks by night," who by noticing this "announcing star," knew that the Savior of Mankind was about to be born. Such a story makes a Christian think of "Jesus," but the sad fact is that although such stories are recorded in a Christian's "infallible and inerrant New Testament," they can be found told about the pagan's god-men since time immemorial. And it is a historical fact that should be noted here that the practice of calculating nativities by the stars was in vogue in the era and country of Christ's birth, and had been for a long period previously in various countries: "We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him." (Matt. 2:1)

Now mark, here, it was not the star, nor a star, but "his star;" thus disclosing its unmistakable astrological features.

In the history of the Hindu Savior Chrishna, we are told that "as soon as Nared, who, having heard of his fame, had examined the stars, he declared him to be from God; i.e., the Son of God.

Mr. Faber (Origin of Idolatry, vol. ii. p. 77) reports Zoroaster (600 B.C.) as prophetically announcing to "the wise men" of that country that a Savior would be born, "attended by a star at noonday."

The Roman Calcidius speaks of it a wonderful star, presaging the descent of a God amongst men." (Maurice, Indian Skeptics Refuted, p. 62.)

SO WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The prevalence of such "star" stories announcing the births of pagan Savior-gods laid the foundation for the wise men of Jesus' birth. Such a "star" apprised the wise men of Christ's descent from above. But such "an announcing star" was previously said to have foretold the birth of the Roman Julius Caesar. The Chinese God Yu was not only heralded by a star, but conceived and brought to mortal birth by a star.

It is stated in Numbers 24:17, that there is a star..."The star out of Jacob" which is to come out of Jacob." This is a text often quoted by Christian writers as having a prophetic reference to the Christian Messiah.

Answer for yourself: Have you read the passage for yourself, or have you let your Pastor use scissors on it before he quoted it to you?

You need to look at the context to determine if it applied to Jesus or not. But the same text declares further, "It shall destroy the children of Seth," a prediction which no rational interpretation can make apply to Jesus Christ.

Upon study one finds that such nonsense originates with astrology. What should be of importance to you is that such "copying of lies and fables" is written in a document touted by millions to be "God-breathed." Hardly!

We find this "star of Jacob" or "Judah" (the same) represented on astronomical maps as a prominent star in the constellation Virgo (the Virgin), fancifully termed by the Hebrew "Ephraim" no less. Remember that the prophecy given to Ephraim means he was to become "a multitude of Gentiles" (captivity and assimilation of Northern Tribes) and it is from these mass of non-Jews who lost their Biblical heritage that they also incorporated Sun-Myths due to the pagan influence upon them.

Gen 48:19 19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of **nations**. (KJV)

The Hebrew word for "nations":

1471 gowy rarely (shortened) goy- as a noun, masculine: nation, people a) nation, people 1) usually of non-Hebrew people 2) used of descendants of Abraham (remember Abraham was a non-Jew) 3) Goyim? = "nations"

Answer for yourself: Has that happened to you as well?

Answer for yourself: Do you think that there is any remote chance since reading of the "Virgin" and the sign of "Virgo" that a "star" in the constellation Virgo would be in the slightest way connected to the birth story of "Virgo" or the "Virgin?"

Answer for yourself: Is this a coincidence that the star in the constellation Virgo would be connected with birth of the Virgin?

Even a blind man could see this; excuse the pun. It was known in the Syrian, Arabian and Persian Systems of astronomy as Messaeil (suggestive of Messiah), and was considered the ruling genius of the constellation.

The "star of Jacob," then, was simply a figure borrowed from the ancient pagan systems of astronomy, in which they fancifully represent a virgin rising with an infant Messiah (Messaeil) in her arms. Messaeil is, when analyzed, is nothing more than the bright "morning star" which

originally heralded the birth of the god Sol, the Sun-god, Messaeh-el (Messiah-God), and is found in the constellation Virgo, which commences rising at midnight, on the 25th of December, with this "star in the east" in her arms -- the star which piloted "the wise men."

As you can see it was standard and established practice among all ancient people to use the changing positions of the stars as a means of predicting (prophesying) the change of the seasons. The positions of the stars in the night sky changed by approximately one degree every twenty-four hours. This is caused by the difference in the stellar year (366 1/4 days) and the solar year (365 1/4 days). The ancients measured the shift of the seasons by tracking the stars and the time they (stars and constellations) crossed the meridian at night. The position of the circumpolar stars (in the night sky, at a particular time) was also a standard method of tracking the seasons.

Therefore the Biblical statement that the birth of the Sun (Son) was predicted by the appearance of a star, was actually quite commonplace. It was the standard method of the Era.

The constellation of Orion has for millennia been recognized as a group of stars which herald the coming of winter, on Dec. 22, and the birth of the Sun (Son) God, three days later. It is the most glorious constellation in the sky! The legend of the three wise men has, for ages, been connected with the three stars in the Belt of Orion, Mintaka (the belt), Alnilam (string of pearls), and Alnitak (the girdle). These three stars (three wise men) sit proximate to the celestial equator and are easily recognizable, by all.



IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN....THIS SHOULD REALLY BOTHER YOU!

The whole thing, then, is evidently an astronomical legend. What gets me is that the New Testament is purported to be a Divine Revelation; a unique Revelation from God. Evidently it is not! Any **thinking believer** can see that there is severe problems with such a belief.

What is even worse is when one contemplates what other "errors" are presented as "truth" in the New Testament which goes without one's detection.

When we die I guess we all find out, right? I prefer to know now! **Do you?**

Albert the Great, in his Book on the Universe, tells us, "The sign of the celestial virgin rises above the horizon, at the moment we find fixed for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ." Sir William Drummond, (CEdipus Judaicus, p. 27), states:

"The anointed of El, the male infant, who rises in the arms of Virgo, was called Jesus/Yeshua by the Hebrews, ... and was hailed as the anointed king or Messiah"

This is further proof of the astrological origin of the story.

Dr. Hales, (Chronology) calls Christ "the star of our salvation, the true Apollo, the sun of righteousness" -- all of which are astronomical terms.

This is not as strange as it may look when we factor in the fact that the early inhabitants of the earth regarded a star as a thing of life, because it appeared to move, and therefore was believed by them to to move and act though the animation of a living spirit. And this idea we observe lurking amongst the borrowed orientalisms of the Jewish Old Testament.

The representation of the morning stars joining in a chorus and singing together (Job 38:9), is an instance of this kind. And then we find a much stronger and more conclusive case in the New Testament, where Matthew

represents a star as breaking loose from its orbit, and traveling some millions of miles, in order to stand over the young child Jesus, as he lay amongst the oxen and asses in a stable (Matt. 2:7). It is as if the "star had a mind of its own and was alive;" thus explaining its defiance of the laws of science.

"All nations," says Mr. Higgins, (Anacalypsis), "once believed that the planetary bodies or their inhabitants controlled the affairs of men, and even their births." Hence the states, "My stars," "He is ill-starred," etc., in use then, and still in use at the present day. The good or ill luck of a person was attributed to the good or evil stars which it was believed ruled at the hour of his birth. Astrology today is a big business. Nothing new under the sun. (forgive the pun).

We find a counterpart to the story of Matthew's traveling star in Virgil's writings, who declares (60 B.C.) that a star guided Aeneas in a journey westward from Troy. In the days of Pliny (Pliny, Natural History, Book II.), the people of Rome fancied they saw a God in a star or comet in the form of a man. The Apocryphal Book of Seth relates that a star descended from heaven and lighted on a mountain, in the midst of which a divine child was seen bearing a cross. Now when you understand that "crosses" are a big part of Sun-Worship then such a comment is not surprising.

LET US NOT MAKE JESUS "STUPID"...BUT THE WRITER OF MATTHEW DOES

The writers of the Gospel of Matthew paints Christ in a bad light when they portray him with profound ignorance of astronomy, when he speaks of "the stars falling from heaven to the earth." (Matt. 24:29) For if there could be any falling in the case, the falling would be in the other direction and the earth would fall to the stars, as larger bodies always attract smaller ones.

As shown above, the stupendous orbs of night were represented by Jew, Pagan and Christian as breaking away from their orbits, and running hither and thither. Today we benefited by the vast progress of science which teaches that the stars are stupendous orbs, some of them a thousand times larger than the planet on which we live, and that they could not depart one rod from their accustomed orbits without breaking up the whole planetary system, and destroying the universe. God gave us illusions to himself in the stars and planets, but not prophecy. Early man knew the planets were all circular, they all moved in circular orbits, and even today we understand that our universe is moving in a circular orbit as well. Geometry teaches us that there is no more "perfect creation" than a "perfect circle." Thus, in this God reveals to us Himself; perfection. The "cosmic designer" give order to the universe and it, properly understood it pictures the "perfect God." This was understood by early man as we find in the Assyrian Triad which has as its center the "perfect circle," representing to them God is the center of all things.

Now read the Gospel of Matthew again with understanding. Observe the absurdity in Matthew's story, which teaches that the wise men followed the star in the east, when they, coming from the east, were, as a matter of course, traveling westward, which would place the star to their backs. That must be a pilot or guide which follows after, instead of going before. Omitting further citations from history, we will only observe further that the ancient Hindus, Egyptians, Chaldeans, Syrians, Mexicans, etc., took great account of stars, and employed them on all important occasions, especially on long journeys and at the births of Gods and great personages -- a circumstance which aids in explaining the star chapter in the gospel history of Christ.

IN CLOSING

Another absurdity in Matthew's story, is that the wise men followed the star in the east, when they were coming from the east. Unless they circumnavigated the world or walked backwards so that they pretended they were travelling East because that was the way they faced, they must have been travelling westward, which would place the star to their backs.

But as we close this article, although a lot of data is presented, understand that the New Testament, touted to be a "Divine and unique revelation" is anything but that. Star stores are not important, but if other things can be found within it just as suspect as this "star story" then we at Bet Emet hope your love for God will drive you to know the truth about a Jewish Jesus and his real message before you die and meet God face to face.

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ANGELS & SHEPHERDS VISIT THE INFANT SAVIOR...TRUTH...OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

As soon as the God-begotten saviours were born into the world they were adored by **shepherds** from near by. In some cases they were also visited by wise men, or Magi, as the Persians and Brahmins called them, from far away. Sometimes the visitors were from even farther away, even angels leaving their heavenly ranks to wing their way to this rude tenement to adore its new born saviour.

Angels appeared to **Confucius** who was born in 598 BC as well as Christ. In both cases Magi also assembled to present their offerings to the infant God. Magi is used in the Apocryphal Gospels to designate the wise men who visited Christ at birth. Magi, Magic and Magician are derivations from the same root, all suggesting a wisdom correlated to the gods.

When Confucius was born five wise men from afar came to the house, celestial music was heard in the skies, and angels attended the scene. In Matthew the circumstances are the same (Mt 2:1). The only difference in the popular imagination is the number of wise men. Matthew does not say but popularly it is three. The Persian story also gives the number of Magi who visited the young saviour of that country as five.

Luke speaks of a multitude of the heavenly host praising God (Lk 2:13). Popularly the heavenly host was singing its praises so we have another way of saying that celestial music was heard. How complete the parallel!

Luke 2:13-15 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. (KJV)

Let us not also forget the "shepherds who watched their flocks by night," who by noticing this "announcing star." The writer of the Gospel of Luke would have us believe that these shepherds likewise were awakened to the auspicious time of the birth of the Sun-King. This star had alerted them of his birth and they knew that the Savior of Mankind was about to be born. These shepherds were attendants to a "free Heavenly concert." It makes a beautiful picture.

It goes further. Confucius, like Christ, had twelve chosen disciples. He was descended from a royal house of princes, as Christ from the royal house of David, and like Christ was born poor. He had a disagreement with a monarch and retired for a long period from society into religious contemplative seclusion. He taught the same Golden Rule of doing to others as we desire them to do toward us, and other moral maxims equal in importance to anything in the Christian scriptures.

When Chrishna, the eighth avatar of India (1200 BC), was born he was inundated in flowers by angels (gods). Pipes and drums were played in the heavens, trees blossomed and pools were filled with clear water. The room was illuminated by his light, and the countenance of his father and mother shone with its brightness and glory. They had an image of him as a king and, realizing he was the preserver of the world, they began to worship him, but like the virgin Mary quickly forgot all this and soon regarded him as an ordinary infant!

It is related in the legends of **Chrishna** that the divine child was cradled among shepherds, to whom were first made known the stupendous feats which stamped his character with marks of the divinity. He was recognized as the promised Savior by Nanda, a shepherd, or cowherd, and his companions, who prostrated themselves before the heaven-born child. After the birth of Chrishna, the Indian prophet Nared, having heard of his fame, visited his father and mother as Gokool, examined the stars, etc., and declared him to be of celestial descent (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i. pp. 129-130; Maurice, Hindustan, vol. ii. pp. 256, 257, 317; Vishnu Purana).

AEsculapius, the virgin-born Savior, was protected by goatherds (shepherds present), who, upon seeing the child, knew at once that he was divine. The voice of fame soon published the birth of this miraculous infant, upon which people flocked from all quarters to behold and worship this heaven-born child (Taylor, Diegesis, p. 150).

Many of the Grecian and Roman demi-gods and heroes were either fostered by or worshipped by shepherds. Amongst these may be mentioned **Bacchus**, who was educated among shepherds (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i. 398), and **Romulus**, who was found on the banks of the Tiber, and educated by shepherds (Bell, Pantheon, vol. ii. p. 213. **Paris**, son of Priam was educated among shepherds (Ibid. vol. i. p. 47), and **AEgisthus** was exposed, like AEsculapis, by his mother, found by shepherds and educated among them (Ibid., p. 20).

In Luke's gospel an angel is reported to have saluted his mother (Lk 1:28):

Hail, thou that art highly favored; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

And in the next chapter the angel joins with the heavenly host in praising God. The same is found in the Ramayana, when Brahma and Siva, with a host of attending spirits, came to the mother of the eighth saviour and sang,

In thy delivery, O favored among women, all nations shall have cause to exult.

The ninth avatar of India, **Buddha** (600 BC), is similar. On a silver plate in a cave in India is an inscription stating that a saint in the woods, at the time of the advent of Buddha, learned by inspiration that an avatar had appeared in the house of Rajah of Lailas. He flew through the air to the place beheld the new-born saviour. He declared him to be the great avatar destined to establish a new religion.

When the fame of **Pythagoras** (600 BC) reached Miletas and neighboring cities, their wise men came to visit him. In the Anacalypsis Magi came from the East to offer gifts at Socrates' birth, bringing gold, frankincense and myrrh, the very same offerings given to Christ. Gold, frankincense and myrrh were traditionally offered as gifts to the sun in Persia more than three thousand years ago; and in Arabia about the same time. Zoroaster of Persia (1,000 BC), says he also was visited by Magi at his earthly advent.

It seems odd that the divine Father chose to reveal the birth of his son, Jesus, to heathen idolaters hundreds of miles distant in Persia.

Answer for yourself: And why should a skill in astrology give them the privilege of seeing the world saviour at birth while people of God's own election—His Chosen—were denied the honor?

There are so many incongruities in divine revelation that it becomes knavery to dismiss them as god's mysterious ways, as Christians and Jews do. Yet both agree that God gave us reason.

Answer for yourself: So why doesn't He expect us to use reason when He chooses to reveal something to us?

SO WHAT WAS SEEN IN THE STARS ANYWAY?

Now let's examine the astrological evidence for the "three shepherds" from which these stories originated. The

constellation of Orion has for millennia been recognized as a group of stars which herald the coming of winter, on Dec. 22, and the birth of the Sun (Son) God, three days later. It is the most glorious constellation in the sky! The legend of the three wise men has, for ages, been connected with the three stars in the Belt of Orion, Mintaka (the belt), Alnilam (string of pearls), and Alnitak (the girdle). These three stars (three wise men) sit proximate to the celestial equator and are easily recognizable, by all.



Answer for yourself: Can we who are "Christians" and followers of the real Yeshua be so sure that they have not been hoodwinked by anti-Semitic Gentiles who only "replayed their Sun Myths" as they played God and changed what was known once about the Rabbi from Galilee? If we can see that errors have been represented as truth in the New Testament as non-Jews changed the text of the "revelation" about Yeshua and altered the text of the documents (New Testament), then what other places could there be such gross errors as we not know it?

If you truly want the truth, and you may not, then there is so much truth to reclaim and Bet Emet stands ready to help you separate the lies from the truth in hopes your worship of the Father be in Truth and Spirit.

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THE HEAVENLY HOST SANG PRAISES AT JESUS' BIRTH...TRUTH...OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

Luke 2:13-15 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. (KJV)

Let us not also forget the "shepherds who watched their flocks by night," who by noticing this "announcing star." The writer of the Gospel of Luke would have us believe that these shepherds likewise were awakened to the auspicious time of the birth of the Sun-King. This star had alerted them of his birth and they knew that the Savior of Mankind was about to be born. These shepherds were attendants to a "free Heavenly concert." It makes a beautiful picture.

Such a story makes a Christian think of "Jesus" and his birth. But the sad fact is that although such story of a "heavenly choir announcing the births of Jesus is recorded in a Christian's "infallible and inerrant New Testament," similar stories can be found told about the births of pagan god-men since time immemorial.

In the Sanskrit Dictionary, compiled more than two thousand years ago, we find a full account of the incarnate deity Vishnu, who appeared in human form as Krishna. Vishnu, being moved to relieve the earth of her load of misery and sin, came down from heaven, and was born of the virgin Devaki, on the 25th of December. Krishna's birth was announced in the heavens by his star, and a chorus of Devatas celebrated, with song, the praise of Devaki (Morris, Aryan Sun-Myths And The Origin Of Religion, p. 37). Morris relates:

"The spirits and nymphs of heaven danced and sang; and at midnight, when the Support of All was born, the clouds emitted low, pleasing sounds, and poured down rain of flowers" (Morris, Aryan Sun-Myths And The Origin Of Religion, p. 37).

The immortals of the Tusita-heaven decide that Buddha shall be born when the Flower-star makes its first appearance in the east. At his birth a host of angelic messengers descend and announce tidings of great joy: "A hero, glorious and incomparable, has been born, a savior unto all nations of the earth" (Morris, Aryan Sun-Myths And The Origin Of Religion, pp. 50-51).

The Aryan Sun-Myths, as has been mentioned, went with the Aryans when they peopled Persia, and became the religion of the ancient Persians. Mithras was the name which the Persians gave to the Sun. After ages had passed, it was utterly forgotten that Mithra was the Sun, and it was believed that he was the Only Begotten Son of God, who had come down from Heaven to be a mediator between God and man, to save man from their sins. The 25th of December was said to be the day on which this God-man was born, and it was celebrated with great rejoicings. The legend was that the wondrous infant was visited soon after his miraculous birth, by wise men called magi, who brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. It was customary for the magi to ascend a high mountain, at early dawn on the 25th of December, and there, with their faces turned to the east, to wait anxiously for the first rays of the Sun, which they hailed with incense and prayer. The shepherds, also were in the habit of prostrating themselves and praying to their god, the Sun.

All nature smiles at the birth of the Heavenly Being. "To him all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein." "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." "The quarters of the horizon are irradiate with joy, as if moonlight was diffused over the whole earth." "The spirits of the nymphs of heaven dance and sing." For the Lord Savior is born, "to give joy and peace to men and Devas, to shed light in the dark places, and to give sight to the blind."

Truly, there is nothing new under the sun.

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THE VISIT OF THE MAGI...TRUTH...OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

We all heard it growing up. By then I mean the memorable story of the three wise men or magi and the star in the east attending the birth of Jesus. Little did we know then that this same story is also found in other mythologies and religions around the world.

In several of the previous articles we have made mention of several "Magi" accounts. We add to these now.

Matt 2:1-2 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (KJV)

There is much we have to study in relationship to these Magi. First of all we should be "struck" by the word "worship" in this verse.

Answer for yourself: What does the passage mean when it says that they came to "worship him"? What does the passage mean when it says they have come to "worship" baby Jesus? What does the word "worship" mean in this above verse.

Strong's Concordance:

4352 proskuneo (pros-koo-neh'-o); from 4314 and a probable derivative of 2965 (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch to, i.e. (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore): KJV-- worship.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

4352 proskuneo-

- 1) to kiss the hand to (toward) one, in token of reverence
- 2) among the Orientals, especially the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence
- 3) in the New Testament by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication; used of homage shown to men and beings of superior rank
 - a) to the Jewish high priests
 - b) to God
 - c) to Christ
 - d) to heavenly beings
 - e) to demons

Answer for yourself: After looking at these words then should we jump to the conclusion that these men were worshipping the baby Jesus as God or only responding in a token of reverence as was their custom of bending to their knees and touching with their foreheads the ground in a show of profound reverence as the custom of their culture? Were they only signifying, as the definition above attests, the greatness of this "person"? **As you can see there is not one hint in this passage that they confused this child with God the Creator!**

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that as soon as the God-begotten saviours, sungods and sungod men were born into the world, as found in the study of comparative religions, they were adored by shepherds from near by?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that many of them were also visited by wise men, or Magi, as the Persians and Brahmins called them, from far away?

Sometimes the visitors were from even farther away, even angels leaving their heavenly ranks to wing their way to this rude lodgings to adore its new born saviour.

We are informed by the Matthew writer, that being guided by a star, the Magi from the East came to where the young child was. The original word here is "magoi" from which comes our word **"Magician."** **The persons here denoted were philosophers, priests, or astronomers.** They dwelt chiefly in Persia and Arabia. They were the learned men of the Eastern nations, devoted to astronomy, to religion, and to medicine. They were held in high esteem by the Persian court; were admitted as counselors, and followed the camps in war to give advice (Barne's Notes, vol. i. p. 25).

Matthew relates in 2:2: ***"And when they were come into the house (not stable) they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh."***

The Magi were specialists in interpreting the signs in the heavens. According to the dialogue "Alcibiades", ascribed to Plato, the Persian Magi practiced a form of spiritual mysticism which was their religion. The word "Magi" is the plural form of the word "magus" (from old Persian "magu") which designates a member of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. The gospel of Matthew (2.1-12) presents the Magi as ***"wise men from the East"***, who sought the Christ to pay homage to him. Catholics celebrate the visit of the Magi with the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th). There is no mention of the number of the Magi who came to pay homage to Christ. The idea that the Magi were three in number may have grown from the number of gifts (gold, frankincense and myrrh) offered to the infant Christ.

Now I want to share something from scholars with the readers. In agreement they attest that the visit by "Magi" to the newly born incarnate "Sun-god" was very natural, for after all the **Magi were Sun worshippers (not in the literal sense)**, and at early dawn on the **25th of December (the Winter Solstice)**, the astrologers of the Arabs, Chaldeans, and other Oriental nations, **greeted the infant Savior (the new-born Sun arising after the Winter solstice)** with gold, frankincense and myrrh. They started to salute "their God" long before the rising of the Sun, and having ascended a high mountain, they waited anxiously for his birth, facing the East, and there hailed his first rays with incense and prayer (Dupis, Orig. Relig. Belief, p. 284; Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. ii. pp. 96-97; Prof. Relig. Ideas, vol. i. p. 272).

Answer for yourself: Are these Magi worshiping a person here or the Sun which for them was a picture and a symbol for God the Sustainer and Provider of mankind and his very salvation from the darkness, cold, and ravages of Winter year after year?

In an earlier age we find what might seem strange to man today was anything but that to the primitive Gentiles of antiquity. **I am speaking of the birth of their god-men or Avatars which were but personifications of the Sun at its rebirth yearly at the Winter solstice.** Such events were numerous in country after country, at least as far as legends go. The birth of a God or Messiah was, as a matter of course, regarded as an event of

sufficient importance to attract the attention of the great ones of the earth, and even the creatures of heaven also. **"And hence we find it related in the history of several of the God-begotten Saviors of antiquity, that as soon as they were born into the world they were visited by "wise men from a distance" (or Magi, as they were called by the Persians and Brahmins).** And in some cases these legends attest that they were likewise waited upon and **adored by the neighboring shepherds**; and even celestial spirits are reported in some instances as leaving their star-gilt homes to wing their way to the humble mansion, the rude tenement, containing a new-born God, that they might honor and adore "the Savior of men, the Savior of the world" (Graves, **The Sixteen Crucified Saviors**).

One only needs to look at the sacred biographies of both Confucius and Christ because both provide examples of the angel host forsaking their homes in the skies to pay their adoration and worship to a Deity-begotten godman at his birth. Such a godman was always sent down by the "Father of Mercies" to save a guilt-laden world. And in both cases the Magi are reported as assembling to present their **offerings to the infant God**.

In the case of Confucius (born 598 B.C.), it is declared, "Five wise men from a distance came to the house, celestial music was heard in the skies, and angels attended the scene" (**Five Volumes**). Strikingly similar to this ancient legend, in each of the several characteristics, is the Christian story.

Matthew in chapter 2 verse 1 which speaks of ***"wise men from the east"*** journeying to Jerusalem to visit the infant Christ, soon after his birth, amongst the mules and oxen in a stable, though he omits to state the number of itinerant adorers who presented themselves on the occasion.

The Persian story is more specific, as it gives the number of Magi who visited the young Savior of that country as five. Luke 2:13 speaks of ***"a multitude of the heavenly host praising God,"*** in gratulation of the birth of the Judean Savior.

Now, when we bear in mind that one method of praising God, with the orientals, was by music, we quickly understand this is only another mode of proclaiming, as in the case of Confucius, that "celestial music was heard in the skies." And "angels attended the scene" of Confucius' birth. So, likewise, Luke 2:15 relates that the angels, after rejoicing with the shepherds on the occasion of the birth of Christ, ***"went away into heaven"***. **How complete the parallel!** and, but for the digression, and the waste of space, we might trace it much further, and show that **Confucius, like Christ, had twelve chosen disciples; that he was descended from a royal house of princes, as Christ from the royal house of David; that he, in like manner, retired for a long period from the noise and bustle of society into religious contemplative seclusion; that he inculcated the same Golden Rule of doing to others as we desire them to act toward us, and other moral maxims equal in importance to anything that can be found in the Christian Scriptures, etc.**

Other Saviors at birth, we are told, were visited by both angels and shepherds, also "wise men," at least great men.

"Magi" is the term used in the Apocryphal Gospels, to designate the "wise men" who visited Christ at birth; and that Magi, Magic and Magician are but variations of the same word, at least derivations from the same root, all suggesting a wisdom correlated to the Gods. Osiris, an incarnate deity of Egypt can be cited as another case of an infantile God receiving honors at birth as he was visited while yet in the cradle by a host of admiring adorers. People are recorded as having flocked from all parts of the world to behold the heaven born infant Osiris. Such a worldwide fame must have had the effect to attract, with the numerous crowd who thronged to see and worship him, no small number of "wise men."

Chrishna, the eighth avatar of India, 1200 B.C., (so it is related by the "inspired penman" of their pagan theocracy) was visited by angels, shepherds and prophets (avatars). Immediately after his birth he was visited by a chorus of devatas (angels), and surrounded by shepherds, all of whom were impressed with the conviction of his future greatness. We are informed further that "gold, frankincense and myrrh" were presented to him as offerings. The well-known modern traveler, Mr. Ditson, who visited India but a few years since, uses the emphatic declaration, "In fact, as soon as Chrishna was born he was saluted by a chorus of devatas, or angels."

In the evangelical narrative of the Christian Savior an angel is reported to have saluted his mother thus: *"Hail, thou that art highly favored; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women" (Luke 1:28)*

Answer for yourself: Can these facts be relegated to mere "coincidence?"

And in the next chapter the angel is reported as joining with "the heavenly host" "in praising God."

A similar report is found in the Hindu bible (the Ramayana), appertaining to the mother of the eighth Savior, of whom it is declared "Brahma and Siva, with a host of attending spirits, came to her and sang, 'In thy delivery, O favored among women, all nations shall have cause to exult.'" And when the celestial infant (Chrishna) appeared (it is related in a subsequent chapter), "a chorus of heavenly spirits saluted him with hymns; the whole room was illuminated by his light, and the countenance of his father and mother shone with brightness and glory (by reflection), their understandings were opened so that they knew him to be the Preserver of the world, and they began to worship him." The last text here quoted brings to mind Luke 24:45, which declares, "Then he (Christ) opened their (his parents) understandings."

Answer for yourself: Can these facts be mere "coincidence?"

The ninth avatar of India (Sakia) furnishes to some extent a similar parallel. According to the account of an exploration made in India, and published in the New York Correspondent of 1828, "There is on a silver plate in a cave in India an inscription stating that about the time of the advent of Buddha Sakia (600 B.C.), a saint in the woods learned by inspiration that another avatar (Messiah or Savior) had appeared in the house of Rajah of Lailas. Learning which, he flew through the air to the place, and when he beheld the new-born Savior he declared him to be the great avatar (Savior or prophet), and that he was destined to establish a new religion" -- the New Covenant Religion.

Answer for yourself: Can these facts be relegated to mere "coincidence?"

This should make you sick at the deceptions we have been fed as Christians and followers of "the Christ" since we have failed to study the true origins of our birth faith; namely Christianity. Look at what we have we inherited in the Gentile Christian Church from antisemitic Rome.

Answer for yourself: Is it any wonder that Jews, the true people of God, won't accept what we so readily hold as "sacred?" Is it any wonder that they won't accept such stories about the Christian Messiah as truthful when they are but "copy cats" of prior stories of past sungods and sungod men?

We next draw on the history of Greece. It is authentically related of Pythagoras (600 B.C.) that his fame having reached Miletas and neighboring cities, men renowned for wisdom (wise men) came to visit him. (Progress of Religious Ideas, vol. i.). In G. Higgins' Anacalypsis we are told that Magi came from the East to offer gifts at Socrates' birth, bringing gold, frankincense and myrrh," the same kind of offering as that presented to the two divine infants Chrishna and Christ, according to their respective "inspired" biographers. (Matt. 2:4, and the Ramayana).

Answer for yourself: Is this just another "coincidence" that the same gifts were given to the birth of another "divine" avatar?

And the legend of Mithra, of Persia, might also be included in our category of comparison, if we had space for it. All the four Saviors last named (if Socrates may be called such) are reported as having been honored and enriched with aromatic offerings at their respective births. And we have the statement from Mr. Higgins (Anacalypsis), that the same assortment of spices (with the gold) constituted the materials offered as gifts to the Sun, in Persia more than three thousand years ago; and likewise in Arabia near the same era.

And it may be stated here, that an ancient historic account of Zoroaster of Persia (6,000 B.C., according to Pliny and Aristotle), speaks of his having also been visited by Magi, or "Magia," at the period of his earthly advent.

Answer for yourself: Now ask yourself: "Does it appear as if Christianity is a Divine and unique religion from God?"

Answer for yourself: Does it make sense at all that the divine Father, in His infinite wisdom, should have chosen to reveal the intelligence of the birth of His son Jesus Christ to a set of nomadic stargazers from another religion hundreds of miles distant (though known as "wise men" because of their skill in astrology and astronomy) before He made it known to his own "chosen people" (the Jews) to whom He had repeatedly sent the Prophets to prophesy of the coming of the Jewish Messiah? **THINK!**

Answer for yourself: Why give revelation to the Prophets about the coming Messiah to prepare His people and then tell another foreign nation instead of those people who had lived in constant expectation for their "deliverance" from a soon coming Jewish Messiah? It just does not make sense.

Answer for yourself: Does it make sense that God would call such pagans "wise men," while men of God's own election, the Jews, according to the Christian bible, were often stigmatized and denounced as "fools," a "generation of vipers," etc?

LOOKING AT THE ASTROLOGY AND ASTRONOMY A LITTLE MORE

We read that the infant Jesus is visited at the inn by three "wise men," or "Magi" from out of the East. On the western horizon of the heavens on the dawn of the third day after the Winter solstice, after the 21st, that is the morning of the 25th, the sign of Taurus was seen. And this is also a sign with very prominent and important implications for the constellations. Another constellation of importance is the **constellation of Orion**. This refers to the warrior Orion. And in this constellation of the warrior, there is the **'belt' of Orion**. This belt is made up of three very famous and bright stars.

Answer for yourself: Why are these 3 stars in Orion's belt important? These 3 stars in the belt of Orion were understood by the Ancients to be three wise men or kings that figure so prominently in the "Jesus Story". But the helical rising of Orion announced the coming of Sothis, the Star of Horus/Osiris: that is, Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, whose coming heralded the annual flood of the Nile which for the Egyptians was the salvation of God brought to them (B. Walker, The Woman's Dictionary of Symbols and Sacred Objects, 1988, p. 75).



Answer for yourself: Is there any connection between the "belt" or Orion and the number "3" as we find associated with the "3 wise men" or the "3 Magi"?

Down through history the Magi have been associated with these three stars in Orion's belt and these 3 stars were known as the "three wise men." This explains why there is always 3 gifts given as well to the new-born Sun (personified as the Son of the Sun). **And it was also said that these wise men followed the great star in the heavens.** Opinions differ and I have my own as well. Some say these 3 stars followed the Sun, but at night when these stars were visible the Sun had long set. Some say that these 3 stars followed Venus and we will look at that somewhat later. Others believe they followed Sirius and that seems to be the best choice in my opinion.

In addition, it would be very appropriate for the three kings worshipping the babe to be considered magi, since **magi were sun-worshippers**. Furthermore, the 3 gifts of the wise men to the Divine Child are also a standard part of the mythos. As Higgins remarks, "It is a striking circumstance that the gifts brought by the Magi, gold, frankincense and myrrh, were what were always offered by the Arabian Magi to the sun" (Godfrey Higgins,

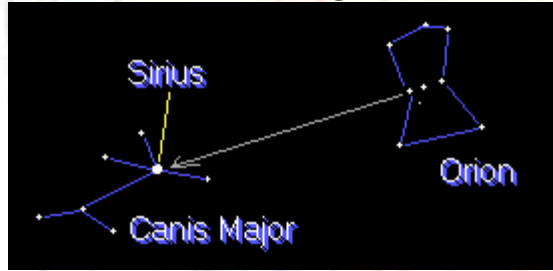
Anacalypsis, vol. ii, p. 96).

It is in this time of the year, under the sign of Capricorn, that we should expect and do find the prominence in the sky of the constellation Orion with its 3 stars forming a waist belt in the winter constellation of Orion. As expected with the appearance of Orion in Capricorn we should expect to find and do find a reference to "3" and we find this in the myth of the 3 Magi in Matt. 2:2.

Matt 2:2 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (KJV)



It is again at this time that off to the left of Orion and his belt of 3 stars (3 wise men) do we find the brightest star in the sky named Sirius. **The star of Bethlehem (Matt. 2:2) is symbolized by the brightest star in the winter sky, Sirius, in the constellation, Canis Major.** Mind you that the stars rise in "the East" and travel



West across the vault of the sky and set in the Western horizon. To Egyptian astronomers, Sirius' rising marked the beginning of their new year and was a symbol of Isis who birth the "son of God". So we are following perfectly what we see in the sky as did the Ancients who crafted this myth thousands of years ago. I challenge anyone to look at this sky and star map and tell me that the proximity of the 3 stars in the belt of Orion and Sirius are not the origin for the 3 stars (allegory for 3 wise men) that follow Sirius since it helical rising marked the Egyptian New Year. It always stuck me kind of odd that if the Magi, associated with the astronomers and astrologers of Iran, which is East of Israel, had seen a star in the East, then it never seemed reasonable that they would travel "west" to Israel. That is until it dawned upon me that the stars travel the night sky East to West. Now seeing how Sirius is "West" of Orion in the night sky this all makes sense now since the 3 stars in Orions' belt pursue Sirius across the sky nightly in a Westerly direction. But we are not actually taking about what could have occurred in a historical and literal setting. **Only if these events occurred in the sky and the Heavens does this passage of the 3 wise men as the 3 stars in Orion's belt make sense.** Since stars, like the sun, always rise from the East and travel West, it would appear as three stars were following one bright star. **Sirius is the star of Bethlehem guiding the Magi that traveled at night from East to West.** Ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising (Matt. 2:10). The constellations would appear to stop when they are directly overhead.

As concerns the famous star, Walker says, "Ancient Hebrews called the same star Ephraim, or the Star of Jacob. In Syrian, Arabian and Persian astrology of the day Sirius was called Messaeil.

Answer for yourself: Can you guess what Messaeil means in Syrian, Arabian, and Persian astrology? **It means "Messiah".** (B. Walker, The Woman's Encyclopedia Of Myths And Secrets, p. 749).

Answer for yourself: Then were the 3 stars in Orion's belt, to the East of Sirius, moving Westward as if in pursuit of the Astrological "Messiah", the star Sirius? Yes they were! In this way the "3 wise men" were pursuing "the Messiah".

Gerald Massey concludes:

"the Star in the East will afford **undeniable data for showing the mythical and celestial origin of the gospel history.** When the divine child is born, the wise men or magi declare that they have seen his star in the east. . . . The three kings or three solar representatives are as ancient as the male triad that was first typified when the three regions were established as heaven, earth, and nether-world, from which the triad bring their gifts... **When the birthplace was in the sign of the Bull or Taurus [6,500-4,400 B.C.E.], the Star in the East that arose to announce the birth of the babe was Orion, which is therefore called the star of Horus. That was once the star of the three kings; for the "three kings" is still a name of three stars**

in Orion's belt. Due to the precession of the equinoxes the Orion was replaced in the sky by Sirius as the signifier of the birthplace in the age of Pisces.

There is a dissenting minor opinion that needs to be mentioned. The star in the east has also been associated with the planet Venus, which at times has served as the "morning star," heralding the arrival of the "Sun of God," who is also the "morning star." So we have in effect two different "morning stars": the Sun and Venus. Again, this appearance was not a historical occurrence but a recurring observation that preceded the Christian era for millennia. Furthermore, as Higgins says, "Every Avatar or savior, or 'Desire of all nations' had a star to announce his birth" (G. Higgins, *Anacalypsis*, vol. ii, p. 95). In this regard, the births of Abraham and Moses, among so many others, were also attended by stars (G. Higgins, *Anacalypsis*, vol. i, p. 560).

The Magi entered the "house" [of Capricorn] (Matt. 2:10).

Matt 2:10 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. (KJV)

In the first twelfth of the cycle, the first sign of the Zodiac of 30 degrees, he was a child prodigy at twelve years old (Luke 2:42-47), Jesus, tells his parents "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49). In other words, he must enter each house of the zodiac. Presently we find the notation of the age of "12" significant as representative of the first sign of the Zodiac which just happens to be Capricorn. The "Jesus Story" will make its rounds through all twelve of the constellations of the Zodiac before it dies and is reborn to begin a new "age".

Matt 28:20 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

However, with regard to Judaism and Christianity, the Egyptian Great Year is very significant. For Sirius to complete its elliptical orbit around the Sun took roughly 26,000 years [the Great Year or Precession of the Equinoxes]. The Egyptians divided this 26,000 Great Year into twelve arcs of about 2160 years, each with its own star constellation that became its Sign. Since most of these signs were given animal forms, the later Greeks called this celestial band Zodiac from the term "zoion" [animal]. These signs were [tracing backwards from the opening of the Egyptian year], the Lion (Atum), the Scarab (Khepera), Twins (Set and Heru), the Bull (Ptah/Yusir), the Ram (Amen), the Fishes (In-tiu), the Water-Bringer (Menat the nurse and Hapi the Nile), the Goat (Mendes), the Archer (Set or Shu), the Scorpion (Serqet), the Scales (Ma'at/ Mwoere) and the Virgin Mother (Neith or Auset/Isis). **As the spring equinox passed through a zodiacal sign, an age was inaugurated that was seen to symbolically, mythically and physically dominate earthly life during the 2160 years. The Kemites Pharaonic dynasties of Egypt began in the Age of the Bull [circa 4241/4245 BCE], making Bull symbols and deities, Ptah and Yusir the dominant symbols of that age. When the spring equinox moved into the preceding age, that of the Ram [c 2200 BCE], Ram deity Amen and his city Waset [Thebes] dominated Kemetic cultural life. This was the age when the Hebrew appeared in history and, as the Old Testament shows, ram and lamb and shepherd imagery permeated their symbolic life. When the spring equinox moved into the Piscean Age [Fishes] - c. 68 BCE, the people of the lower Nile observed fish symbolism and it was within two centuries that Christianity, complete with fish symbols [note that the disciples were said to be fishermen] began its run.**

The "Jesus Story" has it right; namely, the Sun must make its yearly trip through the twelve signs of the Zodiac only to repeat it again eternally. Of course we have seen that this word mistranslated "world" is better understood to refer to the precession of the Equinox whereby every 2,190 years a new age begins.

Answer for yourself: So what have we seen? We saw that the Sun passes through Capricorn, the goat (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19). I will refer you to the picture above of the three stages of the Sun which depicts the Summer Solstice, the Spring and Summer Equinoxes, and the Winter Solstice. We saw that the starting date for our consideration of the Sun is December 22, the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, when the Sun is at its lowest ascension which is easily seen in the picture. This is the beginning of the Sun's annual journey. **This is time for**

the Sun's birth when the Sun is in the constellation Capricorn. By December 25 it becomes apparent the Sun has once again begun to climb Northward into the sky on it's annual journey-the sun rises slightly farther North and the days begin to get longer and with it more light and heat is given to mankind and this renews his faith in his survival and his "salvation". The Ancients celebrated this time, the Winter Solstice, as the time of the birth of their Savior the Sun who will make the harvest grow so we will have food to eat.

Answer for yourself: Is it any wonder that we should find that Herod, in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 2, looks to Bethlehem, the house of bread, Virgo, but Jesus is not there. He simple is not there because he Jesus is yet in Capricorn.

Answer for yourself: After reading this second article and grouping what you now have learned with what you already learned in prior articles can we say as certainly as before that the story of "Jesus Christ" in the New Testament is not taken from astronomy and the "path of the Sun through the Zodiac? Well for those who need more proof we now turn to more evidence that shows without question that the story of "Jesus Christ" is taken from astrotheology and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and the Heavens above. In so doing we are forced to ask hard and serious questions concerning the historical Jesus in our search for truth.

Answer for yourself: If you have been keeping up, is there **little doubt that so far the telling of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is nothing but the "re-telling" of the Sun-Myths and the path of the Sun and the Stars in the Heavens above?**

[Now let us continue our studies in the next article.](#)

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MESSIAH TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

The New Testament indicated that we have the birth of the "Christ child" at Bethlehem and visited by Wise Men with Gifts. We have already dealt with the stories of the Wise men and their gifts.

Mat 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Mat 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

The New Testament records that the "Christ-child", the culmination of the Sun-god-men, was prophesied to be Born in Bethlehem, because this word (Bethlehem) means House of Bread or Harvest, which accurately serves to represent the Astrological sign (house) of Virgo (a woman holding a stalk of wheat). Let us examine the definition from a Funk and Wagnalls encyclopedia:

"BETHLEHEM (Heb. and Aram., "house of bread;" Arab. Bayt Lahm, "house of meat"), town, West Bank, near Jerusalem. Originally called Aphrath, the town also is referred to as Bethlehem-Judah to distinguish it from another Bethlehem (see Josh. 19:15-16) in the territory of the tribe of Zebulun. Bethlehem is first mentioned in the Old Testament as the place where Rachel, the wife of the patriarch Jacob, was buried (see Gen. 35:19). In the Book of Ruth, it is mentioned as the home of King David's ancestors and of David himself (see 1 Sam. 17:12) and, in the Book of Micah, as the birthplace of the future Messiah (see Mic. 5:2). With the exception of St. Mark, the earliest Gospel writer, the authors of the Gospels claim Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus Christ and, as such, it has been regarded by Christians as a holy place. Bethlehem contains one of the oldest churches in the world, the Church of the Nativity, built by the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in 330 on the traditional site of Christ's birth."

Answer for yourself: Was there a mistake made in the information given above as taken from an encyclopedia no less? Hang on.

MESSIAH TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM.....WHAT DID MICAH REALLY SAY?

What is strange upon serious investigation is that the prophecy from Micah does not say the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem at all. The designation of Bethlehem as the birth place of the Messiah has more to do with the constellation Virgo which has been characterized by the ancients as being represented as a Virgin holding a stalk of wheat. But traditions are often taught and preached instead of truth.

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BETHLEHEM AND THE VIRGIN...IS THERE AN ASTRONOMICAL CONNECTION?

You might think it strange that I begin an article about Bethlehem with a short biography about Jerome, a Christian Latin Church Father but you will see in just a minute why it was necessary. Saint Jerome (340?-420), a father of the Latin church, was born at Stridon, a frontier between Styria and Hungary. He went to Rome while quite a young man and there studied Greek and Roman classics. There, too, Jerome was baptized into the Christian faith. He traveled in the East, pursuing his studies until a dream led him to renounce classical learning and devote himself to the Bible. For four years he lived as a hermit, enforcing upon himself the most rigid discipline and the most laborious studies. At this time he learned Hebrew that he might translate the Bible. Jerome was ordained as a presbyter at Antioch and later began to expound the Scriptures at Rome at the same time beginning to revise the Latin New Testament. Finding his work resented by the clergy **he went to Palestine and there at Bethlehem founded a monastery in which he spent the remainder of his life.** He translated the whole Bible into Latin. Jerome's Vulgate, as his version is called, is regarded as the foundation of ecclesiastical Latin. Jerome is considered one of the great scholars of the Western church.

This short biography was necessary to establish the fact that Jerome lived many years in the very city of Bethlehem and in so doing became very familiar with the city and its history. That being so it is very interesting to note what Jerome has to say about his city. He writes that the **"little town of Bethlehem" was a sacred grove devoted to the Syrian solar-fertility-savior god Adonis (Tammuz), who was born hundreds of years before the Christian era in the same cave later held to be that of the birthplace of Jesus.**

The whole tradition of Adonis closely resembles that of Jesus. The birthplace of Jesus identified by early Christians was in fact a shrine to Adonis! According to Jerome (340 - 420 AD), translator of the Greek bible into the Latin Vulgate, Hadrian desecrated the cave in Bethlehem associated with Jesus' birth by consecrating it with a shrine of Tammuz-Adonis. In reality Jerome will have been excusing the opposite crime. The conversion of an ancient shrine to Adonis to a Christian purpose because in the time of Jerome the Christians had taken over the Empire.

In The Golden Bough: A Study in Magic and Religion, Sir James George Frazer wrote of the later worship of Adonis, beloved of Venus, that was indigenous to Bethlehem. Jerome notes well the confusion of the Christian worship through the sharing of similar themes and rites:

"In this connection a well-known statement of Jerome may not be without significance. He tells us that Bethlehem, the traditionary birthplace of the Lord, was shaded by a grove of that still older Assyrian Lord, Adonis, and that where the infant Jesus had wept, the lover of Venus was bewailed. Though he does not expressly say so, Jerome seems to have thought that the grove of Adonis had been planted by the heathen after the birth of Christ for the purpose of defiling the sacred spot. **If Adonis was indeed, as I've argued, the spirit of the corn, a more suitable name for his dwelling-place could hardly be found than Bethlehem, 'the House of Bread,' and he may well have been worshipped there at his House of Bread (Bethlehem) long ages before the birth of Him who said, 'I am the bread of life.** Even on the hypothesis

that Adonis followed rather than preceded Christ at Bethlehem, which most scholars discount since Adonis preceded Jesus, the choice of his sad figure to divert the allegiance of Christians from their Lord cannot but strike us as eminently appropriate when we **remember the similarity of the rites which would commemorated the death and resurrection of the two**".

Like Jesus, Adonis was born on December 25th of the Virgin Myrrha, who was: a temple-woman or hierodule, identified with Mary by early Christians, who called Jesus's mother Myrrh of the Sea...Syrian Adonis died at Easter time. . . Adonis **died and rose again in periodic cycles**, like all gods of vegetation and fertility which responded to the Sun and the seasons. He was also identified with the Sun that died and rose again in heaven after 3 days at the Winter solstice.

As noted, Adonis/Tammuz was a favorite Semitic and Hebrew god, and each year during his passion in Jerusalem, women "wailed for the dead savior Tammuz in the temple of Jerusalem, where Ishtar was worshipped as Man, Queen of Heaven (Ezekiel 8: 14)" (B. Walker, Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 1026). At this time, Adonis/Tammuz wore a "crown of thorns" made of myrrh. Walker relates of Tammuz:

"The *Christos* or sacred king annually sacrificed in the temple at Jerusalem . . . the Romans called Tammuz the chief god of the Jews. . . . A month of the Jewish calendar is still named after Tammuz. . . Tammuz was imported from Babylon by the Jews, but he was even older than Babylon. He began as the Sumerian savior-god Dumuzi, or Damu, "only-begotten Son," or "Son of the Blood." He fertilized the earth with his blood at the time of his death, and was called Healer, Savior, Heavenly Shepherd. **He tended the flocks of stars, which were considered souls of the dead in heaven. Each year on the Day of Atonement he was sacrificed in the form of a lamb** . . . Though Tammuz occupied the central position in the sacred drama at Jerusalem, the New Testament transformed him into a mere apostle of the new dying god, under the Greek form of his name, Thomas" (B. Walker, Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 970-971).

As a fertility god, Adonis/Tammuz was representative of "the spirit of the corn," and "Bethlehem" means, the "House of Bread," "House of Corn," or "house of bread-corn, grain or wheat"(G. Massey, The Historical Jesus or The Mythical Christ, p. 27). This motif is passed down in the Christian myth when Jesus, like his predecessor Horus, says, **"I am the bread of life" (Jn. 6:48)**.

The word "Bethlehem" is literally "House of Bread." Without knowing this one may be tempted to take out a map and search for a town called Bethlehem. However, one should actually be looking for a place known as the "House of Bread" in the sky. This may seem impossible at first to one who has read the gospels "literally" his whole life but just hold on. In searching the sky for the "house of bread" is a great first step towards exposing the "Jesus Story" as an allegory, for you see, there has always been a place known as the "House of Bread," except it's not a place on Earth, it's a time of the year!

Answer for yourself: Does the Sun in its path through the sky and a particular House of the Zodiac at a particular time of the year serve as the origin for this "House of Bread"? It sure does.

The "House of Bread" is a reference to August, which is harvest time. It's a great time of year ancient civilizations all looked forward to with great anticipation. The term "house" refers to one of the 12 houses of the Zodiac, which is like a big calendar in the stars. You can tell what time of year it is by observing the stars as they come out just after sunset and then determining where the Sun is in relation to the stars. You determine which constellation or "house" the Sun is in. It's like determining which page of the wall calendar you are turned to. It tells you what month of the year you are in. When the Sun is in the "House of Bread" it's August - it's harvest time! **In the "House of Bread" is the constellation Virgo, the virgin. Hence in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, you will find a virgin, the constellation Virgo.** Virgo is always depicted as holding either a sheaf of wheat or an ear of corn since she represents harvest time. As the Sun moves through the Zodiac on it's yearly journey, it eventually passes into and out of the House of Bread and moves on to the next house. The Sun moves out of the constellation Virgo, the eternal Virgin, and in so doing figuratively gives birth to the Sun, as the Sun passes out of Virgo the Virgin. Connected in the gospels with this birth of the Sun, or as we are more

familiar the "personified Son of the Sun, we see the association of the Virgin, the infant child, the city of the "House of Bread", and the time of the year when the Sun enters Virgo being the time of the harvest. **Of course this works only for the Ancients who did not begin their calendars with Virgo but with Capricorn.**

Answer for yourself: Is this but a coincidence? We saw in an earlier article on Virgo, the Virgin, the connections between the Sun passing through the constellation Virgo and the virgin birth myth. We also saw that owing to the time of the year that the Sun passed through Virgo, we found references to the **"fall harvest"** so it should not surprise us that Virgo is depicted as a woman with stalks of wheat in her hand. **Later when we look at the chronological study of the year ministry of Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament that it is in this fall of the year that we find Jesus feeding 4000 with 7 loaves of bread and a few fish.** Here we find more "bread symbolism". We, looking more closely, will at that time notice that there are 5 houses between Virgo and Pisces, and two more when we count Virgo and Pisces; thus totaling 7 loaves of bread. We we get there we will see more hidden symbolism connected to the path of the Sun through Virgo

the Virgin. **So we should not be take by surprise when we consider the connections between the Virgin, the infant, the star in the east (Sirius), and the House of Bread, Bethlehem, since it all comes from the stars as relating to Virgo, the Virgin.**

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from this? **Like so many other places in Israel, let alone Biblical characters like John the Baptist and Jesus, Bethlehem was first situated in the mythos as taken from the constellations of the Virgin with the "wheat of the harvest" and the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and then given location on Earth.**

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JESUS IS RECOGNIZED AS THE DIVINE CHILD & PRESENTED WITH GIFTS AT HIS BIRTH...TRUTH...SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

The next in order of the wonderful events which are related to have happened at the birth of Christ, Jesus, is the recognition of the divine child, and the presentation of gifts.

We are informed by the Matthew writer, that being guided by a star, the Magi from the east came to where the young child was. The original word here is "magoi" from which comes our word "Magician." The persons here denoted were philosophers, priests, or astronomers. They dwelt chiefly in Persia and Arabia. They were the learned men of the Eastern nations, devoted to astronomy, to religion, and to medicine. They were held in high esteem by the Persian court; were admitted as counselors, and followed the camps in war to give advice (Barne's Notes, vol. i. p. 25).

Matthew relates in 2:2:

"And when they were come into the house (not stable) they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

The Luke narrator, who seems to know nothing about the Magi from the east, informs us that shepherds came and worshipped the young child. They were keeping their flocks by night when the angel of the Lord appeared before them saying:

"Behold, I bring you good tidings, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

After the angel had left them, they said one to another:

"Let us go unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger" (Luke 2:8-16).

The Luke narrator evidently borrowed this story of the shepherds from the "Gospel of the Egyptians," or from other sacred records of the biographies of Chrishna or Buddha.

It is related in the legends of **Chrishna** that the divine child was cradled among shepherds, to whom were first made known the stupendous feats which stamped his character with marks of the divinity. He was recognized as the promised Savior by Nanda, a shepherd, or cowherd, and his companions, who prostrated themselves before the heaven-born child. After the birth of Chrishna, the Indian prophet Nared, having heard of his fame, visited his father and mother as Gokool, examined the stars, etc., and declared him to be of celestian descent (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i. pp. 129-130; Maurice, Hist. Hindostan, vol. ii. pp. 256, 257, 317; Vishnu Purana).

Not only was Chrishna adored by the shepherds and Magi, and received with divine honors, but he was also presented with gifts. These gifts were "sandal wood and perfume" (Oriental Religions, pp. 500-501).

Similar stories are related of the infant Buddha. He was visited, at the time of his birth, by wise men, who at once recognized in the marvellous infant all the characters of the divinity and was hailed god of gods (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i. p. 157).

Viscount Amberly, speaking of him, says:

"He was visited and adored by a very eminent Rishi, or hermit, known as Asita, who predicted his future greatness, but wept at the thought that he himself was too old to see the day when the law of salvation would be taught by the infant whom he had come to contemplate" (Amberly, Analysis, p. 177; Bunson, Angel-Messiah, p. 36).

"I weep (said Asita), because I am old and stricken in years, and shall not see all that is about to come to pass. The Buddha Bhagavat (God Almighty Buddha) comes to the world only after many kalpas. This bright boy will be Buddha. For the salvation of the world he will teach the law. He will succor the old, the sick, the afflicted, thy dying. He will release those who are bound in the meshed of natural corruption. He will quicken the spiritual vision of those whose eyes are darkened by the thick darkness of ignorance. Hundreds of thousands of millions of beings will be carried by him to the "other shore" and will put on immortality. And I shall not see this perfect Buddha, that is why I weep" (Lillie, Buddha and Early Buddhism, p. 76).

Now contrast that with Luke 4:18-19-18:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Coincidence?

He returns rejoicing, however to his mountain-home, for his eyes had seen the promised and expected Savior.

Now contrast that with Luke 2:25-27:

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Coincidence?

EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE

Painting in the cave of Ajunta represent Asita with the infant Buddha in his arms (Bunsen, Angel-Messiah, p. 36). The marvelous gifts of this child had become known to this eminent ascetic by supernatural signs.

Buddha, as well as Chrishna, was presented with "costly jewels and precious substances" (Beal, History of Buddha, p. 58).

Rama, the seventh incarnation of Vishnu for human deliverance from evil, is also hailed by "aged saints" who die gladly when their eyes see the long-expected one (Oriental Religions, p. 41).

How-tseich, who was one of those personages styled, in China "Tien-Tse," or "Sons of Heaven," and who came into the world in a miraculous manner, was laid in a narrow lane. When his mother had fulfilled her time: "Her first-born son (came forth) like a lamb, there was no bursting, no rending, no injury, no hurt, showing how wonderful he would be."

When born, the sheep and oxen protected him with loving care (Prog. Relig. Ideas, vol. i. p. 200; Amberly, Analysis of Religious Belief, p. 226).

The birth of **Confucius** (551 B.C.), like that of all the demi-gods and saints of antiquity, is fabled to have been attended with allegorical prodigies, amongst which was the appearance of the Ke-lin, a miraculous quadruped, prophetic of happiness and virtue, which announced that the child would be "a king without a throne or territory." Five celestial sages, or wise men, entered the house at the time of the child's birth, whilst vocal and instrumental music filled the air (Thornton, History of China, vol. i. p. 152).

Mithras, the Persian Savior, the mediator between God and man, was also visited by "wise men" called Magi, at the time of his birth (King, Gnostics and their Remains, pp. 134, 149). He was presented with gifts consisting of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Inman, Ancient Faiths, vol. ii. p. 353).

According to Plato, at the birth of **Socrates** (469 B.C.) there came Magi from the east to worship him, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. ii, p. 96).

AEsculapius, the virgin-born Savior, was protected by goatherds (shepherds present), who, upon seeing the child, knew at once that he was divine. The voice of fame soon published the birth of this miraculous infant, upon which people flocked from all quarters to behold and worship this heaven-born child (Taylor, Diegesis, p. 150).

Many of the Grecian and Roman demi-gods and heroes were either fostered by or worshipped by shepherds. Amongst these may be mentioned **Bacchus**, who was educated among shepherds (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i. 398), and **Romulus**, who was found on the banks of the Tiber, and educated by shepherds (Bell, Pantheon, vol. ii. p. 213. **Paris**, son of Priam was educated among shepherds (Ibid. vol. i. p. 47), and **AEgisthus** was exposed, like AEsculapis, by his mother, found by shepherds and educated among them (Ibid., p. 20).

Viscount Amberly has well said that:

"Prognostications of greatness in infancy are, indeed, among the stock incidents in the mythical or semi-mythical lives of eminent persons."

Answer for yourself: If you remember we stated earlier that if Christianity is to be believed to be a "Divine and unique revelation from God" then we should not expect to find the same things which make up it's core of "Divine Truth" existing prior to it. What are we to think now about not only this doctrine, but others as well?

Answer for yourself: Don't you think that if you desired the "truth" about Jesus you need to start looking elsewhere?

I have a suggestion. Try Second Temple Judaism and learn what was believed by this man before it is too late and then mould your life around Jesus the Jew, and not Jesus the Gentile's Sun-god.

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BORN IN A CAVE/MANGER...TRUTH...OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

The history of Jesus Christ and the "Jesus Story" corresponds with that of other Sun-gods and Saviors in that **nearly all sungods and sun-god men are represented as being born in a cave or dungeon just like the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament.**

But saying the above and proving it beyond any doubt will take some time and the presentation of knowledge that is not possessed by the typical Christian in his church today. Our topic for this article is the birth narrative of Jesus Christ that maintains he was born in a manger or as Christian tradition maintains that he was born in a "cave". In Christian tradition, Jesus was said to be born variously in a manger, stable and/or cave, **like many other preceding gods.**

Originally Jesus was said to have been born in a cave. Most Christians will not be familiar with this possibly as the Gospel of Luke is the one gospel to refer to "manger". The Catholic Encyclopedia (1910) article on "Bethlehem" says, "The tradition of the birth in a cave was widely accepted, as we see from Origen's words about a century later: — In Bethlehem the cave is pointed out where he was born, and the **manger in the cave** where he was wrapped in swaddling clothes, and the rumor is in those places and among foreigners of the Faith that indeed Jesus was born in this cave (Contra Celsum, I, li.). If one were to read some of the apocryphal gospels (Pseudo-Matt., xiii, ap. Bonaccorsi, op. cit., 159-163; Protevang. of James, xvii sqq., Bonaccorsi, 155-159; Gospel of the Infancy, II-IV, Bonaccorsi, 163-164) one would encounter the birth of Jesus in a cave more often (Eusebius's Life of Constantine, lib. 3, chs xl, xli, and xlii.).

We all know the story I suppose or do we. Few Christians have ever done the necessary study to link the story of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection to the events of the [Winter solstice](#). Just like the Sun who appears to have died for 3 days at the Winter solstice **Jesus, at his death, is placed in a cave** for 3 days and like the Sun he will arise again after these 3 days of great darkness where he fights the "dark-evil, d-evil, devil" as does the Sun fights the greatest darkness of the year at the Winter solstice. This is the prophecy that is built upon the recurrent pattern noticed by the Ancients in Astronomy and Astrology for thousands of years prior to the supposed time of Jesus. A little background might help those not familiar with the Winter solstice but I hope you read the above link and then you will see quite clearly what we are showing the reader. On Christmas day, December 25, we celebrate the **birth of Jesus that occurred in a cave**. December 22 was the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, when the Sun was at its lowest. Three days later, on December 25, the sun rises 1/10 of it's width farther north which was just barely detectable by the Ancients by very carefully observing the shadows cast by the Sun at sunrise. **Their savior, the Sun, has been reborn**, to begin the cycle of the year and the cycle of life again. **No longer had they to fear the darkness; at least not for another year.**

Answer for yourself: Does it strike you as somewhat odd that the life of Jesus begins in a cave and ends in a cave as well? If one is to think about this for a second it would appear that the "Jesus Story" is circular just as the years are circular. A new year begins after the old year ends.

Answer for yourself: Does this story appear to be circular to you, the reader, just as the years are circular in

that a new year begins after the old year ends? We will come back to this point in just a second but you need to be alerted to some facts right about now.

INTERESTING "CAVE" FACTS...THAT SHOULD MAKE YOU THINK

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the divine baby Adonis, also known as Tammuz, was born in the very cave in Bethlehem now considered the birthplace of Jesus long before the Christian era?

I have a great book in my library from an "honest" Christian apologist by the name of Arthur Weigall in which he admits, when speaking of Adonis, that he was born in the same cave as later attributed to the birth of Jesus:

The propriety of this appropriation was increased by the fact that the worship of a god in a cave was a commonplace in paganism: Apollo, Cybele, Demeter, Herakles, Hermes, Mithra and Poseidon were all adored in caves; Hermes, the Greek logos being born of Maia in a cave, and Mithra being rock-born (A. Weigall, The Paganism In Our Christianity, 1928).

Upon study one finds that the "cave" or "manger" motif is part of an ancient, myth, representing both the winter (the darkness per day is greater than light following the Summer solstice as the Sun falls in the sky to its death at the Winter solstice) and the setting of the sun (sunset daily), when it appears to go underground or into the underworld, the realm of darkness and death, which is the womb of both the heavens and earth.

Answer for yourself: What do both of these ancient myths have in common? They both refer to the Sun being subjected to "darkness" which for the Ancients was interpreted as a form of death!

Barbara Walker says, "The cave was universally identified with the womb of Mother Earth, the logical place for symbolic birth and regeneration" (Barbara Walker, The Women's Encyclopedia Of Myths And Secrets, 1983).

Answer for yourself: So what are we dealing with now in speaking of a cave and womb? We are dealing with the oldest cosmic law of the Universe and Cosmos: birth, life, death, and rebirth through the symbolism of a cave as applied to the path of the Sun through the sky and Zodiac as well as its daily path through the Heavens from its sunrise to sunset as interpreted by the Ancients.

Answer for yourself: Why do we find that the Gospel of Luke relates a "manger birth" but later this becomes changed to a "cave" in later Church traditions?

I have found that these confusing stories regarding the solar babe being born in a cave, manger and or stable are tied to the changing of the heavens, specifically the precession of the equinoxes. Accordingly some nations began their calendars with the Sun in Capricorn and others began their calendars with the Sun in Virgo. Gerald Massey, in his The Historical Jesus and the Mythical Christ, states that the cave and the stable are two types of the birthplace of the Sun. I concur. These birth motifs, cave and stable, represent the Winter solstice since the Sun was believed to be birthed from the darkness of death having lied motionless for 3 days in the Heavens at the Winter solstice.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the Christian Fathers identified the birth of the Christ both with the time of the Vernal equinox and the Winter solstice? How can that be?

Massey relates for us that Cassini had demonstrated the fact that the date assigned to the birth of Christ is astronomical. I suggest you read the following slowly in order to catch the impossibility of what Rome declared. The birth of Christ was calculated, according to the tradition of the roman church, by

an astronomical epoch, in which, as shown by modern tables, the middle conjunction of the moon with the sun occurred on the 24th of March, according to the Julian form, at half-past one o'clock in the morning, at the meridian of Jerusalem, the very day of the Vernal equinox. The day following the 25th of March was the day of the incarnation according to tradition of the church as represented by Augustine, but which was the time of birth according to Clement of Alexander. Here the incarnation coincides with the conjunction of sun and moon at the end and re-beginning of the equinoctial year at the Spring equinox. Nine months after this conjunction of the solar father and the lunar mother, who are portrayed in the earliest know picture of the crucified, the divine child was born in Winter solstice, December the 25th, the date previously assigned to the birth of the young sun-god Mithras, and to Horus the child in Egypt dating back thousands of years. Plutarch tells us that the virgin mother, Isis, was delivered of Harpocrates (ie. Horus considered as the child of the mother alone) about the Winter solstice. They also observe the festival of her afterbirth (the Hebrew Shiloh), or Horus, the son of the father, after the Vernal equinox. These two astronomical dates were continued by the Equinoctial Christolators, who could not account for them in the absence of the gnosis once held by Egypt, hence the time of the one birth, which is impossible as human history, but is true to the mythos and the two Horuses. As you can see Rome had "two" births for the Christ, the Vernal Equinox and the Winter solstice.

Answer for yourself: How many births does a human being have? Only one. Again this shows the Astronomical background for the Christ Myth of Rome.

The birthday of Mithra, the invincible one, was celebrated as an ancient festival, on the 25th of December, the day of the solstice, our Christmas day. Mithra, like the later Jesus, was born in a cave, and wherever Mithra was worshipped, the cave was consecrated to him; as the "highly-mysterious cavern" was sacred to the Sungod in Egypt.

In the "Gospel of James", the child Jesus, like Horus and Mithra, was born in a cave. The "Gospel of pseudo-Matthew" says Mary entered the *"cave below a cavern in which there was never any light"* to bring forth the light of the world, and on the third day she *"went out of the cave and entering a stable, put her child in a manger"*. In the "History of Joseph the Carpenter", the Christ affirms that his mother gave birth to him in a cave. According to the Arabic "Gospel of the Infancy", the birth occurred in a cave.

But Mithra was also born in a cave as was the Christ. The cave of Mithras was that of the Sun born in the Winter solstice when this occurred in the sign of the Sea-goat, Capricorn just like the "Jesus Story" according to calendars beginning with the Sun in Capricorn. Abba Udda, the Akkadian name of the tenth month, answering roughly to December, the month of Capricorn, and this denotes the Cave of Light and indicates the location for the birth of the Mithraic Messiah at the Winter solstice just like the "Jesus Story". The cave, or Winter solstice in Capricorn, was the birthplace of the Mithraic Messiah from 2410 to 255 B.C.E., and this was continued as the cave or birthplace of the Christ after it ceased to be applicable to the solar god. Justin says that Christ was born on the same day that the Sun was reborn in stabula Augiae and the stable of Augias, cleansed by Herakles in his sixth labor, and corresponds to the cave in the Sea-goat. Thus the cave and the stable (and manger) are types of the birthplace of the Sun at the Winter solstice. Justin, determined to include both motifs, asserts that Christ was born in the stable and afterwards took refuge in the cave. No messiah, however, whether called Mithras, Horus, or Christ could have been born in the stable of Augias or the cave of Udda on the 25th of December after the date of 225 B.C., because the solstice had passed out of the sign of Capricorn into the asterism of the archer of Sagittarius. Those who continued this symbolism made an error in Astronomy but don't worry; few would every notice since such Astronomical secrets were kept hidden for those initiates in the "Inner Mysteries" of Christianity and not the "Outer Mysteries" which encompassed the vast majority of Christians back then as well as today.

Now I want to say a few more things about this "circular" appearance of the "Jesus Story".

Answer for yourself: We just saw that the birth of Jesus has a lot in common with the births of others sungods and sun-god men like Adonis, Horus, Mithra, etc. Have you ever noticed that the "Jesus Story" is circular, that

it ends right where it begins..in a cave? He originally was said to have been born in a cave and he dies and is placed again in a cave. He ends up where he began as if making a full circle.

Answer for yourself: Could there be any connection with the "Jesus Story" and these caves with [the Zodiac](#) which itself is a circle?

Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence that at the end of the "Jesus Story" that he is again in a cave when he dies, only to be resurrected from that cave or stone quarry three days later at the [Winter solstice](#)?

Answer for yourself: Are these "cave references" a veiled reference to the Zodiac and the circular procession of the constellations that revolve before us as the Sun passes through them yearly and begin again the next year as depicted in the one year ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament? Impossible" you say but hold on now as the evidence which I will present, and have presented if you have read our other articles, **removes all doubt that the "literalized" story of Jesus in the New Testament is but the personification of the Sun as it travels through the Zodiac on a yearly basis.**

A new year begins immediately after the old year ends. On New Years Eve we celebrate the end of the old year, personified as an old man, and the "birth" of the new year, personified as "Baby New Year." We don't actually think "Baby New Year" and "Father Time" are real people, we understand they are just **personifications of abstract concepts. In like manner the allegories of the Sun and its passage through the Zodiac have been over time "personified" as if a real person and that person if the Jesus of the "Jesus Story".**



The "cave" story is again the personification of the path of the Sun through the Heavens



and sky. As the Sun rises in the mornings it projects its rays upon the land and this "tube of light" cutting through the darkness was likened by the Ancients to a "cave of darkness". I ask that you look at the picture on the left and notice if you will the streaks of light that come from the Sun as it rises from the darkness of night at sunrise. These sunrays were seen by the Ancients as the Sun shining through a tube of darkness which for them they reasoned as a cave in the sky. In such a way the Ancients reasoned that the Sun was being born from a cave of darkness as its light is emitted in the form of a sunray or beam emanating from a darkened cave. **Thus we have the Sun being "born" in it many manifestations as from a cave, or as it was personified as "the Son of the Sun" later being likewise born in a cave.** This "cave", which we find in the "Jesus Story", was understood by the Ancients as the dark abode from which the wandering Sun starts in the morning (Cox, [Aryan Mythology](#), vol.i., 1878, p. 153). Cox goes on to say that "As the Dawn springs fully armed from the forehead of the cloven Sky, so the eye first discerns the blue of heaven, as the first faint arch of light is seen in the East. **This arch is the cave in which the infant is nourished until he reaches his full strength; in other words, until the day is fully come.**"

As the hour of the expected birth drew near, the mother became more beautiful, her form more brilliant, while the dungeon was filled with a heavenly light as when Zeus came to Danae in a golden shower (Cox, [Aryan Mythology](#), vol. ii., 1878, p. 133).

At length the child is born, and a serene light encircles his cradle, just as the Sun appears at early dawn in the East, in all its splendor. His presence reveals itself there, in the dark cave, by his first rays, which brightens the countenances of his mother and others who are present at his birth. Please notice the "nimbus" or "halo" above the young child's head. Surrounding the heads in many depictions of the "mother and child" we find in Christian art this recurrence of this halo or nimbus. **This "nimbus" or radiant light, in the form of a circle or halo,**



originated in sun worship. The nimbus was used to indicate the radiance of the sun gods or goddesses and was applied to both the infant Jesus as well as the adult Jesus as were other manifestations of the Sun as in the form of halos about the personifications of the Sun; be it the Mary as the mother of god or the Christ child in the "Jesus Story".

It is recorded in the Protevangelion, Apoc. ch. 14, that when Christ Jesus was born, all of a sudden there was a great light **in the cave**, so that their eyes could not bear it.

Answer for yourself: We have heard that the Magi were searching for the "Christ" child of the Jews. Have you ever stopped to wonder why Persian astrologers would have received prior notice of the Jewish Messiah's birth? He is not of their own religion. Could the clue be Astronomy once again?

Answer for yourself: What Persian wise men would come to honor the birth of a Jewish peasant unknown to the local king?

Answer for yourself: How could a star guide them to Israel, and then to a particular house in the inconspicuous village of Bethlehem?

Christian tradition, especially art, tends to locate the visit of the shepherds and the Magi on the same night (presumably the actual night of Jesus' birth). But Matthew says nothing about shepherds, and Luke nothing about wise men. The tradition that the

Magi were kings did not arise until the sixth century AD, but **Magi were known in Persia from at least the sixth century BC. They were priests who specialized in interpreting astronomical and other signs.** After Alexander the Great exported Greek culture throughout the known world (in a process known as Hellenization) some Magi left Babylon and travelled to neighboring countries to teach and practise their craft. In those days astronomy and astrology were one core educational and cultural subject.

Here is our link to the Sun once again. The term "magi" comes from the old Persian language describing priests of Zarathustra (Zoroaster). The Bible gives us the direction, East and the legend states that the wise men were from Persia (Iran) - Balthasar, Melchior, Caspar - thus being priests of Zarathustra religion, the mages. Of interest to us again is Christian art for many paintings depicting these magi also include a baby Jesus again with a halo or nimbus around his head; again a hidden reference to Sun worship.



In spite of these peculiar omissions by the above gospel writers perhaps the primary symbol of Christmas is the nativity scene. In this season, we always see depictions of baby Jesus in the stable with Mary and Joseph. Animals such as donkeys are all around and the shepherds are there with their sheep. And two weeks later, on the Feast of the Epiphany, the Three Kings are added to the nativity scene. We've all grown up with this holiday tradition.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that there is little Biblical evidence to support this familiar picture? The Gospel of Luke describes the birth of Jesus and the visitation by the shepherds. The text in Luke 2:7 simply

says:

Luke 2:7 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (KJV)

Thayer's Greek Lexicon: 5336 phatne- a crib, a manger

Strong's Concordance: 5336 phatne (fat'-nay); from pateomai (to eat); a crib (for fodder): KJV-- manager, stall.

Notice that this text does not describe a "stable" with animals all around. A manger is a feeding trough, not a stable as many people believe. While it does seem that a manger would most likely be found in a stable, it could also have been outside. So Jesus could well have been born in the street. At any rate, the text isn't clear on this particular point, and the Christmas story is enshrouded with tradition.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that in Bethlehem, there is a church called the Church of the Nativity that is traditionally regarded as the site of Jesus' birth?

Answer for yourself: Are you also aware that **this church is in an underground cave** where animals had purportedly been kept in the First Century? The Church of the Nativity was built in the Fourth Century by the Emperor Constantine and is one of the oldest surviving Christian churches.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that many births of similar "saviors" and "sungods personified" in caves/mangers that preceded Jesus' birth by thousands of years and read just like the "Jesus Story"?

MISCELLANEOUS BIRTHS IN CAVES OF VARIOUS SAVIORS THAT PRECEDED JESUS

Horus, the son of Isis and Osiris, the reborn Sun, was born of the virgin Isis-Meri on December 25th in a cave/manger with his birth being announced by a star in the East and attended by three wise men.

The god Dionysus, or Bacchus, was born in a cave from a virgin on December 25th at the winter solstice, was later killed and resurrected. The image of him as a babe was laid in a basket-cradle in the cave in which he was born. His rituals involved sacrifices and a sacred communion with a cup of blood which was shared among his followers. This blood was thought to renew one's life, and the practice continued well into the second century B.C.E., after which it was downgraded to drinking wine symbolically turned "into blood".

Nearly identical to the Greek cult of Dionysus, was the Roman cult of Bacchus. Also the god of wine and renewal, his name remains with us today in the term "bachelor". Yet another Roman god's cult remains with us more strongly than in just a name. Originally worshipped in Persia and later by the Roman military, the god Mithra appears in some Indo-European lands as the god of renewal and resurrection. As with many pre-Christian gods of the same genre, Mithra was born of a virgin in a cave or rock on December 25th at the winter solstice, he later died and resurrected. The infrastructure of the Mithra cult served as the foundation for the Catholic Church which was to follow centuries later. His rites included a sacrifice of a bull whose blood was believed to wash away sins and grant the power of renewal. Scholars now believe that this act creates a "timestamp" of the distant past, and reveals the sun god's connection to the constellation Taurus, for at one time, the spring equinox occurred in this sign. Conducted at the Temple of the mother goddess Cybele, the land on which it stood was later to become the Vatican in Rome. Led by a priest called the Pater (Father), followers shared a communion of small loaves of bread marked with a solar cross and a bowl of wine, believed transmuted into the sacred blood shed for them. And every year they celebrated the birthday of this god who had come, they said, to take away the sins of the world; and the day was December 25th. As that day approached, near midnight of the 24th, **Christians might see the stern devotees of Mithra going to their temple on the Vatican, and at midnight it would shine with joy and light. The Savior of the world was**

born. He had been born in a cave, like so many other sun-gods: and some of the apocryphal Gospels put the birth of Christ in a cave.

In Armenian tradition, Mithras was believed to shut himself up in a cave from which he emerged once a year, born anew. The Persians introduced initiates to the mysteries in natural caves, according to Porphyry, the third century Neoplatonic philosopher. These cave temples were created in the image of the World Cave that Mithras had created, according to the Persian creation myth. A further tradition is that Mithra was born from a rock within a cave, and his birth was witnessed by a group of shepherds. This birth, like the birth of Jesus, not only was witnessed by shepherd and Magi, but they also brought gifts to his sacred birth-cave.

Mithra's worship was always conducted in a cave; and the general belief in the early Church that Jesus was born in a cave is a direct instance of the taking over of Mithraic ideas. The words of Paul are very revealing and it makes you wonder just what type of "Christ" he is teaching:

1 Cor 10:4 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. (KJV)

It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out rather quickly that these words of Paul are borrowed from the Mithraic scriptures; for not only was Mithra "the Rock", but one of his mythological acts, which also appears in the acts of Moses, was the striking of the rock and the producing of water from it which his followers eagerly drank. Justin Martyr, in his Dialogue With Trypho, ch. 70, complains that the prophetic words in the Book of Daniel (Daniel 2:34) regarding a stone which was cut out of the rock without hands were also used in the Mithraic ritual; and it is apparent that the great importance attached by the early Church to the supposed words of Jesus in regard to Peter

Matt 16:18 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

was due to their approximation to the Mithraic idea of the /Theos ek Petras/, the "God from the Rock". Indeed, it may be that the reason of the Vatican hill at Rome being regarded as sacred to Peter, the Christian "Rock", was that it was already sacred to Mithra, for Mithraic remains have been found there.



As stated Mithraic worship always took place in caves, these being either natural or artificial. Now the early Christians, openly and for no reasons of secrecy or security, employed those subterranean rock chambers known as catacombs both for their burials and for public worship. Like the Mithraic caves, these catacombs were decorated with paintings, amongst which the subject of Moses striking the rock, which, as I have said above, has a Mithraic parallel, is often represented. The most frequent theme is that of Jesus as the Good Shepherd; and although it is generally agreed that the figure of Jesus carrying a lamb is taken from the statues of Hermes Kriophoros [Pausanias, iv. 33.], the kid-carrying god, Mithra is sometimes shown carrying a bull across his shoulders, and Apollo, who, in his solar

aspect and as the patron of the rocks [Hymn to the Delian Apollo], is to be identified with Mithra, is often called "The Good Shepherd". At the birth of Mithra the child was adored by shepherds, who brought gifts to him (Encyc. Brit, 11th ed., vol. xvii., p. 623).

The typical mithraeum, or Mithraic temple, was a small rectangular subterranean chamber, on the order of 75 feet by 30 feet with a vaulted ceiling. An aisle usually ran lengthwise down the center of the temple, with a stone bench on either side two or three feet high on which the cult's members would recline during their meetings. On average a mithraeum could hold perhaps twenty to thirty

people at a time. At the back of the mithraeum at the end of the aisle was always found a representation-- usually a carved relief but sometimes a statue or painting-- of the central icon of Mithraism: the so-called tauroctony or "bull-slaying scene" in which the god of the cult, Mithras, accompanied by a dog, a snake, a raven, and a scorpion, is shown in the act of killing a bull. **We know today that these animals are symbols for constellations.**



The tauroctony depicts the bull-slaying as taking place inside a cave, and the Mithraic temples were built in imitation of caves. But caves are precisely hollows within the rocky earth, which suggests that the rock from which Mithras is born is meant to represent the Mithraic cave as seen from the outside. Now for our purpose we must not notice that the ancient author Porphyry records the tradition that **the Mithraic cave was intended to be "an image of the cosmos."** Of course, the hollow cave would have to be an image of the cosmos as seen from the inside, looking out at the enclosing, cave-like sphere of the stars. But if the cave symbolizes the cosmos as seen from the inside, it follows that the rock out of which Mithras is born must ultimately be a symbol for the cosmos as seen from the outside (David Ulansey, The Origins Of The Mithraic Mysteries, (Oxford University Press, revised paperback, 1991).

The Vatican was built upon the grounds previously devoted to the worship of Mithra (600 B.C.). The Orthodox Christian hierarchy is nearly identical to the Mithraic version. It would appear to the thinking believer that the Cosmic Christ of Christianity is but a personification of the Sun after all just like Mithra and all the other solar gods. The picture is close enough that you get the idea. **Virtually all of the elements of Orthodox Christian rituals, from miter, wafer, water baptism, altar, and doxology, were adopted from the Mithra and earlier pagan mystery religions in the depiction of the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament.** The religion of Mithra preceded Christianity by roughly six hundred years. Mithraic worship at one time covered a large portion of the ancient world. It flourished as late as the second century. The Messianic idea originated in ancient Persia and this is where the Jewish and Christian concepts of a Savior came from.



The Greeks had a similar celebration. The general idea of a divine son being born in a cave was, as you are seeing presently, common; and there were actually several scenic representations of the birth of these gods in their festivals. J.M. Robertson gives three in his Christianity and Mythology, (p. 330). Hermes, the Logos (like Jesus in John), the messenger of the gods, son of Zeus and the virgin Maia, was born in a cave, and he performed extraordinary prodigies a few hours after birth. He was represented as a "child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger (John Jackson, Christianity Before Christ, 1985). As stated above Dionysus (or Bacchus) was similarly represented. The image of him as a babe was laid in a basket-cradle in the cave in which he was born.

Answer for yourself: Coincidence? Well we have seen a bunch of information and gained a lot of knowledge. Now you have a lot to consider. Take by itself maybe this one article is not persuasive but when you look at all the articles and the evidences presented then you have a real problem on your hands concerning the "historical Jesus" or the lack of one. I have resided myself to the undeniable conclusion that the "Jesus Story" is the retelling of the Ancient mythos of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac later personified as the Jesus of the New Testament. You will have to decide for yourself as you examine each piece of evidence.

Answer for yourself: Do you want to know the truth before you die? I sure do.

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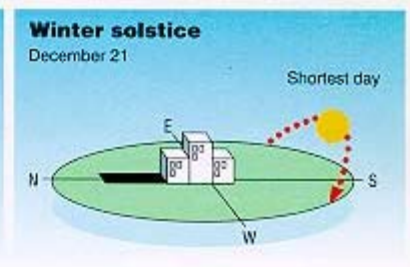
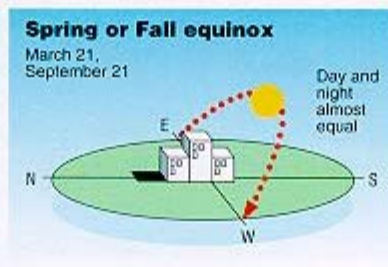
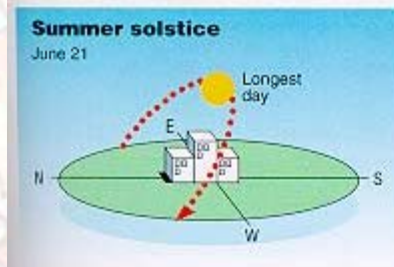
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JESUS OF "NAZARETH"....OR JESUS OF THE "AUTUMN EQUINOX"

If you have been following the study we have been diligently sharing with the reader that **the "Jesus Story" as depicted in the New Testament is nothing more than the personification of the Sun in its path through the Zodiac and the 4 seasons of the year.** We have traced the Sun through the 4 seasons as it moves through the Zodiac from sign to sign or from House to House. We have learned a lot but for the benefit of our new readers a short review is necessary. The "Jesus Story" is wrapped up with the equinoxes and solstices. The Sun rises and sets and moves across the Heavens and in so doing it traces a path across the sky that is slightly different every day and this is easily noticed by observing the horizon and marking where the sun rises and sets every day. As we have seen the, at the Winter solstice, remains still in the heavens in regard to this path for 3 days and the Ancients presumed that the Sun was dead and slain in its fight against the darkness. Magically after these 3 days where the "Sun stood still" (the derivation of the word solstice) the Sun begins to retrace its path in the sky and with it comes the promise of brighter and warmer days and the sure harvest to some that ensures the salvation of mankind. Darkness, man's greatest enemy, was conquered and man's salvation was coming through "the light of the world" (the Sun). The Sun will retrace its exact path across the sky but now in the opposite direction

culminating at the Summer solstice where it will eventually reach its zenith in the sky. At this point the Sun is its full glory and splendor. But passing over the



Summer Solstice the Sun will begin its slow decline again in the Heavens as it completes its solar year only to return to the Winter solstice and its death again. And the cycle continues and has continued for thousands and thousands of years. Picture with me by looking at the diagram the path of the Sun and how it moves up and down the sky as it moves through each equinox and solstice. **Understanding how the Sun reaches its apex and begins to descend again in the sky is key to understanding how Jesus, as personified as the Sun in the New Testament, can be connected to a city named Nazareth that did not exist in the first century nor the time allotted for the life of this Jesus Christ.**

Answer for yourself: Did the city of Nazareth exist in the first century? Well no. Scholars tell us that this city was not a historical city in the first century and the time period allotted for Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

The town of Nazareth did not appear on Earth until after the writing of the gospels. Scholars will tell you that there is no such place as Nazareth in the Old Testament or in Josephus' works, or on early maps of the Holy Land. The name "Nazareth" was apparently a later Christian invention. In fact, the town now designated as Nazareth is near Mt. Carmel, indicating it was the Carmelites who created it. Jesus, therefore, was not from Nazareth, which did the city exist at the time of his purported advent. **The real purpose for putting Jesus in association with the word "Nazareth" was to make of him a Nazarene or Nazarite, as he was the same as the most famous Nazarite, Samson, a solar myth. The title comes from the Egyptian word "natr,"**

which refers to "the plant, the shoot, the natzar. . . . the true vine," and Nazarite is an epithet for the sun, which gives life to the grape vine (G. Massey, Gnostic and Historic Christianity, (1985), p. 31). Nazarite is also translated as "prince," as in "prince of peace." The **Nazarites/Nazarenes were the ascetics who were not to shave their heads or beards unless for ritualistic purpose, because their hair was a symbol of holiness and strength, representing in fact the sun's "hair" or rays, which is why the solar hero becomes weak when the woman cuts his hair.** When the hair was long, the Nazarite would have nothing to do with the grape, vine or wine, but when the Nazarite was shorn in a ritual, he would then drink wine. This story reflects the time of the year when the grapes ripen and wine is made, as the sun's rays weaken. Of course by now you recognize this as the time after the Summer solstice approaching the Autumn equinox (see the diagram above).

Thus, we see that Nazareth is not the birthplace of Jesus but represents yet another aspect of the solar mythos. As Massey states, in his The Historical Jesus Or The Mythical Christ, on page 28, "The *actual* birthplace of the carnalized Christ was neither Bethlehem nor Nazareth, but Rome".

NAZARENE...WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

If one was to consult Baker's Dictionary of Theology, by E.F. Harrison, one will find that the term "Nazarene" is applied in the NT both to Jesus and to his followers. The Jews needed some nickname by which to identify disciples of Jesus and they chose "the sect of the Nazarenes" (Acts 24:5; cf. 28:22). Whatever dishonor adhered to the use of this epithet derived from the crucifixion and the breach within Judaism for which Jesus was held responsible. It is not evident that the general use of the word with reference to Jesus in his lifetime as a means of identification or address carried any adverse connotation. John 1:46 is quite indecisive as affording ground for the opinion that Nazareth had an evil reputation. **More likely the passage means that since Galilee as a whole was not expected to produce the Messiah (cf. John 7:41, 52), much less could one of its minor communities do so (such as Nazareth).** The word occurs in two forms, as Nazarenos (six times) and as Nazoraios (thirteen times). But both are probably derived from the place-name Nazareth. The claim that the second word points to a pre-Christian sect to which Jesus belonged is ill-founded. Those who propose it usually doubt the Christian tradition about Nazareth as the boyhood home of Jesus, looking on it as a deliberate attempt to divert attention from Jesus' original connection with the "Nazarenes" by associating him with a place dubbed Nazareth. **Now here is where the writer of the Gospel of Matthew shows us his complete lack of understanding of the Jewish Scriptures and definitely shows us that the Holy Spirit was not leading this man to write "anything."** The writer of the Gospel of Matthew explains the residence at Nazareth was the occurrence of the fulfillment of the Judges passage, as necessitated by prophecy (2:23), but this is only because of his unfamiliarity with the Jewish and Hebrew word "nazir" for "Nazirite." But I will give him this; one thing he gets right. Both words begin with the initial "N." Such is the hard facts of the matter and they **betray the non-Jewish authorship of not only this Gospel, but such inaccuracies that line the pages of the New Testament and few know of them let alone that they are there.** That is why we must begin our own personal study to find the truth within our faith!

Answer for yourself: Was Nazareth even a city when Jesus was a child? You might think I am crazy but before you do maybe we should listen to the archeologists and authorities which know a lot more than some misguided non-Jew who penned these documents in the early second century or the zealous Christian pastors who preach this stuff (the first quote for a recognized "Gospel" cannot be found in any Christian literature until 200 A.D.).

The following is taken from The Dead Sea Scrolls Deception by Baigent and Leigh. On page 174 it is recorded for us:

"Among the terms by which the Qumran community referred to themselves was "Keepers of the Covenant", which appears in the original Hebrew as "Nozrei ha-Brit". From this term derives the word "Nozrim", one of the earliest Hebrew designations for the sect subsequently known as "Christians". The modern Arabic word for Christians, "Nasrani", derives from the same source. So, too, does the word "Nazorean" or "Nazarene", which,

of course, was the name by which the "early Christians" referred to themselves in both the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. **Contrary to the assumptions of later tradition, it has nothing whatever to do with Jesus' alleged upbringing in Nazareth, which, the evidence (or lack of it) suggests, did not even exist at the time. Indeed, it seems to have been the very perplexity of early commentators encountering the unfamiliar term "Nazorean" that led them to conclude Jesus' family came from Nazareth, which by then had appeared on the map. In other words the city was not known to exist when Jesus was a child and he could not have lived there!"**

Answer for yourself: What are we to make of all the references to Nazareth as the childhood home of Jesus let alone his appellation "Jesus of Nazareth" since the city is known to not have existed when he was a child?

Again we are moved to admit as the scholars tell us that the city of Nazareth not only did not exist in the first century but that the Nazarites or Nazarenes were ascetics whose hair was a symbol of holiness and strength, representing in fact the sun's hair or rays. Again we have a solar connection between the "Jesus Story" and the place of the supposed birth of this personified sun-godman.

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HEROD AND THE MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS ...TRUTH...OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

One would expect that an extraordinary circumstance as the birth of a God into the world must be marked with unusual incidents and fanfare. This was first exhibited by angels, shepherds, prophets, magi or "wise men," flocking around their cradles.

Besides that, one would expect the unusual display of divine power and providential care on the part of the great Father God, who was still left in heaven to save the young saviors through their infancy. But such power is threatening to the powers that be. Something had to be done to ensure the status quo. So we are told that the powers at be, not being resourceful, decide to kill the infant Savior/god-man. There is nothing new under the sun. The same story has been repeated in various renditions from pagan solar myths down through history from nation to nation.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this story of the child who threatens the reign of a ruling monarch is a common motif found in many ancient religions? The "slaughter of the infants" is yet another part of the standard mythos, an element of the typical sacred-king tradition found in many mythologies, whereby the reigning monarch tries to prevent from being fulfilled a prophecy that a new king will be born who will overthrow him. As Walker says, "Innocents were slaughtered in the myths of Sargon, Nimrod, Moses, Jason, Krishna and Mordred as well as in that of Jesus" (B. Walker, The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths And Secrets, p. 435). They are also slain in the stories of Oedipus, Perseus, Romulus and Remus, and Zeus. Doane states:

The flight of the virgin-mother with her babe . . . is simply the same old story, over and over again. Some one has predicted that a child born at a certain time shall be great, he is therefore a "dangerous child," and the reigning monarch, or some other interested party, attempts to have the child destroyed, but he invariably escapes and grows to manhood, and generally accomplishes the purpose for which he was intended. This almost universal mythos was added to the fictitious history of Jesus by its fictitious authors, who have made him escape in his infancy from the reigning tyrant with the usual good fortune...When a marvelous occurrence is said to have happened 'everywhere', we may feel sure that it never happened anywhere" (T.W. Doane, Bible Myths And Their Parallels In Other Religions, p. 172).

Answer for yourself: Can we remember that it is also found in the Old Testament with Moses as a baby being placed in a basket and sent down the river to avoid the mass slaughter of all the children?

King Herod (night) ordering the death of all the children (stars). Darkness hears a child will be born that will overthrow him. Indeed when the Sun rises it will conquer the darkness. So darkness orders all the stars extinguished. Allegorically all the children of the land are to be killed. What better way to insure darkness rules than to murder all those little points of light. All the stars are killed, but the sun survives the slaughter and rises anyway, conquering the darkness.

It is certainly a remarkable circumstance that so many of the infant Saviors should have been threatened with the most imminent danger of destruction, and yet in every case miraculously preserved, and thus were the Saviors saved. All of the myths of a Sun (Son) god describe some kind of threat to the life of the child god at birth. Also mentioned, is the governor or king, that sees the child as a thread to his sovereignty.

Matt 1:1-2:13 1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; 3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Tamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; 4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; 5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; 6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias; 7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; 8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; 9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias; 10 And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias; 11 And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon: 12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel; 13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; 14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; 15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; 16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. CHAPTER 2 1 Now when Jesus was born in

Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. 9

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. 11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young

child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. 13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is the same story told about Jesus only coincidence? Is the story of Herod's desire to kill "the light of the world" a Sun myth and not a historical reality?

A jealousy seems to have existed in several instances in the mind of the tyrant king or ruler of the country that the young Saviors and prospective spiritual rulers (who were mostly of royal descent) would ultimately acquire such favor with the people, by such a display of superior power and greatness of mind, as to endanger his retaining peaceable possession of the secular throne; to express it in brief, he feared the young God would prove a rival king, and hence took measures to destroy him.

Therefore, in common with almost all of the Sun-gods, they are fated to bring ruin upon their parents or the "reigning monarch." Perseus, Oidipous, Romulus and Cyrus are doomed to bring ruin on their parents. They are exposed in their infancy on the hillside, and rescued by a shepherd. **"All the solar heroes begin life in this way."** Whether, like Apollo, born of the dark night (Leto), or like Oidipous, of the violet dawn (Iokaste), they are alike destined to bring destruction on their parents, as the Night and the Dawn are both destroyed by the Sun (Fiske, Myths and Mythmakers, p. 198).

ASTROLOGICAL BACKGROUND

These "destruction myths" find their origin, like most Christian doctrine, in the stars. **The new Sun (personified as the Son) is born in the winter as we have seen.** The astrological sign of Capricorn represents the lord of Hades. This is the Cardinal sign of Winter (opposition, Satan, Saturn). **Winter takes control (at the Winter Solstice on Dec. 22),** and within three days of mounting his throne winter is challenged by the reborn Sun (Son) of the Father (Sun). The object of course is to say the darkness at the winter solstice.

So now the king (Winter, Darkness) is worried and knows that he must murder the Sun (Son) before he gains the strength of his Father (Sun). The guardians of the Sun (Son) know that he can not withstand the power of the Winter (Satan, Herod), so they shield him (Son) and hide him till his time of glory approaches (he reaches maturity) (Jabbar, The Astrological Foundation of the Christ Myth, p. 34).

The Sun (Son) will be mature enough to withstand the powers of Satan after he reaches the age of thirty. This Thirty does not mean years, it means degrees of arc. **The Sun is born right after the King of Darkness takes his throne, in the sign of Capricorn.** This king (Herod) is determined to kill all opposition to his power within the nether world. But Capricorn (Herod) will die after thirty years (degrees), because each zodiacal sign is limited to thirty degrees of arc. Therefore after the death of Herod (Capricorn), the Sun (Son) comes out from hiding to begin his mission, he is thirty years (degrees) old. But even though the chief rival (Herod/Capricorn) of the Sun (Son) has died, the Sun is yet within the domain of Satan (darkness), under the equinoxes. He, the Sun, must face more struggles and temptations as he climbs and fights his way up the horizon on toward his glory, at the vernal equinox (Jabbar, The Astrological Foundation of the Christ Myth, p. 35).

The Sun in its rise upon the horizon following the Winter Solstice scatters the Darkness; and so the phrase went that the child was to be the destroyer of the reigning monarch, or his parent, the Darkness or Night.

The oracles and the Magi, as was said, warned the latter of the doom which would overtake him. The newly-born babe is therefore ordered to be put to death by the sword, or exposed on the bare hilltops, as the Sun

seems to rest on the Earth (Ida), at its rising. The exposure of the child in infancy represents the long rays of the morning sun resting on the hill-side (Fiske, Myths and Mythmakers, p. 198).

The Sun-hero Paris is exposed on the slopes of Ida, Oidipous on the slopes of Kithairon, and AEsculapius on that of the mountain of Myrtles. This is the rays of the newly-born sun resting on the mountain-side (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. i, pp. 64, 80).

In Sanskrit Ida is the Earth, and so we have the mythical phrase, the Sun at its birth is exposed on Ida-the hill-side. The light of the sun must rest on the hill-side long before it reaches the dells beneath (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. i. p. 221; Fiske, Myths and Mythmakers, p. 114).

In oriental mythology, the destroying principle is generally represented as a serpent or dragon. Now, the position of the sphere on Christmas-day, Dec. 25th, the birthday of the Sun, shows the Serpent all but touching, and certainly aiming at the woman; that is, the figure of the constellation Virgo (who suckles the child Jesus (Horus) in her arms). Thus we have it illustrated in the story of the snake who was sent to kill Hercules while he was yet an infant in his cradle. The history of the Savior Hercules is so similar to that of the Savior Christ Jesus, that the learned Dr. Parkhurst was forced to say: *"The labors of Hercules seem to have been originally designed as emblematic memorials of what the REAL Son of God, the Savior of the world, was to do and suffer for our sakes, bringing a cure for all our ills, as the Orphic hymn speaks of Hercules"*

The "same" story can be found in Typhon, who sought the life of the infant Savior Horus.

Again, it illustrated in the story of the virgin mother Astrea, with her babe beset by Orion, and of Latona, the mother of Apollo, when pursued by the monster (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 158, 166, 168).

Answer for yourself: Do we find this same Sun myth in the "Jesus Story" of the virgin mother Mary, with her babe beset by Herod? We sure do. But like Hercules, Horus, Apollo, Theseus, Romulus, Cyrus, and other solar heroes, Christ Jesus has yet a long course before him. Like them, he grows up both wise and strong, and the "old Serpent" is discomfited by him, just as the sphynx and the dragon are put to flight by others.

This "Herod Massacre Event" in the New Testament relates to the constellations that are found in the northern sky on the morning of December 25th. For if the stars of Cancer are occupying the house of Capricorn, so in reverse, the stars of Capricorn must be occupying the house of Cancer. Now the sign and stars of Capricorn have for millennia been associated with threat, time, karma & darkness. They are often connected with the adversarial forces. And in astrological parlance an 'opposition' is considered an unfavorable aspect. So opposing the sign of Cancer, opposing the place of birth or rebirth of the sun, we have these stars. In the story we also have the Saturnian force opposing the coming of the 'son.' This is Herod, the authority figure, the potentate of the times. Capricorn and Saturn, its planetary ruler, is connected with punitive authorities, as any common astrologer knows. And this is the reason why in the Nativity tale we have such a reference. The entire Nativity and all of the New Testament concerns the stars and their relationships.

IT IS NO DIFFERENT WHEN WE COME TO THE "CHRIST STORY"

In the case of the Christian Savior we are told that an angel, or "the angel," warned Joseph (the assumed father) to take the young Savior and God and flee with him into Egypt, because "Herod the king sought to destroy the young child's life," and had, in order to effect this end, decreed the destruction of all the children under two years old. And Joseph heeded the divine warning, and fled as directed. An angel and a dream, then, it will be observed, were the instrumentalities used to save the young Judean Savior from massacre.

And strange as it may seem, we find the same agencies had been previously employed to effect the rescue of other Saviors likewise and similarly threatened.

CHRISHNA OR CHRIST...?

In the case of Chrishna of India, in particular, the similitude is very striking in nearly every feature of the whole story.

In the first place there is the angel warning. In the Christian story we are not specifically informed how the tyrant Herod first became apprised of the birth of the Judean Savior. The Hindu story is fuller, and indicates that the angel was not only sufficiently thoughtful to warn the parents to flee from a danger which threatened to dispossess them of a divine child, and the world of a Savior, but was condescending enough to apprise the tyrant ruler (Cansa) of his danger likewise -- as we are told he heard an angel voice announcing that a rival ruler was born in his kingdom.

And hence, like Herod, he set about concocting measures to destroy him without a direct attack. Why either of them should have taken such a circuitous or roundabout way of killing an infant, when the life of the strongest man, and every man in their kingdoms, was at their instant disposal, "divine inspiration" does not inform us.

But so it was. And we must not seek to "become wise above what is written" in their bibles. Herod's decree required the destruction of all infants under two years of age (see Matt. 2:16) -- first ordering, however, "Go, and search diligently for the young child" (Matt. 2: 8).

Cansa's decree ran thus: "Let active search be made for whatever young children there may be upon earth, and let every boy in whom there may be found signs of unusual greatness be slain without remorse."

Now, let it be specially noticed that there is to this day in the cave temple at Elephants, in India, the sculptured likeness of a king represented with a drawn sword, and surrounded with slaughtered infants -- admitted by all writers to be much older than Christianity. Mr. Forbes, in his Oriental Memories, vol. iii. p. 447, says, "The figures of the slaughtered infants in the cave of Elephanta represent them as being all boys, who are surrounded by groups of figures of men and women in the act, apparently, of supplicating for those children." And Mr. Higgins, in his Anacalypsis, testifies relative to the case, that Chrishna was carried away by night, and concealed in a region remote from his natal place, for fear of a tyrant whose destroyer it had been foretold he would become, who, for that reason, had ordered all the male children born at that time to be slain. Sculptures in Elephanta attest the story where the tyrant is represented as destroying the children. The date of this sculpture is of the most remote antiquity. "He who hath ears to hear, let him hear," and deduce the pregnant inference, Joseph and Mary fled with the young Judean God into Egypt; Chrishna's parents likewise fled with the young Hindoo Savior to Gokul.

STEP BY STEP

Now, let us observe for a moment the chain or category or resemblance.

1. There was an angel warning in each case relative to the impending danger.
2. The governor or ruler was hostile in each case to the mission of the young Savior.
3. A bloody decree was issued in both cases, having for its object the destruction of these infant Messiahs.
4. The hurried flight of the parents takes place in each case.
5. And it may be remarked further, that the "Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus," once believed by the Christian world to be "inspired," and which for hundreds of years passed current as divine authority, relates that Christ and his parents sojourned for a time at a place called Matarea, or Mathura, as Sir William Jones spells it, who says it was the birth place of Chrishna.

It is further related in the case of Chrishna, that as he and his parents approached the River Jumna in their flight, the waters "parted hither and thither," so that they passed over "dry shod," like Moses and the Israelites in crossing the Red Sea. And here let it be noted that the representation of this flight, which is said to have

occurred at midnight, is like that of the massacre perpetuated and attested by imperishable monuments of stone bearing evidence of being now several thousand years old.

Sir William Jones says: --

The Indian incarnate God Chrishna, the Hindus believe, had a virgin mother of the royal race, who was sought to be destroyed in his infancy about nine hundred years before Christ. It appears that he passed his life in working miracles, and preaching, and was so humble as to wash his friends' feet; at length, dying, but rising from the dead, he ascended into heaven in the presence of a multitude." The Cingalese relate nearly the same things of their Budha." And several authors of Egyptian history refer to a story perpetuated in the Egyptian legends concerning the God Osiris, who was threatened with destruction by the tyrant Amulins, to save whom his parents fled and concealed him in an arm of the River Nile, as Christ was concealed in the same country, and, for aught that appears to the contrary, in the same locality. The mother of another and older Savior of Egypt fled by a timely warning to Epidamis before the birth of the divine child, and was there delivered of "our Lord and Savior," Horus. And the earthly or adopted father of the Grecian Savior, and God, Alcides, had to flee with him and his mother to Galem for protection from threatening danger.

In the ninth and tenth volumes of the Asiatic Researches, we find the story of the "only begotten" or "first begotten son of God," Salvahana, of Cape Comorin, son of a virgin mother (as were all the other Savors referred to), and a carpenter by the name of Taishnea. Note with me the remembered to Joseph, "foster-father of Jesus," who was himself a carpenter. The story of this "Son of God" presents several features very similar to that relating to Jesus. Sir William Jones, Colonel Wilford, and the Rev. Mr. Maurice all confess to the antiquity of this story, as originating before the birth of Christ. Speaking of Zoroaster of Persia (another case), 600 B.C., an author remarks, "Tradition reports that his mother had alarming dreams of evil spirits seeking to destroy the child to whom she was about to give birth. But a good spirit came to rescue him, and consoled her by saying, 'Fear not; God Ormuzd will protect the infant, who has sent him as a prophet to the people and the world who are waiting for him.'" China, too, presents us with a case of the threatened destruction of a Savior in infancy, evidently recorded more than two thousand five hundred years ago. It is the case of the God Yu, who was concealed in a manner similar to that of Moses -- a commemoration of the story of which is perpetuated by an image or picture of the virgin mother with a babe upon her knee -- sometimes in her arms. Now, let it be noted that these virgin-born Gods, who, we are told, came "to save the world," could not save themselves, but had to be protected and saved by other Gods.

Without pursuing the subject further in detail, we may mention by way of recapitulation, that Chrishna, Alcides, Zoroaster, Salvahana, Yu, to which list we may add Bacchus, Romulus, Moses and Cyrus, according to their reputed history, were threatened with death and destruction, but were providentially and miraculously preserved. The case of Augustus is related by Suetonius, that of Romulus by Livy, and that of Cyrus by Herodotus. It will be recollected that Pharaoh, like Herod, in order to reach the infant Moses, ordered the massacre of all the male infants (Herod making no distinction of sex), in order that he might, by this singular and circuitous method, reach the object of his jealousy and malignity without passing a direct sentence of death upon him.

The whole story of Herod's slaughter edict, with the familiar history of its execution, like nearly every other miraculous incident related in "The Holy Scriptures," which detail their histories, are traceable in the skies. Herod, we are told, literally means hero of the skin -- a term applied also to Hercules, a personification of the sun -- because the sun, on entering the constellation of the Zodiac in July, was supposed or assumed to invest himself with the skin of the lion, and this became "the hero of the skin," or a hero with a new skin. Now this solar Herod, passing through the astronomical twins and young infants of May, was said to destroy them, though the word destroy is in the Greek anairean, which any person, on turning to the Greek lexicon, will observe means also to take away, pass through, or withdraw from, so that Pharaoh more properly passed through the infants than destroyed them.

The text, "In Rama there was a voice heard," "Rachel weeping for her children," etc., is quoted by a writer (Strauss) as referring to the children slaughtered by Pharaoh. Let two things be noticed here:

- 1. Rama is the Indian and Phenican name for the zodiac.
- 2. Rachel had but two children to weep for -- Joseph and Benjamin -- just the number found in the fifth sign, or May sign, of the zodiac. And Venus, among the ancient Assyrians and Phenicans, was in tears when the sun, in his annual cross through the heavens, passed through or over the astronomical Twins (Gemini), doubtless fearfully apprehending their destruction.

The case of the massacre is an illustration and example of the manner in which all the miraculous stories related in the Christian Scriptures, as having been practically exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ, are traceable to older sources, frequently terminating among the stars.

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter two, tells us of King Herod's anger at the [three wise men](#) and then of the killing of every child. Surely, the slaughter of every male child (Matthew 2:16-17 in Bethlehem, Ramah, and the surrounding area would have got mentioned in many places, such as Josephus' detailed accounts of the times, in fact it would likely cause the downfall of such an immoral, monstrous leader who issued such orders! Incidentally, the other 'great' leader in the Bible to issue such orders was Moses, Numbers 31:17-18, Joshua 6:21-24, in both cases killing all the women/young/old in a city in two separate occasions. Many other myths, including more ancient Roman ones, had an event where all the male children were killed, and the famous Romulus and Remus story is (once again) a good, famous example. It is likely that Herod's orders to kill all those children, and the star that went unnoticed by all except three astrologers from "the East", did not actually happen. Both Luke and Matthew appear to, well, make things up, and none of these things are mentioned in the other two gospels, nor in the recovered Gospel of Thomas.

It should be noted that the terrible story of Herod killing the infants as portrayed in Matthew is not found in any histories of the day, including Josephus, who does otherwise expose multitudes of Herod's real abuses. The "slaughter of the infants" is yet another part of the standard Mythos and no wonder there is no historical records of this event if taken from the stars. This story is a rehash of the Krishna tale: "[The tyrant Kansa] ordained the massacre in all his states, of all the children of the male sex, born during the night of the birth of Christna. . ." (Jacolliot)

So in closing we find that in the "Jesus Story" that Jesus is a personification of the Sun. As I have shown you a study of comparative religions shows that all the ancient religions were forms of sun worship. The story of Jesus is just another allegorical personification of the sun as was shown here. Herod is the personification of night or darkness. We have seen in the article how Darkness is the original evil. According to the best understanding we have gleaned from the available records, life for our ancient forefathers was a mixture of wonder and fear. Each day, just finding food for one's family without becoming a meal yourself for the roaming predatory animals, was a life and death struggle. If you have ever ventured out on a cold night with insufficient clothing, and without friend or family near, you could quickly see how fearful the dark, cold primordial nights could be. And then came winter! The ancient religious stories personified the evil Darkness and gave it names. In this case the name for Darkness is Herod. There is no historical record of this mass infanticide slaughter ever actually happening or being ordered. It never really happened on Earth. Our whole story takes place in the starry night sky. Paul says,

"For our conversation is in heaven [i.e. the stars above] from whence also we look for the Saviour [the Sun], the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20)

In ancient times people were very familiar with the Sun and the stars. At night they had nothing better to do than gaze up at the stars. When sunset came that was it—that was the end of the day. They observed how the stars move across the sky during the night, and how different constellations are visible at different times of the year. They made up stories which were allegories based on what they saw. Later on, these stories took on a life of their own, as the stories were passed down from generation to generation but the knowledge of what the stories represented was lost. People started believing the stories were real and actual history of events that actually really happened in the past, when originally the stories were nothing more than allegories for what people saw happening in the stars.

Heaven has always been up. Hell has always been down. Heaven and Hell are not just theologically opposite, they are geometrically opposite. Heaven above; Hell below. Go outside at night and look up. You are literally looking at heaven (where Paul tells us above to look for our Savior, the personified Sun in the form of "Jesus Christ").

Answer for yourself: And what do you see? You see all the stars, which make up all the constellations. The "Jesus Story" takes place not on earth, but in the starry night sky above. And that is the solution to the conundrum. That is the secret to understanding the "Jesus Story. The entire story of Jesus' travels during his one year ministry is an allegory for the yearly journey of the Sun through the twelve zodiac constellations and the passage of the seasons of the year.

Our story takes place every night after September 23, the Autumn Equinox, when the Sun moves out of Virgo the celestial virgin. After the Sun sets the three bright stars in the belt of Orion rise in the east, slightly south of due east. They travel across the sky during the night, towards where the sun set. They set slightly south of due west, near where the Sun set the evening before. During the last quarter of the year you will see this story repeated each night. On September 23 (the Autumn Equinox) these three bright stars rise in the east around 11PM. By December 1 these three stars rise in the east around just around Sunset. This is probably the best time for this story, as the stars will travel all the way across the night sky in search of the Sun which had already set. Understand the "new Sun" was connected to the new age which was to begin the [age of Pisces](#) at this time in history. Eventually these 3 stars, the three wise men, will set in the west just before sunrise. This explains the astrotheology behind Herod killing the infants and the search for the new-born Sun by the 3 wise men who are personified by the 3 stars in the constellation Orion as we see in the associated picture of the constellation Orion. Schwaller de Lubicz, in his Sacred Science, showed that the Zodiac of Dendera in the Temple of Hathor (around 100 BC) was actually a time clock measurement that marked the procession of the equinoxes from the Age of Pisces back to the Age of Taurus which started in 4380 BC by his calculations. Schwaller estimated the Age of Pisces to begin near 60 BC and the Age of Aquarius to begin at 2100 AD. With each new age there came a "new Sun" and this was what the 3 stars in Orion personified were searching for. Basically they were searching for the Sun of the the concept of the Eternal Return associated with the new age and the new Sun. In both the following passages when one understands the typology used in the New Testament we find the solar concepts hidden by mistranslation as we find in the use of the word "world" when the actual word refers to "age".



Matt 24:3 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (KJV)

Matt 28:20 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

The disciples simply were asking of the emergence of the new age and when it was to occur and the signs that inaugurated it and received the assurance that the Sun would be with mankind even through the end of the changing of the present age and beginning of a new one in the Platonic Year (time required for one complete cycle of the precession of the equinoxes, about 25,800 years). Now let us move on to the next Sun story as found in the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament that we have been taught to interpret "literally". Shalom.

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THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS....ASTROTHEROLOGY PERSONIFIED

I am indebted to T.W. Doane and his masterful Bible Myths And Parallels In World Religions for some of the deepest truths behind the "Jesus Story" than can be recovered today. He related in his book how the miraculous conception and birth of Jesus, the birth star, the visit of the Magi, etc., are adaptations of previous ancient legends and myths that come from Astro-theology. This particular myth concerning "the slaughter of the innocents" has been termed **"the myth of the dangerous child."** Its general outline is this: A child is born concerning whose future greatness some prophetic indications have been given. But the life of the child is fraught with danger to some powerful individual, generally a monarch. In alarm at his threatened fate, this person endeavors to take the child's life, but it is preserved by divine care.

Escaping the measures directed against it, this "dangerous child" finally fulfills the prophecies concerning his career, while the fate which he has vainly sought to shun falls upon him who had desired to slay it. There is a departure from the ordinary type, in the case of Jesus, inasmuch as Herod does not actually die or suffer any calamity through the actions of this "dangerous child" as in other versions of this same myth. But this failure is due to the fact that Jesus did not fulfill the conditions of the Messiahship, according to the Jewish conception which Matthew has here in mind. Had he, as was expected of the Messiah, become the actual sovereign of the Jews, he must have dethroned the reigning dynasty, whether represented by Herod or his successors. But as his subsequent career misrepresented the expectations, the evangelist was obliged to postpone to a future time his accession to that throne of temporal dominion which the incredulity of his countrymen had withheld from him during his earthly life.

The story of the slaughter of the infants which is said to have taken place in Judea about the time of the birth of Jesus, is to be found in the second chapter of the Gospel of Matthew and is as follows:

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. (KJV)

The wise men went to Bethlehem and found the young child, but instead of returning to Herod as he had told them, they departed into their own country another way, having been warned of God in a dream that they

should not return to Herod.

Matt 2:16 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. (KJV)

We have in this story, told by the writer of the Gospel of Matthew a story about Jesus which no other Gospel writer seems to know nothing about. That seems almost impossible to believe in light of the fact that this same story, almost identically to each point of contrast, is previously known about Crishna of India.

Answer for yourself: Does such a plagiarism written about the life of Jesus in the New Testament mean that what we are reading about Jesus is but fiction and exposes just how closely the mythological history of Jesus has been copied from that of the Indian Saviour?

Joguth Chunder Gangooly, a "Hindo covert to Christ," tells us, in his *Life and Religion of the Hindoos*, that:

"A heavenly voice whispered to the foster father of Crishna and told him to fly with the child across the river Jumna, which was immediately done".

Answer for yourself: Was not Joseph also warned by a Heavenly voice to fly with the Christ child into Egypt, which was also immediately done?

Matt 2:13 13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. (KJV)

Joguth Gangooly goes on to reveal: "This was owing to the fact that the reigning monarch, King Kansa, sought the life of the infant Saviour, and to accomplish his purpose, he sent messengers 'to kill all the infants in the neighboring places'" (J. Gangooly, *Life and Religion of the Hindoos*, p. 134).

Godfrey Higgins, in his *Anacalypsis*, vol i, p. 129, states:

"Soon after Crishna's birth he was carried away by night and concealed in a region remote from his natal place, for fear of a tyrant whose destroyer it was foretold he would become; and who had, for that reason, ordered all the male children born at that period to be slain".

Sir William Jones says of Crishna:

"He passed a life, according to the Indians, of a most extraordinary and incomprehensible nature. His birth was concealed through fear of the reigning tyrant Kansa, who, at the time of his birth, *ordered all new-born males to be slain, yet this wonderful babe was preserved*" (Sir W. Jones, *Asiatic Researches*, vol. i, pp. 273 and 259).

W.T. Doane, in his *Bible Myths and Parallels in World Religions*, p. 166, goes on to relate that the Epic poem Mahabarata, composed more than two thousand years ago, we have the whole story of this incarnate deity, born of a virgin, and miraculously escaping in his infancy from the reigning tyrant of his country, related in its original form.

Representations of this flight with the babe at midnight are sculptured on the walls of ancient Hindoo temples (W.T. Doane, in his *Bible Myths and Parallels in World Religions*, p. 167).

This story is also the subject of an immense sculpture in the cave-temple at Elephanta, where the children are represented as being slain. The date of this sculpture is lost in the most remote antiquity. It represents a person holding a drawn sword, surrounded by slaughtered infant boys. Figures of men and women are also represented

who are supposed to be supplicating for their children (Godfrey Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol i, p. 130; Maurice, Indian Antiquities, vol. i, pp. 112-113, vol. iii. pp. 45, 95).

Thomas Maurice, speaking of this sculpture, says:

"The event of Crishna's birth, and the attempt to destroy him, took place by night, and therefore the shadowy mantle of darkness, upon which mutilated figures of infants are engraved, darkness (at once congenial with his crime and the season of its perpetration), involves the tyrant's bust; the string of *death heads* marks the multitude of infants slain by his savage mandate; and every object in the sculpture illustrates the events of that Avatar" (Maurice, Indian Antiquities, vol. i, pp. 112-113).

Another feature which connects these stories is the following:

Sir Wm. Jones tells us that when Crishna was taken out of reach of the tyrant Kansa who sought to slay him, he was fostered at Mathura by Nanda, the herdsman (Maurice, Indian Antiquities, vol. i, p. 259). Canon Farrar, speaking of the sojourn of the Holy Family in Egypt, says:

"St. Matthew neither tells us where the holy Family abode in Egypt, nor how long their exile continued; but ancient legends say that they remained two years absent from Palestine, and lived at Matareeh, a few miles north-east of Cairo" (Farrar, Life of Christ, p. 58).

Chemnitius, out of Stipulensis, who had it from Peter Martyr, Bishop of Alexandria, in the third century, says, that the place in Egypt where Jesus was banished, is now called Matarea, about ten miles beyond Cairo, that the inhabitants constantly burn a lamp in remembrance of it, and that there is a garden of trees yielding a balsam, which was planted by Jesus when a boy (Introduction to Gospel of Infancy, Apoc).

Here is evidently one and the same legend. There are many that are almost identical that preceded the "Jesus Story".

Salivahan, the virgin-born Saviour, anciently worshiped near Cape Comorin, the southerly part of the Peninsula of India, had the same history. It was attempted to destroy him in infancy by a tyrant who was afterward killed by him. Most of the other circumstances, with slight variations, are the same as those told of Crishna and Jesus (Asiatic Researches, vol. i, p. 259).

Buddha's life was also in danger when an infant. In the southern country of Magadha, there lived a king by the name of Bimbisara, who, being fearful of some enemy arising that might overturn his kingdom, frequently assembled his principal ministers together to hold discussion with them on the subject. On one of these occasions they told him that away to the north there was a respectable tribe of people called the Sákya, and that belonging to this race there was a youth newly-born, the first-begotten of his mother, etc. This youth, who was Buddha, they said was liable to overturn him, they therefore advised him to "at once raise an army and destroy the child" (Beal, History of Buddah, pp. 103-104).

In the chronicles of the East Mongols, the same tale is to be found repeated in the following story:

"A certain king of a people called Patsala, had a son whose peculiar appearance led the Brahmins at court to prophesy that he would bring evil upon his father, and to advise his destruction. Various modes of execution having failed, the boy was laid in a copper chest and thrown into the Ganges. Rescued by an old peasant who brought him up as his son, he, in due time, learned the story of his escape, and returned to seize upon the kingdom destined for him from his birth" (Amberly, Analysis, p. 229).

Hau-ki, the Chinese hero of supernatural origin, was exposed in infancy, as the "Shili-king" says:

"He was placed in a narrow lane, but the sheep and oxen protected him with loving care. He was placed in a wide forest, where he was met with by the wood-cutters. He was placed on the cold ice, and a bird screened and supported him with its wings" (The Shih-king, Decade ii, ode 1).

Mr. Legge draws a comparison with this to the Roman legend of Romulus.

Horus, according to the Egyptian story, was born in the winter, and brought up secretly in the Isle of Buto, for fear of Typhon, who sought his life. Typhon at first schemed to prevent his birth and then sought to destroy him when born (Bonwick, Egyptian Beliefs, pp. 158, 166).

Within historical times, **Cyrus, king of Persia (6th cent. B.C.E.), is the hero of a similar tale.** His grandfather, Astyages, had dreamed certain dreams which were interpreted by the Magi to mean that time offspring of his daughter Mandane would expel him from his kingdom. Alarmed at the prophecy, he handed the child to his kinsman Harpagos to be slain; but this man having entrusted it to a shepherd to be exposed, the latter contrived to save it by exhibiting to the emissaries of Harpagos the body of a still-born child of which his own wife had just been delivered. Grown to man's estate Cyrus of course justified the prediction of time Magi by his successful revolt against Astyages and assumption of the monarchy.

Herodotus, the Grecian Historian (B.C.E. 484), relates that Astyages, in a vision, appeared to see a vine grow up from Mandane's womb, which covered all Asia. Having seen this and communicated it to the interpreters of dreams, he put her under guard, resolving to destroy whatever should be born of her; for the Magian interpreters had signified to him from his vision that the child born of Mandane would reign in his stead. Astyages therefore, guarding against this, as soon as Cyrus was born sought to have him destroyed. The story of his exposure on the mountain, and his subsequent good fortune, is then related (Herodotus, bk. 1 ch. 110).

Abraham was also a "dangerous child." At the time of his birth, Nimrod, king of Babylon, was informed by his soothsayers that "a child should be born in Babylonia, who would shortly become a great prince, and that he had reason to fear him." The result of this was that Nimrod then issued orders that "all women with child should be guarded with great care, and all children born, of them should be put to death" (Calmet's Fragments, art. "Abraham").

The mother of Abraham was at that time with child, but, of course, *he* escaped from being put to death, although many children were slaughtered.

Zoroaster, the chief of the religion of the Magi, was a "dangerous child." Prodigies had announced his birth; he was exposed to dangers from the time of his infancy, and was obliged to fly into Persia, like Jesus into Egypt. Like him, he was pursued by a king, his enemy, who wanted to get rid of him (Dupuis, Origin of Religious Belief, p. 240). His mother had alarming dreams of evil spirits seeking to destroy the child to whom she was about to give birth. But a good spirit came to comfort her and said: "Fear nothing! Ormuzd will protect this infant. He has sent him as a prophet to the people. The world is waiting for him" (Prog. Relig. Ideas, vol. i, "Religions of Persia").

Perseus, son of the Virgin Danae, was also a "dangerous child." Acrisius, king of Argos, being told by the oracle that a son born of his virgin daughter would destroy him, immured his daughter Danae in a tower, *where no man could approach her*, and by this means hoped to keep his daughter from becoming pregnant. The god Jupiter, however, visited her there, as it is related of the Angel Gabriel visiting the Virgin Mary, the result of which was that she bore a son named Perseus ((In the Apocryphal Gospel of the Birth of Mary and "Protevangelion". Acrisius, on hearing of his daughter's disgrace, caused both her and the infant to be shut up in a chest and cast into the sea. They were discovered by one Dictys, and liberated from what must have been anything but a pleasant position (Bell, Pantheon, vol. i, p. 9; Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii, p. 58; Bulfinch, The Age of Fable, p. 161).

Esculapius, when an infant, was exposed on the Mount of Myrtles, and left there to die, but escaped the death which was intended for him, having been found and cared for by shepherds (Bell, Pantheon, vol. i. p. 27; Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii, p. 34).

Hercules, son of the virgin Leto, was left to die on a plain, but was found and rescued by a maiden

(Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii, p. 44).

CEdipous was a "dangerous child." Laios, King of Thebes, having been told by the Deiphic Oracle that CEdipous would be his destroyer, no sooner is Edipous born than the decree goes forth that the child must be slain; but the servant to whom he is in-trusted contents himself with exposing the babe on the slopes of Mount Kithairon, where a shepherd finds him, and carries him, like Cyrus or Romulus, to his wife, who cherishes the child with a mother's care.'

The Theban myth of CEdipous is repeated substantially in the Arcadian tradition of Telephos. He is exposed, when a babe, on Mount Parthenon, and is suckled by a doe, which represents the wolf in the myth of Romulus, and the dog of the Persian story of Cyrus. Like Moses he is brought up in the palace of a king (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii, p. 14).

As we read time story of Telephos, we can scarcely fail to think of the story of the Trojan Paris, for, like Telephos, Paris is exposed as a babe on the mountain-side (Ibid. p. 75). Before he is born, there are portents of the ruin which he is to bring upon his house and people. Priam, the ruling monarch, therefore decrees that the child shall be left to die on the hill-side. But the babe lies on the slopes of *Ida* and is nourished by a she-bear. He is fostered, like Crishna and others, by shepherds, among whom lie grows up (Ibid., p. 73).

lamos was left to die among tile bushes and violets. Aipytos, the chieftain of Phaisana, had learned at Delphi that a child had been born who should become time greatest of all the seers and prophets of the earth, and lie asked all his people where the babe was: but none had heard or seen him, for he lay away amid the thick bushes, with his soft body bathed in tile golden and pure rays of the violets. So when he was found, they called him larnos, the "violet child;" and as he grew in years and strength, he went down into the Alpheian stream, and prayed to his father that he would glorify his son. Then the voice of Zeus was heard, bidding him come to tile heights of Olympus, where he should receive the gift of prophecy (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii, p. 81).

Chandra Gupta was also a "dangerous child." He is exposed to great dangers in his infancy at time hands of a tributary chief who has defeated and slain his suzerain. His mother, "relinquishing him to the protection of the Devas, places him in a vase, and deposits him at the door of a cattle pen." A herdsman takes the child and rears it as his own (Ibid., p. 84).

Jason is another hero of the same kind. Pelias, the chief of Iolkos, had been told that one of the children of Aiolos would be his destroyer, and decreed, therefore, that all should be slain. Jason only is preserved, and brought up by Cheiron (Ibid., p. 150).

Bacchus, son of the virgin Semele, was destined to bring ruin upon Cadmus, King of Thebes, who therefore orders the infant to be put into a chest and thrown into a river. He is found, and taken from tile water by loving hands, and lives to fulfill his mission (Bell, Panthion, vol. 1, p. 188; Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii, p. 296).

Herodotus relates a similar story, which is as follows:

"The constitution of the Corinthians was formerly of this kind; it was an oligarchy, (a government in the hands of a selected few), and those who were called Bacchiade governed the city. About this time one Eetion, who had been married to a maiden called Labda, and having no children by her, went to Delphi to inquire of the oracle about having offspring. Upon entering the temple he was immediately saluted as follows: 'Eetion. no one honors thee, though worthy of much honor. Labda is pregnant and will bring forth a round stone; it will fall on monarchs, and vindicate Corinth.' This oracle, pronounced to Eetion, was by chance reported to the Bacchiade, who well knew that it prophesied the **birth of a son to Eetion who would overthrow them**, and reign in their stead; and though they comprehended, they kept it secret, purposing to destroy the offspring that should be born to Eetion. As soon as the woman brought forth, they sent ten persons to the district where Eetion lived, to put the child to death; but, the child, by a divine providence, was saved. His mother hid him in a chest, and as they could not find the child they resolved to depart, and tell those who sent them that they had done all that they had commanded. After this, Eetion's son grew up, and having escaped this danger, the name of Cypselus

was given him, from the chest. When Cypselus reached man's estate, and consulted the oracle, an ambiguous answer was given him at Delphi; relying on which he attacked and got possession of Corinth" (Herodotus: bk. v. ch. 92).

Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were exposed on the banks of the Tiber, when infants, and left there to die, but escaped the death intended for them. The story of the "dangerous child" was well known in ancient Rome, and several of their emperors, so it is said, were threatened with death at their birth, or when mere infants. Julius Marathus, in his life of time **Emperor Augustus Caesar**, says that before his birth there was a prophecy in Rome that a king over the Roman people would soon be born. To obviate this danger to the republic, the Senate ordered that all the male children born in that year should be abandoned or exposed (Farrar, Life of Christ, p. 60).

The flight of the virgin-mother with her babe is also illustrated in the story of Astrea when beset by Orion, and of Latona, the mother of Apollo, when pursued by the monster (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 168). It is simply the same old story, over and over again. Some one has predicted that a child born at a certain time shall be great, he is therefore a "dangerous child," and the reigning monarch, or some other interested party, attempts to have the child destroyed, but he invariably escapes and grows to manhood, and generally accomplishes the purpose for which he was intended. This almost universal mythos was added to the fictitious history of Jesus by its fictitious authors, who have made him escape in his infancy from the reigning tyrant with the usual good fortune.

When a marvellous occurrence is said to have happened everywhere, we may feel sure that it never happened anywhere.

Popular fancies propagate themselves indefinitely, but historical events, especially the striking and dramatic ones, are rarely repeated. That this is a fictitious story is seen from the narratives of the birth of Jesus, which are recorded by the first and third Gospel writers, without any other evidence.

In the one, that related by the writer of the Gospel of Matthew, we have a birth at Bethlehem implying the ordinary residence of the parents there and a *hurried flight* almost immediately after the birth from that place into Egypt. We next have the slaughter of the infants, and a journey, after many months, from Egypt to Nazareth in Galilee.

Answer for yourself: Why is the Gospel of Luke completely different in these regards?

In the other story, that told by the writer of the Gospel of Luke, the parents, who have lived in Nazareth, came to Bethlehem only for business of the State, and the casual birth in the cave or stable is followed by a quiet sojourn, during which the child is circumcised, and by a leisurely journey to Jerusalem; whence, everything having gone off peaceably and happily, they return naturally to their own former place of abode, full, it is said over and over again, of wonder at the things that had happened, and deeply impressed with the conviction that their child had a special work to do, and was specially gifted for it. There is no fear of Herod, who seems never to trouble himself about the child, or even to have any knowledge of him. There is no trouble or misery at Bethlehem, and certainly no mourning for children slain. Far from flying hurriedly away by night, his parents celebrate openly, and at the usual time, the circumcision of the child; and when he is presented in the temple, there is not only no sign that enemies seek his life, but the devout saints give public thanks for the manifestation of the Saviour.

Dr. Hooykaas, speaking of the slaughter of the innocents, says:

"Antiquity in general delighted in representing great men, such as Romulus, Cyrus, and many more, as having been threatened in their childhood by fearful dangers. This served to bring into clear relief both the lofty significance of their future lives, and the special protection of the deity who watched over them."

He goes on to say: "The brow of many a theologian has been bent over this (Matthew) narrative! For, as long as people believed in the miraculous inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, of course they accepted every page as literally true, and thought that there could not be any contradiction between time different accounts or representations of Scripture. The worst of all such pre-conceived ideas is, that they compel those who hold them to do violence to their own sense of truth" (Hooykaas, Bible for Learners, vol. iii. pp. 71-74).

As I stated above, this story is to be found in the fictitious gospel according to Matthew only: contemporary history has nowhere recorded this audacious crime. It is mentioned neither by Jewish nor Roman historians:

- **Tacitus, who has stamped forever the crimes of despots with time brand of reprobation, it would seem then, did not think such infamies worthy of his condemnation.**
- **Josephus also, who gives us a minute account of the atrocities perpetrated by Herod up to even the very last moment of his life, does not say a single word about this unheard-of crime, which must have been so notorious. Surely he must have known of it, and must have mentioned it, had it ever been committed.**

"We can readily imagine the Pagans," says Mr. Reber, "who composed the learned and intelligent men of their day, at work in exposing the story of Herod's cruelty, by showing that, considering the extent of territory embraced in the order, and the population within it, the assumed destruction of life stamped the story false and ridiculous. A governor of a Roman province who dared make such an order would be so speedily overtaken by the vengeance of the Roman people, that his head would fall from his body before the blood of his victims had time to dry. Archelaus, his son, was deposed for offenses not to be spoken of when compared with the massacre of the infants" (W. T. Doane, Bible Myths And Parallels In World Religions, p. 173).

No wonder that there is no trace at all in the Roman catacombs, nor in Christian art, of this fictitious story, until about time beginning of the fifth century (Monumental Christianity, p. 238). Never would Herod dared to have taken upon himself the responsibility of such a sacrifice. *Such a crime could never have happened at the epoch of its professed perpetration.* To such lengths were the early Fathers led, by the servile adaptation of time ancient traditions of the East, as they adapted and wrote the "Jesus Story".

When caught in this gross plagiarism Rome resorted to burning the world's libraries to cover up the above accounts and other evidences of their lies contained in their "Jesus Story" and the "Christ Myth" as you can easily see once you get a chance to view the evidence for yourself.

Answer for yourself: After seeing this evidence what is the chance that these Gospel accounts are accurate let alone true? What else are we reading in the New Testament this is equally false? **No wonder the Jewish nations, sages, and Rabbis cannot believe in the Christian Messiah!**

Answer for yourself: So after all this expose on the evidence surrounding the multiple stories of the "dangerous child" down through recorded history that is given back to us today by the heroic exploits of archeologists in the last 200 plus years we are are faced with a very uncomfortable premise: the there are gross falsifications within the "Jesus Story". Rome destroyed all the evidence against themselves which they could lay their hands upon, but they did not destroy it all and truly today the "rocks cry out" against them and the "Jesus Story" of their making.

Answer for yourself: So where did these stories originate? Well we find the answer in Astronomy as the Ancients recorded the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and the 4 seasons (equinoxes and solstices) in myths and symbolism whereby the personified Sun, following the Summer solstice and its gradual descent in the sky toward the Autumn equinox with days possessing less light and greater darkness was spoken of as if the very life of the Sun was threatened by the onslaught of increasing darkness on a daily basis. This descent of the Sun in the "fall" of the year not only provided the symbolism for the "fall of mankind" but provided the fodder for the myths concerning the seeking of the life of the Sun as personified as the "Son of the Sun". This same solar

event, as witnessed by all nations under the Sun, gave rise to the many "sungods" whose very life was being sought by personified Darkness in the vehicle of kings like Herod and others.

What we have here is Astrotheology at is best and another proof of the myths that are the very foundation of the "Jesus Story" and a Christian Messiah that Biblical Judaism cannot accept.

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THE DOVE AT THE RIVER JORDAN: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

Matt 3:16 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: (KJV)

John 1:32-34 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. (KJV)

All four Gospels record the event that a dove descended upon Jesus at his baptism. But only the Gospel of John records that when Jesus is baptized at Jordan a dove appears to announce that he is the Son of God.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this very same story is told about Hours thousands of years ago? By his baptism Horus was transformed into the beloved and only begotten Son of the Father, the Holy Spirit, represented by a bird. The account of Jesus' baptism is a repeat of the baptism of Horus in the river Eridanus, or the Nile, and the dove represents the goddess Hathor, who brings Horus forth as an adult in a ceremony symbolizing rebirth.

Answer for yourself: Are you also aware that Horus was baptized at the age of 30 as was Jesus? Is this just a coincidence or does it appear that the "Jesus Story" is but a rehash of the prior ancient story of Horus, the first Son of God?

Godfrey Higgins, in his Anacalypsis, vol. i, p. 648, relates:

"When Jesus was baptized by that very mysterious character [Joannes] in the Jordan, the holy Spirit descended on to him in the form of a dove, and a fire was lighted in the river. Now I cannot help suspecting that a mystic union was meant to be represented here between the two principles-in fact the reunion of the sects of the Linga and the Ioni or Dove-which we yet find in Jesus and his mother in the Romish religion"

Alvin Boyd Kuhn, in his Lost Light, relates in reference to Jesus' immersion:

"Then the immersion took place. And it was at the conclusion of the rite that the spirit from heaven descended upon him in the symbol of the dove. This bird, sharing the role with the hawk (symbol of Horus) and bennu or phoenix, emblemed primarily the life-giving power of the third element, air (mind). Dove is traced to "Tef," the breathing force. It stands in general for the divine energy of the soul. In the planisphere another star beside Sothis, somewhat farther south, stood in position to announce the coming of the



solar year and the sun-god. This was the star Phact, the Dove. The hawk, allied to the dove, was the divine symbol of Horus. When divinized Horus received the hawk, Jesus the dove. Horus rose as the dove as well as the hawk; for he exclaims: "I am the Dove; I am the Dove!" Seven doves, showing the sevenfold nature of all deific emanation, are frequently found. In Didron's Iconography the child Jesus is represented in the virgin's arms or womb, surrounded by seven doves as symbols of the seven nature powers he was to spiritualize.



As Christians we are familiar with Jesus was baptized by John and not the prior Horus story. This immersion is essentially an Essene and Nazarine practise that was probably a **direct copy of Osirian purification rites.** The temple walls of Egypt are covered with images of ritual purification with water by Toth and Horus. The fact that upon the baptism of Jesus the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and the voice of God was heard saying *'This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased'*, **is surely an exact copy of the Ancient Egyptian rite. The Egyptian King became Horus, the son of the God Osiris.**

In like manner the writers of the New Testament had Jesus become "the son of God" in the same manner. The ritual purification was a part of Jesus' coronation in which he actually became the living son of Osiris. In the "Jesus Story" baptism was being offered to all as a means of ritually cleansing the sins to be welcomed into heaven for according to the words of the Bible, John says there will come after me one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

This would be the anointed one, the living Son of God, the divine Horus on earth. This is exactly what Jesus claimed; namely, that he was the Son of God. Understanding that regardless of names the nature of the Divinity expressed by different names is the same. In light of this then Osiris is the human manifestation of the love and light of the supreme god Ra, God of Gods, Light of Light as was Jesus to the writers of the New Testament as expressed as the Son of Yahweh. This is exactly what the church claimed for Jesus and the Father with whom he was consubstantial and co-eternal.

By his baptism Horus was transformed into the beloved and only begotten Son of the Father, the Holy Spirit, represented by a bird. By his baptism Jesus was transformed into the beloved and only begotten Son of the Father, the Holy Spirit, represented by a dove/bird.

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence or does this show a "pattern" or "parallel" between these two godmen? Is the "Jesus Story" but a retelling of the live of Horus?

Answer for yourself: What is going on here and why the parallels and the retelling of the Horus story in the form of the "Jesus Story"?

Answer for yourself: Is it as if the gospels and the gospel writers are trying to rewrite the world's old religions in a way that would be more suitable for a new age, the age of Pisces? Ah...yes! **The Age of Pisces, an artifact of the Precession of the Equinoxes, is the time span extending from about 200 B.C.E. (or up to 600 years even earlier) until the current day.**

From the viewpoint of the Earth, the sun appears to rotate around the ecliptic -- i.e. the sun's apparent path among the stars during the year. This is also sometimes referred to as **the Zodiac**, i.e. the constellations of stars through which the Sun appears to pass. Astrology assumes the relevant position of the sun, as well as the Moon

and the planets of our solar system, with respect to the constellations have specific meanings. Astrology, which has been handed down from some of the earliest historical records, also claims an impact on worldly affairs by virtue of the slow retrograde motion of equinoctial points along the ecliptic -- the latter known as the Precession of the Equinoxes. This Precession is due to the gravitational effects of the Sun and Moon on the Earth's equatorial bulge (if the Earth was a perfect sphere, there would be no precession!). The result is a slow rotation of the axis of the Earth's rotation with respect to the Earth's orbit around the Sun (an approximately 25,920 year cycle). This results in the star, Polaris, being the current "north star" (the pole star or north celestial pole). However, during ancient Egypt the pole star was Alpha Draconis (Thuban), while 12,000 years from now, the north celestial pole will lie near the brilliant blue star, Alpha Lyrae (Vega). At the Spring Equinox the constellation rising with the Sun controlled the Vernal Equinox for 2,160 years and in the time of the New Testament Jesus we have the emergence of the new age of Pisces. The end result is that approximately every 2,160 years (i.e. 1/12th of 25,920 years), the Precession of the Equinoxes appears to rotate the spring equinox from one constellation to another. Currently, we appear to be at the end of the Age of Pisces, and the beginning of the Age of Aquarius (hence the song from the musical and movie, Hair, "This is the coming of the Age of Aquarius..."). Note that the ages progress in retrograde motion, going in the opposite direction as the sun, which moves from Aquarius into Pisces into Aries, and so forth. By this reckoning, the Age of Aries lasted from approximately 2400 B.C.E. to 200 B.C.E. -- **essentially the span of time of ancient Egypt.**

ENTER THE INFLUENCE OF EGYPT UPON JUDAISM AND THE WORLD

Space does not allow for a through discussion of how the Jewish race came from the loins of the Egyptians with their intermarriages with the Semites but it is a proven archeological fact today that the parents of the Jews are Egyptians. That explains why both the Egyptians and the Biblical Jews were both black-skinned peoples and why the Jewish faith has so much in common with Egyptian religion since they came from the same mold; a religious synthesis based upon an Ethical Monotheism (the Many in the One) that stresses ethics, morality, Law, and Commandments, and which both teach a Messiah. Now I would love to spend a lot of time here but our website covers all this in detail if you want the truth behind this and how Ezra, a Persian, rewrote the Jewish history and covered all this up: <http://www.egyptcx.netfirms.com>

The writers of the "Jesus Story" were NOT replacing or changing the significance of the old faith of Egypt in any way, just re writing the stories to make them relate to the needs of the time and the environment of the Roman Empire. All the more so when we understand it was in this time period that the Age of Aries changed to the Age of Pisces.

What we fail to realize in studying the Bible is that at the time of Jesus there was a change in the Precession of the Equinoxes. The age of Aries was changing to the Age of Pisces. I cannot stress enough the importance of such a change in relation to the religious literature being written in that time period. Let us not forget as well that in the first century the cult of Isis was big news in Rome. Isis worship was so widespread and popular in the Roman Empire at the time of the foundation of Christianity that an early Christian was able to write that some lands were full of the madness of Isis and it is suggested that Claudius deliberately promoted the cult of Cybele and Attis to temper its success and power. The popularity of the cult was sustained for another four centuries, based on its offer of immortality to its followers and its majestic ceremonial. The last recorded festival of Isis was held in Rome in 394 AD but it was one of the last of the old faiths to die out, surviving less flamboyantly—it was illegal—against the Christian onslaught until the fifth century AD. It may very well be argued that there was nothing wrong with the cults of Isis and Osiris, they were very popular in the Roman Empire, so why change or adapt them. **The cults of Isis and Osiris promised life after death in the perpetual bliss of the realm of Osiris if one led a good life as did Biblical Judaism.**

The Jewish religion was a world religion in its day with influences as far as Rome and beyond. Judaism however was exclusive to such an extent that conversion to the faith by gentiles required them giving up so much of their

culture for a different life-style. A bridge was needed to span the gap between the prior Gentile's religions and the emergence of Judaism as a world religion in their day. Judaism, and a Gentile's conversion to it, required the giving up of one's entire life style and following very strict domestic rules in order to be put right of justified with God. A link to the past was needed in order to ease such a transition in thought and life-style. **This was done through "reshaping the old religions of antiquity in the form of the new" and in rewriting the "Osiris Story" and in so doing out comes the very similar "Jesus Story".**

John G. Jackson, in Christianity Before Christ, 1985, pp. 43-46, cites Gerald Massey in Ancient Egypt: Light of the World, Vol. II, 1907, p. 757, as providing information concerning the mythical elements of an annunciation, an immaculate conception, a virgin birth, and an adoration as presented as consecutive engravings on the inner walls of Temple of Luxor, in Luxor, Egypt, from the time of King Amenhotep III (1538-1501 B.C.), which paralleled the life of Jesus completely. But that is not all that he relates.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that Jackson, on pages 113-114 of his Christianity Before Christ, states that the English expert on Egyptology, Gerald Massey, listed in an appendix to his book, Ancient Egypt: Light of the World, **200 Egyptian parallels to the Jesus myth**? You need to set down and think hard about this fact as I had to when encountering this in my studies years ago.

What we see is that with this change of Ages and the Precession of the Equinoxes from Aries to Pisces the decision was simple and the reality of the situation was that the cults of Isis and Osiris (during the age of Taurus and Aries) had to be re-written in a Jewish context to modernize the old faith in light of the new emerging Age. A representative of Judaism, this "Jesus" and the "Jesus Story", was going to have to re-enact a new version of the death and resurrection of Osiris, and in so doing he was made to suffer as had Osiris. In other words the Age of Pisces had to include the religion of the Ancients in a new way for the new age that was emerging as the Age of Pisces. We ended up with this done in the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament but since few if any Christians know about Osiris then they miss the parallels to Osiris and Horus when reading the "Jesus Story". Thus we find the same events as the dove and many others as found in the Osiris and Horus accounts repeated in the "Jesus Story" as there truly is nothing new under the Sun.

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JESUS SPENT 40 DAYS IN THE WILDERNESS: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

Matt 4:1-3 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him.... (KJV)

In many of the Bible stories, we hear of the prophets or the heroes venturing into, or being exiled into, the 'desert' or the so-called "wilderness." The most famous cases are Abraham, Jacob, Moses and Christ, though all the major myths feature something similar. Like all the passages of the scriptures, this is an occult reference. It deals with the heavens and with astrology, and well the clergy know it.

It has been mentioned in prior articles in this series that the sun passing through the twelve signs of the zodiac was frequently used as a motif in the great myths of the heroes. The Romans ridiculed the Deities, which were worshipped on the shores of the Nile; they proscribed Annubis, Isis and Serapis, and yet they worshipped themselves Mercury, Diana, Ceres and Pluto, in other words, absolutely the same Gods under other names and under different forms; so much is the ignorant vulgar swayed by names. Pluto said, that the Greeks had worshipped since the remotest antiquity, the Sun, the Moon and the Stars, and yet the same Pluto was not aware, that they had still preserved at his time the same Gods under the names of Hercules and Bacchus, of Apollo, Diana and Æsculapius. Only the names had changed but common to both is that these myths were personified from the path of the Sun through the Zodiac. The name of Jesus Christ must be included among such names as the depiction of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is nothing more than the personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac as well as we are seeing in these articles.

The Sun reaches it's highest place in the sign of Cancer. Cancer was one of the most important of the signs and the symbolism connected with it is very ancient. The Egyptians had several gods associated with the sign as it related to the Summer Solstice. The most important of these was Khepra or Khepera and his personal symbol was the scarab beetle. Later the astronomers changed the icon of the Scarabeus beetle to a crab. But though the sign of Cancer was the highest position of the sign and though it is the most northerly of the sign, it was given rulership by the Moon. In the northern hemisphere, the longest day of the year (near June 22) when the Sun is farthest north and is connected with the Summer Solstice.

THE SIGN OF CANCER...KNOWN AS DARKNESS

It was also known as the Gate of Coming Forth, meaning coming forth into the world. The souls were thought to descend to the terrestrial abode via the sign of Cancer. This is why the sign is still associated with the female & the mother. Many important constellations, including the Great Bear, Ursa Major and the pole star are also in Cancer. However the majority of the sign of Cancer is dark. Its constellations are particularly dim. Not a single star of Cancer is brighter than the fourth magnitude. Magnitude is a system of designating the apparent brightness of stars. It was Hipparchus who arranged the constellations of the zodiac into the order we now know them. In his time, the Sun reached its apex in the northern hemisphere when it was in the

constellation Cancer, the place in the sky and time of year we now refer to as summer solstice. This is the reason the northern boundary of the tropics is referred to as the Tropic of Cancer. The idea that this dimmest part of the zodiac represents a crab might have to do with the fact that the Sun turned southward when it reached that part of the heavens. This dim constellation has just eight stars that can be distinguished by the naked eye. In addition, the famous cluster, sometimes called the Beehive, can just be made out without optical aid, but none of its individual stars can be seen without a lens. Currently it rises upward in the east as it gets dark after sunset. To find it one must leave the city on a dark, clear night. **An ancient writer tells us that Chaldeans associated this region with a crab because these creatures walk sideways, then backwards, like the Sun appears to move as it reaches the solstice and turns southward.** Possibly related to this, ancient Egyptians called this part of the sky the Scarab, in reference to their concept that an invisible celestial scarab beetle pushed the Sun across the heavens. It is also interesting to note that somehow Cancer, then marking the northern gate of the Sun, became known to Chaldean and Platonist philosophers as the "Gate of Men," through which, they said, souls of people came down from heaven to enter human bodies.

Answer for yourself: Why then is the constellation of Cancer called the "wilderness"? **It is because of this darkness of the stars of this constellation of the Zodiac that the ancient Magi referred to Cancer as the 'wilderness.' And when the sun was entering into the sign it was said that it had entered into the wilderness for 40 days.**

Answer for yourself: How do we derive 40 days as connected with the wilderness of the constellation Cancer?

This is because most signs are considered 30 degrees wide and of 30 days in duration. But with 5 or so degrees on either side, we make 40 altogether. **Now when the Sun physically, or any hero mythically, passes into and through the sign of Cancer, the orb or hero was said to be in the "wilderness."**

Answer for yourself: Do you know that the term "the Devil" originates from the concept of the "dark-evil" or the "d-evil" or the "devil"? Man has feared the dark since creation and darkness and the bad things that happen to mankind in the dark were again personified by the Ancients as "the Devil" or the "dark-evil". **Thus the Sun, as he passed through the darkness of the constellation of Cancer, was also said to be tempted by the evil one, the tempter, the adversary.**

Answer for yourself: Then if our premise is correct, namely that the depiction of the "Jesus Story" is an allegory later "literalized" that expressed the movement and path of the Sun through the Zodiac then we should expect to find Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by the "Devil" or darkness and that is exactly what we find. So we read of Christ in the wilderness being tempted by Satan.

Answer for yourself: What other symbolisms are connected to the number "40" that originated from the darkness of the constellation of Cancer?

- The Egyptian period of the Inundation, was noticed to last approximately forty days, hence the connection of the number with water and initiation.
- It was also noticed that the days of pregnancy were approximately 40 weeks. So it was that the number became connected with periodicity, retreat, denial, sacrifice, pain and rebirth.
- We have the 40 days of the Deluge,
- 40 years of wandering in the wilderness for the so-called "Chosen People",
- 40 days of fasting by Moses,
- 40 days spent by Christ in the desert being tempted,
- 40 days between the rising of Jesus and his final departure,
- 40 days of mourning for Jacob,
- 40 days of fasting for Elijah,
- 40 days mourning in the rites of Persephone,
- the 40 days of the Christian Lenten, etc.

Answer for yourself: Having seen the preponderance of evidence does it seem likely that the reference to Jesus

spending "40 days in the wilderness fighting the darkness or "Satan" is nothing more than the personification of the Sun as it travels through the constellation Cancer?

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JESUS BETWEEN AGE 12 AND 30: THE SILENT YEARS?

Millions of people claim that they belong to the Christian religion, but few of them know anything about the alleged life of the founder of their religion. Never studying completely or reading scholarly accounts on the New Testament few ever encounter what modern scholarship has to say about "Jesus of Nazareth". There is a growing consensus today, in light of archeological evidence that the Jesus of the New Testament is a mythical figure and not a historical person as we have been taught to believe and interpret when reading the New Testament. Instead of a "literal" understanding of this "Christ" we are coming quickly to see that the earliest believers in "the Christ" understood this Christ in an allegorical manner whereby was conveyed the deeper and hidden Divine Truths of the Creator to all mankind.

Answer for yourself: Why is this so? Since secular history is silent on the historical actuality of the alleged life and teachings of Jesus, and our only non-forged references to this Jesus is the one book given to us by Rome, the New Testament, then our **only source of information on him is the New Testament which is full of contradictions and whole life can be shown to be a replay of the events of prior sungods and sungodmen.**

"The Christian myths were first related of Horus or Osiris, who was the embodiment of divine goodness, wisdom, truth and purity...This was the greatest hero that ever lived in the mind of man -- not in the flesh -- the only hero to whom the miracles were natural because he was not human" (Gerald Massey, The Natural Genesis, Black Classic Press, (Reissued 1998).

Massey tells it like it truly is and this is confirmed when one gathers up the courage to do these kind of studies and examine the evidence, or lack there of, in coming to the hard truths about Jesus of "Nazareth". G. Massey, a supreme Egyptologist, relates that stories from the life of Horus had been circulating for centuries before Jesus birth (circa 4 to 7 BCE). If any copying occurred by the writers of the Egyptian or Christian religions, **it was the followers of Jesus who incorporated into his biography the myths and legends of Horus, not vice-versa.** According to author and theologian Tom Harpur: **"[Author Gerald] Massey discovered nearly two hundred instances of immediate correspondence between the mythical Egyptian material and the allegedly historical Christian writings about Jesus. Horus indeed was the archetypal Pagan Christ."**

But our focus in this article is the parallel of events in the life of Hours and Jesus concerning the "hidden years" in common between their lives.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that many of the world' saviors have in common many years in their lives where there is abject silence about where they were and what they said? Like Horus, for example, Jesus has no history between the ages of 12 and 30.

Answer for yourself: How can this be explained?

Thy myth of the "Jesus Story" give us our answers. There is a silence in the life of Jesus that exists for 18 years.

We lose sight of Jesus in the Gospels at the same place we lose sight of Horus; namely, their respective Temples. **In the story the reference to God at midday, 12 noon when the Sun is at its highest point explains the reference to the Temple being called "the Temple of the Most High".**

It is written that Horus stayed with his mother until the age of 12. Between the ages of twelve to thirty there is no record of the life of Horus. Ironically Jesus stayed with his mother until 12 years of age and between the ages of twelve to thirty there is no record of the life of Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) and the book of Acts. At age thirty, Horus was baptized by Anup. At age thirty, Jesus was baptized by John

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence or does this show a "pattern" or "parallel" between these two godmen?

The story of Jesus being baptized and beginning his ministry at age 30 is a retelling of the identical tale of Horus, representing the Sun moving into a new constellation at 30 degrees. "Age 30" is a reference to 30 days, which is one month - the time it takes the Sun to move to the next house of the [Zodiac](#).

It is taught of Horus that he was a child teacher in the temple and was baptized by "Anup the Baptizer" when he was thirty years old. Horus was also baptized by "Anup the Baptizer," who becomes ["John the Baptist" in the New Testament \(himself a personification of the constellation Aquarius\)](#).

Answer for yourself: Is this account in the life of Horus just a coincidence when contrasted with the life of Jesus? Let us be fully aware that the story of Horus, a major Egyptian God, is told in the "Book of Vivifying the Soul Forever" over 3,000 years before the birth of Christ. When one begins to do a comparison between the life of Horus and the life of Jesus he quickly comes to a most startling revelation: **the "Jesus story" in the Bible is a recycled version of the Horus story. The entire story of Jesus was plagiarized in bits and pieces, and sometimes blatantly intact, from ancient god/man mythology passed down by Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Persian cultures.**

In fact, in the catacombs at Rome are pictures of the baby Horus being held by the virgin mother Isis - the original "Madonna and Child".

Jesus is alternatively depicted by some as beginning his ministry at 28 years and not at 30 years, which represents the 28-day cycle of the moon, or the month, as reckoned by the Egyptians.

We are taught in our culture that Jesus is the divine hero, but other cultures have different saviors that parallel the life and events recorded for us in our New Testaments concerning Jesus. **Religious beliefs are a function of the culture in which one lives. If we had been reared in a different culture, we would have heard the story of a different savior, instead of the Jesus story. Upon comparing the stories of the different saviors, one finds that the similarities are so striking, it is beyond a doubt that they are more than just a coincidence.**

The Egyptian Horus myth mystical elements of annunciation, immaculate impregnation, birth, and adoration are similar to the mythical elements of the early life of Jesus found in the Jesus myth. When one looks into the religious doctrines of past cultures, it becomes plain to see that what we are forced to believe today is no different than the beliefs that came before it. In fact, in regards to Christianity and the Bible, it becomes even clearer how the story of Christ was nothing more than a rehash of much older religious traditions and beliefs that existed in the area.

The first Horus was the child, who always remained a child. In Egypt the boy or girl wore the Horus-lock of childhood until twelve years of age. Thus childhood ended about the twelfth year. But although adulthood was then entered upon . . . the full adulthood was not attained until thirty years of age.. . as with the man so it is with the god, and the second Horus, the same god in his second character, is the *Khemt* or *Khem-Horus*, the typical adult of thirty years. The god up to twelve years was Horus the son of Isis, the mother's child. The virile Horus, the adult of thirty years, was representative of the Fatherhood, and this Horus is the anointed son of Osiris.

Answer for yourself: What has this to do with the "Jesus Story"?

These two characters of Horus:

- **Horus the child of 12 years of age**
- **Horus the adult of thirty years**

are reproduced in the two phases to which the life of Jesus is limited in the gospels

Thus from the time when the child-Christ was about twelve years of age until that of the typical *hommefait* of Egypt, which was the age assigned to Horus when he became the adult god, there is no history. **This is in exact accordance with the Kamite allegory of the double Horus.** And the mythos alone will account for the chasm which is wide and deep enough to engulf a supposed history of eighteen years. Childhood cannot be carried beyond the twelfth year, and the child-Horus always remained a child, just as the child-Christ does in Italy and in the German folk-tales. The mythical record, founded on nature, went no further, and there the history consequently halts within the prescribed limits, to rebegin with the anointed and regenerated Christ at the age of Khem-Horus, the adult of thirty years (Gerald Massey, The Historical Jesus and The Mythical Christ, Star Publishing Co., Springfield, Mass., 1886, pp. 56-58.)

There you have it in a nutshell.

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JESUS TURNED WATER INTO WINE...TRUTH OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

In the gospels, Jesus is claimed to have changed water into wine during the wedding at Cana as proof of his divinity.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this same story is found in other mythologies and is part of the solar mythos? Long before the Christian era, Dionysus/Bacchus was said to turn water into wine, as related by A.J. Mattill:

"This story is really the Christian counterpart to the pagan legends of Dionysus, the Greek god of wine, who at his annual festival in his temple of Elis filled three empty kettles with wine-no water needed! And on the fifth of January wine instead of water gushed from his temple at Andros. If we believe Jesus' miracle, why should we not believe Dionysus's?" (Tim Leedom, The Book Your Church Does Not Want You To Read, 1993, p. 125.

Barbara Walker relates from her excellent book:

The story of his miracle at Cana was directly modeled on a Dionysian rite of sacred marriage celebrated at Sidon; even the Gospels' wording was copied from the festival of the older god (Barbara Walker, The Women's Encyclopedia Of Myths And Secrets, 1983, p. 464).

The Priests, from the beginning of time, has pulled the wool over the eyes of unsuspecting "believers". In Ancient times priests would turn water into wine to fool the gullible masses into believing they had miraculous powers thereby gaining the trust and allegiance of the masses to do their bidding. At Corinth, where "Paul" purportedly taught, there existed a water-to-wine device into which water was poured and then diverted by priests, who, hiding inside the covered parts of the sluice, would pour wine out the other end. Another such device was used at Alexandria (Acharya S., The Christ Conspiracy, 1999, p. 195).

The answer to this easy "sun-myth" has to do with the laws of Nature in response to the Sun. The Sun, personified as God, always turns "water into wine" following the rains when the grapes would ripen on the vine and ferment in the heat from the Sun after picked. But there is more to this than meets the eye as we see when we continue to read. **Jesus, as the personified Sun, should be expected to turn water into wine as had all the prior Sungods and we should expect this and are not disappointed because in like fashion the same tale is told about Jesus Christ as had been done to all the prior Sungods.**

John 2:1-12 1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the

purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. 11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did this event actually happen? Did a historical Jesus really turn water into wine?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that during the centuries leading up to the birth of Christianity, the Pagan Mystery religion, often known simply as the 'Mysteries', had spread throughout the ancient Mediterranean and that many of the greatest figures of the Pagan world were initiated into these Mysteries, and regarded them as the very source of civilization?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that each Mystery tradition had exoteric Outer Mysteries, consisting of myths which were common knowledge, and rituals which were open to anyone who wanted to participate as well as esoteric Inner Mysteries in which were sacred secrets only known to those who had undergone a powerful process of initiation? Initiates of the Inner Mysteries had the mystical meaning of the rituals and myths of the Outer Mysteries revealed to them, bringing about personal transformation and spiritual enlightenment.

At the heart of the Mysteries were myths concerning a dying and resurrecting godman, who was known by many different names. In Egypt he was known as Osiris, in Greece as Dionysus, in Asia Minor as Attis, in Syria as Adonis, in Italy as Bacchus, in Persia as Mithras. **Fundamentally all these godmen are the same mythical being, who the ancients called 'Osiris-Dionysus'.** As I studied these myths, it became obvious that the story of Jesus had all the characteristics of another version of the same perennial tale. Moving ever each event by event I found that I was able to construct the Jesus story from mythic motifs previously relating to Osiris-Dionysus. Common to many of them was the "godman" turning water into wine.

- Osiris-Dionysus is God made flesh; the saviour and 'Son of God'
- His father is God and his mother is a mortal virgin.
- He is born in a cave or humble cow shed on the 25th of December before three shepherds.
- He offers his followers the chance to be born again through the rites of baptism.
- **He miraculously turns water into wine at a marriage ceremony.**
- He rides triumphantly into town on a donkey while people wave palm leaves to honor him.
- He dies at Easter time as a sacrifice for the sins of the world.
- After his death he descends to Hell, then on the third day he rises from the dead and ascends to heaven in glory.
- His followers await his return as the judge during the Last Days.
- His death and resurrection are celebrated by a ritual meal of bread and wine which symbolize his body and blood.

These are just some of the mythic motifs the tales of Osiris-Dionysus share in common with the supposed 'biography' of Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Why are these remarkable similarities not common knowledge? Because, as I was to discover later, the early Roman Church did everything in its power to prevent the world from perceiving them. **Rome over the early centuries of the organized Church systematically destroyed Pagan sacred literature in a brutal program of eradicating the Mysteries - a task it performed so completely that today Paganism is regarded as a 'dead' religion.**

Although surprising to us today, to writers of the first few centuries these similarities between the new

Christian religion and the ancient Mysteries were extremely obvious. **Pagan critics of Christianity, such as the satirist Celsus, complained that this recent religion was nothing more than a pale reflection of their own ancient teachings.** Early 'church fathers', such as Justin Martyr, Tertullian and Irenaeus, were understandably disturbed and resorted to the desperate claim that these similarities were the result of 'diabolical mimicry'. Using one of the most absurd arguments ever advanced, they accused the Devil of 'plagiarism by anticipation'; of deviously copying the true story of Jesus before it had actually happened in an attempt to mislead the gullible! These church fathers struck us as no less devious than the Devil they hoped to incriminate.

The obvious explanation was that, as early Christianity became the dominant power in the previously Pagan world, **popular motifs from Pagan mythology had become grafted onto the biography of Jesus.** Over the years of my study I have collated a comprehensive body of evidence chronicling the similarities between the supposed "historical Jesus" and the prior personifications of the sungods that there remained no significant elements in the biography of Jesus that I did not find prefigured by the Mysteries. On top of this, I discovered that even Jesus' teachings were not original, but had been taught by the sages of the Pagan Mysteries for centuries! If there was a 'real' Jesus somewhere underneath all of this I surely could not find him.

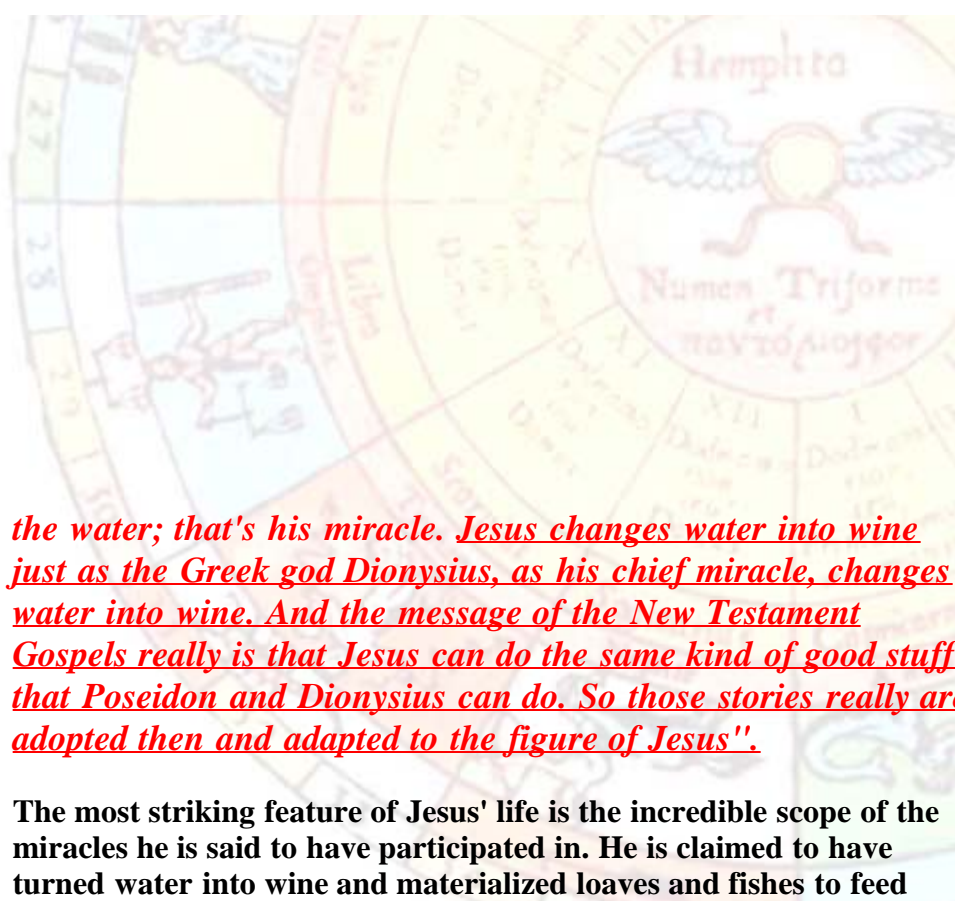
The truth of the matter is that Christianity was not new at its conception, and it has never been unique. All beliefs in the Christian form of worship were taken from pre-existing pagan beliefs.

Answer for yourself: Ever heard of the Greek god Dionysus? **Dionysus or Bacchus is thought of as being Greek, but he is a remake of the Egyptian god Osiris, whose cult extended throughout a large part of the ancient world for thousands of years.** Dionysus's religion was well-developed in Thrace, northeast of Greece, and Phrygia, which became Galatia, where Attis also later reigned. Although a Dionysus is best remembered for the rowdy celebrations in his name, which was Latinized as Bacchus, he had many other functions and contributed several aspects to the Jesus character:

- Dionysus was born of a virgin on December 25 and, as the Holy Child, was placed in a manger.
- He was a traveling teacher who performed miracles.
- He "rode in a triumphal procession on an ass."
- He was a sacred king killed and eaten in an eucharistic ritual for fecundity and purification.
- Dionysus rose from the dead on March 25.
- He was the God of the Vine, and turned water into wine.
- He was called "King of Kings" and "God of Gods."
- He was considered the "Only Begotten Son," Savior," "Redeemer," "Sin Bearer," Anointed One," and the "Alpha and Omega."
- He was identified with the Ram or Lamb.
- His sacrificial title of "Dendrites" or "Young Man of the Tree" intimates he was hung on a tree or crucified.

He was sacrificed on a cross long before Jesus' conception. We know this from a multitude of stories of Dionysus. Archaeologists have even found an engraving of Dionysus hanging on a cross, which predates any finding of a Christian cross. **Dionysus, also called Bacchus, was the god of wine, and he also performed the famous "turning water into wine" miracle long before Jesus is made to accomplish the same act. One greater than Dionysus has come.**

The author of Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World, Marvin Meyer, states: ***"Moses feeds a multitude in the wilderness just as Jesus feeds a multitude in the wilderness. Jesus walks on the water just as the Greek god Poseidon rides his chariot over***



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the water; that's his miracle. Jesus changes water into wine just as the Greek god Dionysius, as his chief miracle, changes water into wine. And the message of the New Testament Gospels really is that Jesus can do the same kind of good stuff that Poseidon and Dionysius can do. So those stories really are adopted then and adapted to the figure of Jesus''.

The most striking feature of Jesus' life is the incredible scope of the miracles he is said to have participated in. He is claimed to have turned water into wine and materialized loaves and fishes to feed thousands after thousands, to have walked on water and tamed the storm, exorcised demons and cured the masses, and raised the dead; and he was publicly judged, crucified, and resurrected, etc. He was born of a virgin, was entombed and rose from the dead after three days, and ascended to Heaven.

One problem of these claims is that they are far from original. All of Jesus' attributes and miracles were already present in earlier myths. Mithraism, a religion that co-existed with Christianity but began much earlier, is the best example of this. Mithra was born of a virgin, his birth was celebrated on December 25th, performed miracles with 12 disciples, held a last supper, resurrected after three days on the spring equinox, and ascended to Heaven.

Also, Zoroaster, Horus, Krishna (member of the Hindu trinity), Bacchus, Prometheus, Indra, and a great deal of other deities or legendary characters were born by virgin birth and shared many other attributes with Jesus. Empedocles was reported as preaching, curing illnesses, controlling the storms, and raising the dead. Dionysus had a last supper. Bacchus turned water into wine. Osiris died and was resurrected. And so on and so forth. In fact, some early Christians condemned the idea of the crucifixion because it was considered pagan !

These other myths are a strong indication of the origins of the Jesus myth, if it is indeed a myth. But if Jesus did exist, then these claims would be irrelevant. Therefore we must examine the evidence.

Answer for yourself: But there is a huge problem with this. What is it? The problem here is that there is no evidence. No contemporary evidence (let alone credible contemporary evidence) has ever been proposed for the existence of Jesus.

Even the Gospels are widely admitted to having been written after Jesus' death. According to the evidence we have within the text itself, the earliest gospel - the Gospel of Mark - was written between well after the first century and no mention of either of the 4 gospels by any Christian writer can be found until Irenaeus in 170 A.D. Catholic sources claim the date for these gospels much earlier but this is but "tradition". The fact speak otherwise. Either way, they was clearly written after Jesus supposedly died, supposedly 33 CE. As for historical

sources, only one of them is reported to have been written during the first century - Josephus' "Antiquities", in 90-95 CE. His two short mentions of a man named Jesus who had disciples and did good works are under heavy controversy, and recently, the discovery of the probable original of "Antiquities" shows that one of the two passages was an interpolation. Even if all these objections are false, Josephus cannot be a contemporary source.

Such a deafening silence on the existence of any other historical figures would be extremely suspicious. In the case of an earth-shaking messiah who raised the dead and fed the multitudes, clearly we should find masses of testimonies and evidence, but we find none. It is clearly an argument for the non-existence of Jesus; especially in light of the fact that the events of his life are but parallels to similar events that exist in the lives of "sungods" from thousands of years prior to the "Jesus Story". Again it needs be said these "events" are but allegories and personifications of the Sun, Moon, and Constellations and their movements in the Heavens which were later told as "myths" which were anthropomorphic.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that our famous early Church Fathers admit that Christianity is a fraud?

"When we say that the Word, who is the first-birth of God, was produced without sexual union, and that He, Jesus Christ, our Teacher, was crucified and died, and rose again, and ascended into heaven, we propound nothing different from what you believe regarding those whom you esteem sons of Jupiter." [Justin Martyr, First Apology, 21]

But the clinching evidence is that even Christian leaders considered Jesus purely as a mythical figure and did not know anything about his life.

"In the first half century of Christian correspondence, including letters attributed to Paul and other epistles under names like Peter, James and John, the Gospel story cannot be found. When these writers speak of their divine Christ, echoes of Jesus of Nazareth are virtually inaudible, including details of a life and ministry, the circumstances of his death, the attribution of any teachings to him. God himself is often identified as the source of Christian ethics. No one speaks of miracles performed by Jesus, his apocalyptic predictions, his views on any of the great issues of the time. The very fact that he preached in person is never mentioned, his appointment of apostles or his directive to carry the message to the nations of the world is never appealed to. No one looks back to Jesus' life and ministry as the genesis of the Christian movement, or as the pivot point of salvation history."

The Jesus Puzzle, by Earl Doherty (Journal of Higher Criticism, Fall 1997)

We may add that Paul himself didn't know about the virgin birth. In Romans 1:1-3, he claims that Jesus was the son of Joseph, who was established as a descendant of David. Considering all these facts, the truth is clear: there never was a Jesus who did these miracles and was resurrected. Jesus started as a myth and later became an object of worship. Regardless of whether we believe in God or not, the religion of Christianity, insofar as it is based on the existence of Jesus, is pure historical absurdity. The doctrine of Jesus' existence is a Big Lie (i.e. an absurdity repeated again and again to enforce belief).

Here is a short list of writers and historians who lived within the same century as the Jesus myth. Remember that of all these, only one (Josephus) is said to have written anything about it, and it is decried by most scholars as an interpolation:

Caius Suetonius, Josephus, Philo-Judæus, Seneca, Pliny Elder, Arrian, Petronius, Dion Pruseus, Paternulus, Juvenal, Martial, Persius, Plutarch, Pliny Younger, Tacitus, Justus of Tiberius, Apollonius, Quintilian, Lucanus, Epictetus, Hermogones, Silius Italicus, Statius, Ptolemy, Appian, Phlegon, Phædrus, Valerius Maximus, Lucian, Pausanias, Florus Lucius, Quintius Curtius, Aulus Gellius, Dio Chrysostom, Columella Valerius Flaccus, Damis, Favorinus, Lysias, Pomponius Mela, Appion of Alexandria, Theon of Smyrna, Justus of Tiberias (John E. Remsburg, The Christ: A Critical Review and Analysis of the Evidence of His Existence, pp. 24-25)

Answer for yourself: In keeping with the theme of astrotheology are you aware that the whole myth of turning water into wine comes from the stars in the first place? It is connected with the "water sign" or the

Constellation Aquarius. The Sun moves into Aquarius following Capricorn as it began its solar year.

Let us move back into time to the age of Aries. **Roughly every two thousand years (2160 to be exact), because of the precession of the equinoxes, the sun on the vernal equinox rises against the stellar background of a different constellation.** Prior to the age of Pisces it was the age of Aries the Ram, and before that it was the age of Taurus the Bull. **It is interesting to note that during the first and second millennia BC, approximately the Age of Aries,** ram-oriented iconography was common in Dynastic Egypt, while during the Age of Taurus the Bull-cult arose in Minoan Crete.

Answer for yourself: What do we know of the age of Aries? Well let me explain a little.

"Our souls have experienced many ages as the procession of the Equinox slowly moves through the twelve astrological constellations. Every two thousand years or so – at the beginning of each age – we have taken a major step toward heightened spiritual awareness and maturity Linda Brady and Evan St. Lifer from **Discovering Your Soul Mission**. During these two thousand year cycles our universe enters into a distinctly different reflective cycle of new energy and fresh experiences, symbolically represented by the characteristics of an astrological sign. Having recently left the Age of Pisces, we proceed into the Age of Aquarius.

To get the hidden meaning behind the myth of turning the water into wine we need to look at the Age of Aries in more detail. **The Piscean Age, which followed the Age of Aries, corresponds to the New Testament and the advent of Christianity.** It is a direct response to the savagery that was the Age of Aries, the previous 2,000 year period. The Age of Pisces, the "Christ", came to symbolize love and compassion for all mankind. For the past two thousand years the Age has been Pisces the Fish, symbol of the Christian age (emulating the Christ and the forgiveness of sin which like wine brings joy to the partaker. Pisces, the sign for Christianity and the age of **Pisces, itself a water sign**, came to symbolize emotion. It is from the mouth of "the Christ" that he spoke about God, not as an angry God, but as a God of forgiveness. The "Christ" was the allegorical son of this loving God; himself a gentle creature like the "prior Lamb of God" of the age of Aries. **It is in the death of this "Christ" and his resurrection as a "higher self" that he was given the purpose of a redeemer for mankind if they followed his transformation and example.** Pisces is therefore the martyr, sacrificing itself for the needs of others. Christ's resurrection symbolized the rebirth into spirit, a Pisces reality. Throughout the depiction of his short life there was a plethora of Piscean and **"water symbols"**: baptism by water, **turning water into wine**, the washing of feet, disciples who were fisherman, miracles, spiritual healing, drawing fish in the sand and so many more. The "Christ" came with a message for forgiveness; **emulating Christ became the ideal.**

In the Aries Age, Capricorn was followed in January by the **sign of Aquarius**. The principal festival now marking this period is Epiphany, commemorating Christ's baptism and assumption of the Holy Spirit. It is the essence of symbolism that like qualities go together; therefore, **when we read that the baptism of Christ by John the Baptist occurred on January 6, the event falls just where we should expect to find it, in Aquarius, the Waterman.**

Answer for yourself: Did Egypt sanctify January 6 in the beginning? They sure did. January 6 was observed in Egypt as the day of Nibs, when the water was said to be at its purest. Epiphanius wrote that this was the season when water was withdrawn from the river and stored not only in Egypt but in many other countries. **In some places springs and rivers were said to turn into wine on this day.** From this first Egyptian tradition a myth developed to the effect that Bacchus (Dionysus) turned water into wine at this very time of year; and, by one of those "coincidences" which are to be found so frequently in the Scriptures, the turning of water into wine at the marriage in Cana was the first miracle of Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Is this a coincidence? If Jesus came not to seek his own glory then how do you explain such a "carnival trick"?

Two centuries after Epiphanius, Chrysostom commanded that the water be blessed and drawn from the rivers at the baptismal feast. In Roman Catholic communities priests still bestow blessings on rivers and other bodies of water at this season of the year, the practice doubtless being derived from the ancient Egyptian custom (Busenbark, Symbols, Sex and The Stars, pp. 125-127.)

Answer for yourself: So what did we see? Namely, that the myth of turning water into wine was not a historical story but a furtherance of the mythos that began in Egypt as we have seen that almost all these sungod myths find their home in Egypt.

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JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED ON A MOUNTAIN: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD #1?

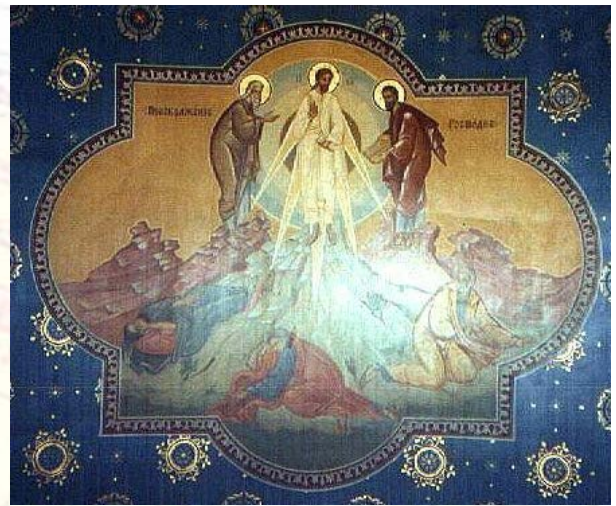
In the gospel story, Jesus is "transfigured" on a mountain in front of his disciples, Peter, James and John.

Matt 17:1-9 1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. (KJV)

We have all more than likely heard the story. After six days later, Jesus took his innermost circle--Peter, James and John (James' brother) and brought them to a high mountain, possibly an outcropping of Mount Hermon which was near Caesarea Philippi. While Jesus was praying, Peter and the others fell asleep. They woke up to find that Jesus had changed. **His face shone like the Sun**, and his clothes were gleaming white--whiter than any laundry on earth could make them. Christians call this the transfiguration. This event, the transfiguration of Jesus is chronicled in Mat. 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, and Luke 9:28-36. Jesus goes to a high mountain top and shines brightly, just as the Sun is high in the sky and shines warmly and brightly during the Summer months.

Answer for yourself: Why does the text say that Jesus' face shine like "the Sun"? Could it be because the whole story is a retelling of an earlier and Ancient story about the "Sun personified" in the form a "solar savior" which pours out its life for man. Could this account of the transfiguration of Jesus by a retelling of the physical events associated with the the Summer solstice?

Answer for yourself: Is there any significance in the fact that early Christian painters always painted a solar nimbus or halo about Jesus' head like one we see at his painting of the transfiguration of Jesus? Could this be because the story of the transfiguration of Jesus is nothing more than the personification of the Sun at the Summer solstice where it reaches the top or zenith of the sky in its yearly path and shines in all is glory like no other time of the year? If that is correct then then should we be surprised to find a "solar halo" about the head of this "personified Sun" as depicted as the Jesus of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament? No, not at all.



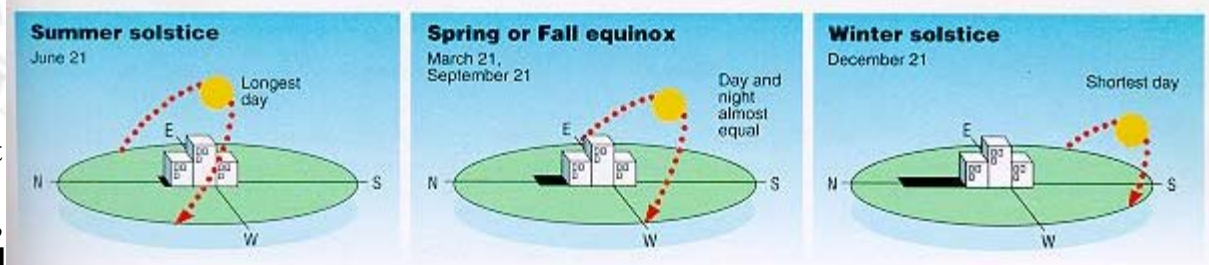
Answer for yourself: Is the depiction of the transfiguration of Jesus a personified retelling of the Sun as it passes through Leo, the Lion (July 23 - Aug. 22), and aries at the zenith of its travels in the sky at the strongest hot days of summer and we not know it?

BEFORE WE BEGIN...LET US UNDERSTAND THE SUMMER SOLSTICE AND A LITTLE ASTRONOMY

Since the beginning of the year when our story with the birth of the Sun in the house of Capricorn we have seen that the Sun has been climbing higher and higher in the sky each day. Each day the Sun rises farther northward in the east, and sets farther northward in the west. The days are getting longer and brighter and warmer. On June 21 we reach the Summer solstice, the longest day of the year. On this day the Sun rises farthest northward, **the Sun climbs to its highest point in the sky**, and then sets farthest northward in the west. It is the beginning of Summer, a period of bright, sunny, warm, and wonderful weather. **It is at this point in the "Jesus Story" that we have in the New Testament, in keeping both with the chronological sequence of the life of Jesus as well as the annual path of the Sun in the sky, the Transfiguration of Jesus.** Notice I mentioned that both "chronologically" and "astronomically" we have an association between the two and this is very important for what I will show the reader. As mentioned above Jesus goes up a high mountain, the highest point Jesus reaches in the story, and shines brighter than ever, the brightest he shines in the whole story. **"His face shone like the Sun."** (Matthew 17:1-13). Notice the symbolism for it is but one of the "secrets" behind the "Jesus Story".

We must understand that the Summer solstice is the turning point in our "Jesus Story" and the life of Jesus as seen in the New Testament and is as well in the solar year. Up to now everything has been fairly positive for Jesus in his ministry as depicted in the New Testament. He is being accepted and popular most places he goes. But things change from this point on. From this day, the Summer solstice and

forward, the Sun begins to die as it starts slipping southward again on its way to its certain death at the Winter solstice with the days getting colder and the hours of light diminishing daily. The Sun cannot escape its rendezvous with the Winter solstice and its death for 3 days before its resurrection. The word solstice derives from the Latin and literally means Sun standing still. (Sol meaning Sun and sistere meaning to stand still.) "How can the Sun stand still?" you ask. Well, it doesn't actually stand still in the sky, it continues its unrelenting daily march westward across the sky, but for a moment, its north/south movement is halted. **On this day, the annual swing of the sun's position reaches its northernmost point and, like a pendulum at the apex of its swing, halts momentarily (3 days) and then reverses direction.** If you have been watching the elevation of the noonday Sun increase daily since the equinox (actually since the winter solstice last December) or the northward advance of the points on the horizon of sunrise and sunset, you will have noted the



change in position slowing over the past few days (in sharp contrast to the rapid changes occurring around the equinox). It is very important to understand that the Ancients saw and understood the Sun climbing in the sky and reasoned as if the Sun was climbing the mountain in the sky.

Answer for yourself: Why is this important? Simply because we have the Sun shine in its brightest and longest at the Summer solstice as well as its highest position of the sky. The Ancients reasoned that it was as if the Sun was on top of the mountain in the sky just like we see Jesus on top of a "mountain".

In the days following the solstice, the position of the noon elevation will be a little lower, and the positions of the sunrise and sunset a little further south. But during these few days surrounding the solstice, the changes may be almost imperceptible to the eye. This gives the impression that the Sun is standing still in the sky. You can check this for yourself if you are able to see the point on the horizon where the Sun rises or sets each day. Sunrise reaches its furthest northeast location on the day of the solstice, moving further and further south each day thereafter until at the winter solstice when the drift stops and the solar trip back north begins. (Or similarly, you can watch the western sunset location.) By watching the sunrise/sunset locations change over the next six months or more, you will also notice that the day-to-day changes are greatest around the equinoxes and become very slow around the two solstices -- someone said a better name might be the "stallstice."

Astronomically the Sun will continue slipping southward as the days of Autumn approach. The Ancients witnessed these Astronomical events and waited with fear as they watched the Sun move to its eventual death in the cold dark of the Winter Solstice on December 22. Originally they waited with fear and dread as they watched the light "vanish" from their sky as the Sun sank lower in the horizon daily and the days shorten in daylight. Over time with the return of the Sun from its death at the Winter solstice they began to celebrate the renewal of the Sun and began to notice a pattern in the Heavens year after year. They began to see that yearly the Sun was being resurrected again three days later, on December 25 as it began its northward rise in the sky again; our Christmas day. However, this turning point at the Summer solstice is the first time in the solar year that one could now think of the the eventual death of the Sun and its ultimate fate awaiting it in the dead of winter at the Winter solstice. Let us take note that as we found with the Winter solstice where the Sun lays motionless for 3 days before it reverses its path in the sky we also find that at the Summer solstice the Sun remains motionless in its path across the highest part of the sky for an equal 3 days before its begins its southward decline in the sky. It is at the Summer solstice that the Sun had risen to the top of the mountain in the sky.

Answer for yourself: What has this to do with Jesus' transfiguration on a mountain? Well keep reading and remember that it was on this "mountain" that Jesus' face "shined like the Sun" according Matthew 17:2:

Matt 17:2 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the Sun, and his raiment was white as the light. (KJV)

Now if you have followed us and the Astronomy so far then we should now understand that at the Summer solstice the Sun reaches it peak in its path in the sky and its greatest distance above the celestial equator. We should now understand that moving past the Summer solstice and this peak position in the sky the Sun will now move southward to its allegorical death at the Winter solstice. Now we must pay attention. That being an Astronomical fact then we should expect to find, if the life of Jesus is an allegorical and personification of the path of the Sun as we suggest, following his solar "transfiguration" in Matthew 17:1-13 an immediate mention of his soon coming death. But not only will we find such a declaration of the Sun's or Jesus' soon coming death we even are treated in the New Testament texts to a warning of the Sun's coming death personified in the life of Jesus just before Matthew chapter 17 which contains the actual story of Jesus' transfiguration. Thoughts are now turning to the soon coming death of the Sun as personified in the "Jesus Story".

Jesus first predicts his death just before the Transfiguration (Matthew 16:21-28).

Matt 16:21 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Can we expect to find this reference to death associated with Jesus' transfiguration in keeping with "the pattern" of the life of Jesus as the "personified Sun" and do we actually find it in the New Testament texts? We sure do; just before its mention and right after the transfiguration. We find the reference to Jesus' soon coming death right before and after his transfiguration. In the same chapter of Matthew 17 no less immediately following Jesus' transfiguration we find the announcement of his soon coming death:

Matt 17:22-23 22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: 23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence that we can follow the life of this Jesus in the "Jesus Story" and it parallel metaphorically the path of the Sun in the sky? When and how many of these similarities does it take to make us rethink that there is something amiss about this "Jesus Story" in the New Testament and that possibly it is not true?

Answer for yourself: Do you remember that the Hebrew word for "Galilee" means circuit or circle? Do you the reader remember seeing its connection to the circular path of the Sun in the sky from previous articles? Are we gullible enough to believe that this is but a coincidence?

The Sun can not escape it's fate nor its path in the sky as witnessed by mankind since day one. Neither can Jesus, a personification of the Sun. Jesus, as the personified Sun, cannot escape his fate.

I am remembered of a quote by C. Dennis McKinnsey that is appropriate at this place in the article:

"Jesus is a mythical figure in the tradition of pagan mythology and almost nothing in all of ancient literature would lead one to believe otherwise. Anyone wanting to believe Jesus lived and walked as a real live human being must do so despite the evidence, not because of it".

Well the evidence is mounting article by article. Mr. McKinnsey really held nothing back but he has done the studies necessary to see through the deceptions of Rome and their presentation of "the Christ" which most of us have never every dreamed exists let alone have tackled the difficult problems regarding determining the truth behind the "Jesus Story". As I have mentioned before there are "3" different Christs down through history as presented in the literature and what complicates all of this is that they are mixed together in the New Testament and the reader, not knowing this, **never dreams to differentiate between the Mystical, Mythical, and Historical Jesus.** Let me give you a clue; one of them is completely false as built off a "literalization" of the other two. Now let me give but one more hint: "the Christ", of Egypt, as shown by the brilliant Egyptologist Gerald Massey, was not a "historical one" but expressed what we today see in Paul speaking of "the Christ within".

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

It just happened that "the Christ in you" was related to the laypeople through the medium of "myths". The "mystical" aspects of God within His temple made without hands, you and me, has been related to mankind since the beginning through the medium of "myth" and "metaphors". These "myths", and the characters within them, were but vehicles of these Divine Truths and were never understood by the Ancients to have been interpreted or understood as if "historical" people. That my friend is the whole ball of wax when you finally see it and nothing could me more true than the famous axiom of Rabbi Hillel: ***"now go and study; the rest is***

commentary". Let us continue our study.

HOW MANY TRANSFIGURATIONS ARE THERE?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that a "transfiguration" is also a part of the myths of several other solar and lunar savior-gods who were likewise transfigured on mountaintops?

Answer for yourself: Do you know that we find such a "transfiguration" in the lives of Zoroaster, Horus, Buddah, Dionysus, and many, many others down through recorded history that exists long before the "Jesus Story"?

Answer for yourself: Do you mean to tell me that this event in Jesus' life as depicted in the New Testament is not unique to this presumed Jewish messiah? That is exactly what I am telling you. There are many prior savior-gods who had similar transfigurations as we find in the "Jesus Story". Let us begin with Osiris as he is the prototype for all others.

We will continue the study in the second article in this series as we look into the transfiguration of Jesus and the origin for such a teaching and in so doing we might be surprised at the wisdom of the Ancients for in such a story of the "transfigurations" of prior gods we may just find some of the deepest spiritual revelations ever given mankind by the Creator above. [We continue in the 2nd article in this series.](#)

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JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED ON A MOUNTAIN: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD #2?

THE MOON AND ITS ROLE IN THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS...GETTING UP TO SPEED

This will be somewhat of an involved study and not a quick one if you are to see the truths behind the "transfiguration of Jesus" and how it is linked to the Moon. So we should begin to start such a study at the beginning. In so doing it is important to note that the **Egyptian God Osiris is called a Moon God** by many scholars and Egyptologists. Towards the end of the New Kingdom, what was now Re-Horakhty-Atum became more closely associated with the mummiform shape of **Osiris, who was generally seen as the nocturnal manifestation of Re (the personified Sun as reflected from the Moon.).** **Such a statement should alert us to the fact that Ancient religions once owned a close affinity with natural events and the course of the solar year.**

Answer for yourself: How do we know that this is true? Well the Christian Church and the various religions still hold the thin cords of that bond of kinship between the subjective and the objective worlds in their calendar of yearly festivals. **If you look most of the "holy day" in Christianity revolve around the solstices and equinoxes as did all Ancient Religions. This is not a coincidence.** What we find is that these rituals and events have been over thousands of years reinterpreted and different meanings often applied to these natural events throughout the solar year due to the historical events that accompany the growth of a particular people and a particular nation. In so doing the inner purport of these natural events has been lost in our ecclesiastical knowledge today, and the great knowledge of the Ancients and their superior understanding of the Divine has been lost to most of us today. Words indeed fail me in my effort to convey to another's mind the major transfigurations of my own philosophic mind, my conception of life and religion, as the truth embodied in solar and lunar movements little by little took form in my comprehension. The more I studied the Ancients the more I saw that reinforced my perception of their keen insights into the Divine that often left me breathless. It was, to say the least, an illumination so flashing as to stun and daze my thinking, as if I had been brought face to face with the entire glory of truth in one sudden flare. If but words will enable me to impart to your minds a fraction of what has been my own intellectual experience in dealing with this material, I may express the hope that whenever hereafter you behold the Moon in the nightly sky, you may be moved by feelings and suggestions of the utmost profoundness of what you are witnessing and the Divine Truths behind your lunar observations. It is time to see the Moon as but one of God's teaching tools in the blackboard of the sky and gleam the hidden revelations that it speaks to mankind in its reflection of the Sun and its light. God set these lights in the heavens, not merely as lamps unto our physical feet by night and by day, but in a far deeper sense to keep us mortals enlightened by their astonishing revelation of our cosmic and spiritual history. For the Sun and Moon together trace in the open book of the skies each month and each year the entire narrative and pattern of our inner spiritual experience. Let us become aware, if not already, that it is in these movements of these heavenly orbs like the Sun and Moon that the deepest Divine Revelations were realized by the spiritual Ancients and recorded for all the world on the walls of their temples and inside their Pyramids in order to preserve them for eternity

and today most of the world has not a clue that these secrets given to man by God intended for all mankind lay today unknown in the darkness of halls and temples long forgotten by the world.

The (apparent) annual revolution of the Sun about the earth, or more properly the course of the Sun through the four seasons or four quarters (twelve signs) of the zodiac, was the entire symbolical basis of ancient religious systematism. Without this understanding one's study will be lost and one tossed to and fro in search of the "keys" to tie all the threads of the "Jesus Story" together in a clear representation of the Divine Truths which it carries within it. Although the "Jesus Story" may not be historically factual or accurate that does not mean that it is not a vehicle for carrying Divine Truth. Understand that for the Ancients the Divinity in man was typed and represented by the Sun, and the sun's yearly experience in its journeying was made the outward typograph of the experience of the Divine Spirit in mortal man. As the Sun descended into the dark realm of winter at the Winter solstice, died and was buried out of sight, to be revived and raised up again to glory in the Vernal equinox, so the Ancients reasoned that God likewise descended into the depths of night and winter as pictured in physical matter, and in so doing lost His divine nature and died in His process of incarnation into physical matter; only to rise again, as pictured in the "Osiris Story" in Egypt. The Gnostic Egyptians understood the Kabbalah and how an invisible, intelligent Energy and Creator-Architect of the Cosmos could become through a series of emanations manifested in physical matter and substance. Although the Egyptians never mentioned "quantum physics" they understood it and this is revealed thoroughly in the the study of their religion. They were the first to teach that something is made out of nothing. We read the same later in the Genesis creation accounts that summarize what Egypt explained in detail. More to the point for this study it is important for us to note that Osiris was the "type" and "pattern" to convey these Divine Truths to mankind. The "Osiris Story", like the "Jesus Story", was but a vehicle to convey these deeper Divine Truths to mankind. Like the Moon as we will see Osiris was raised from the dead "on the third day in the Moon."

Answer for yourself: What has that got to do with Jesus' transfiguration? A lot and if you keep reading you will see of what I speak once you receive the knowledge of the Ancients detailed below.

The phases of the Moon are: waxing, full, waning, and new. The new Moon was born on the third day of the dark period which comes between its phases.

Answer for yourself: Why is the new Moon being "born on the 3rd day important"?



The Ancients believed and taught that this "3 days" which it took for the birth of the new Moon was the time during which all Saviors in ancient scriptures rested in their tombs of death. We need to understand as well that the Ancients divided the zodiacal chart into four quarters to match the four seasons, the four cardinal points, and the fourfold segmentation of man's nature. At the junction points of each two of these divisions, or at the two solstices and equinoxes, the ancients celebrated the four great religious festivals of the year.

In June at the Summer solstice came the great Fire-festival, symbolic of the highest expression of the fiery nature of deity;

In September at the Autumn equinox came the festival that commemorated the incarnation, under whatever name;

- In December at the Winter solstice was celebrated the end of the dark night of death, and the birth or quickening of the Sun-god to new life;
- In March at the the Vernal equinox followed the joyous festival of the bursting of the bars of death in matter, or the resurrection.

Each of these was of cardinal importance and significance; yet it might be said that of the four the Autumn equinox and the Spring equinox were the ones of primary importance. The Autumn equinox symbolized the descent of the Divine Spirit (God) into physical matter (called the incarnation) and the Spring equinox

symbolized His re-arising after his "death" at the prior Winter solstice. These celestial events, the Autumn equinox and the Spring/Vernal equinox, to the Ancients symbolized death and rebirth in the spiritual life of mankind. This is so very important to understand. If we remember our Astronomy then we should recall that as the Sun had reached its glory and greatest illumination at the Summer solstice it would immediately began its "fall" in the sky downward so likewise the Ancients reasoned that God, symbolized by the Sun in all its glory, also fell from the sky to inhabit the physical realm of matter. This was called the "descent of the Soul". They called this the "incarnation" and symbolized it in the Autumn equinox which paralleled the same "fall" of God as symbolized by the Sun. After the death of man to his flesh at his "Winter solstice" which occurs within himself and with his repentance and submission to God's Spirit residing within himself then man was "resurrected" and "born again" at his personal "Spring equinox". It is as simple and as difficult as that. These solar and lunar events which we will see in a moment spoke of the spiritual nature of man and the expected spiritual pilgrimage of his soul within. What man witnessed written on the blackboard of the sky was understood as likewise needing to occur within himself. These patterns and cycles witnessed both in the Heavens and sky above and in Nature around him was to occur on a mystical level within him for in realizing this he both knew and understood that he was made in the image of God who was speaking to him from Above as well as Beneath. These "mystical" understandings of God and His will for mankind was preserved for eternity by the Ancients by the development of "myths" that captured these hidden and deeper Divine Truths which lay behind natural observations. In creation of the "Osiris Story" and later nations who also created "god stories" was this same attempt to immortalize the story of the pilgrimage of the soul within mankind. The "Jesus Story" is no different. These "myths" expressing higher Divine Truths would eventually be presented and published as a human history in the New Testament as the "Jesus Story" but understand that it is Mythical in one phase and Mystical in the other; Egyptian and Gnostic in both, but historical in neither. The proof of such a statement comes from understanding not only the Astronomy behind the story along with the same principles as taught by Mother Nature as a secondary witness but also the comparison of the story with prior similar stories that are identical that predate the "Jesus Story". The transfiguration of Jesus is but one of many accounts in the New Testament which are vehicles for these lost truths which were immortalized in similar myths. It is now time to look deeper into the transfiguration of Jesus and with the insights summarized above we hope to see what is really being taught by such a myth.

GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE TRANSFIGURATION AND THE GNOSIS BEHIND IT

The early Christian Gnostics, persecuted out of existence by the religious intolerance of Rome, spoke continually of the passion of "the Christ" and the passion of "Sophia" which represented the descent of the Soul (the Divine) into physical matter.

Phil 2:5-7 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (KJV)

Let me warn you that the "Christ Jesus" in the above verse is not a "Christ" with flesh on it as you might suspect. To understand that we need to learn more.

Since the transfiguration of Jesus occurs at the Summer solstice (the Sun at its zenith in the sky and greatest strength) it is fitting that we speak for a moment on these equinoxes and solstices. The "fire-festival" of ancient days (Summer solstice) in June has passed out of modern knowledge. Our Fourth of July celebration, with its pyrotechnics and old-time bonfires is but a lingering vestige of this Ancient ritual at the Summer solstice and contains within it a certain appropriateness not dreamed of by the general mind. Following the Sun at its greatest strength we next move through the seasons to the great Autumn equinox and festival commemorating the death of the god as he sank below the horizon and a lingering vestige of this exists today unsuspectingly in

the celebration of Hallowe'en. It was designated Michaelmas, as Michael is from the Egyptian Makhu, the god of the horizon or the balance. The proper celebration of Hallowe'en or All Souls' Night has preserved features of the ancient religious symbology which are of extreme significance. **The public's total ignorance of the hidden meaning behind Halloween speaks volumes as to the decay of ancient wisdom and a knowledge of the forms under which it was depicted.** The wearing of masks, which were originally those of animal faces, signified the incorporation of the Divine God or Soul or soul that came from spiritual realms and incarnated into the body of an animal (the highest creation of God was the mammal). The hallowe'en masks **depicted the Divine Souls as hiding themselves behind the outward mask of an animal's body!** It is as if God was saying that He came to earth and made the bodies of animals and mammals His habitation. These were the "coats of skin" that Genesis describes the Eternal as making for Adam and Eve in the Edenic days. As the Divine Creator took residence in the bodies of the lower race which He came to uplift, it was a most natural form of typology to picture him as looking out upon the world through the grimacing features of some animal. The laughableness of the masks was designed to betoken the distortion and sad disfigurement of the beauty of God as His intrinsically Divine Nature came to expression darkened and corrupted by the animal medium through which it passed into concrete expression. Here is the long-lost meaning of the masks of Hallowe'en. A mask is not all that people wore at these celebrations as various "costumes" were used as today. Behind this is a Divine mystery. The duality of the mask and suit was designed to represent the fact that God, a unit nature on His own plane, split into duality when He incarnated into the physical realm of matter in regards to mankind. A great Egyptian verse reads: "The soul makes the journey through Amenta (incarnate life) in the two halves of sex." There is a great truth back of this statement. Indeed it is the great mystery of human life. The Ancients teach that before incarnation, we, as spirits, were, in regarding sexual identity a combination of major aspects of both the male and the female. Sex pertains to the physical body, and the Soul, which is sexless, receives a sexual differentiation by virtue of its coming to incarnation in a body. **But this division and separation of the "two" sexes rises to even higher significance when it is seen to connote also man's duality as a creature of combined physical and spiritual natures.** Humanity is divided into male and female, in outer form; it is also divided in each individual between the two worlds of spirit and matter. Man is the result of the union of a soul or immaterial principle of intelligence or spiritual part of the Divine with a gross body. This duality, along with the sexual duality of the race, is typed by the divided suit of the Hallowe'en symbolism.

Now let us speak of the Vernal equinox where we have the great festival of Easter typing the resurrection of dead life on all planes.

Answer for yourself: And how do we give expression to the meaning? Chiefly in the outward form of bright new spring clothing! This is not merely a social custom. It arose out of the archaic symbology, when man thought it fitting to imitate nature, who was then clothing herself anew in the bright glories of springtide. Ponder a moment over the idea, and you will be able to see an infinite depth of new meaning in this custom of casting off old garments and coming out in new ones. In a similar fashion one of the several reasons why the snake was a symbol of the resurrection was his sloughing and self-renewal in the springtime. The entire process of evolution in the human cycle is to be consummated at our Easter by our casting off the old garment of mortality, the body of flesh, and standing forth transfigured in the radiant body of solar glory, our spiritual house not made with hands.

Easter, and the Vernal equinox, is rightly the consummate festival of human joy, because it signalizes the god's release from his imprisonment in a body of what was to him virtually death.

Rom 7:24 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (KJV)

The opposite side of the year, then, must have been the season of grief and sorrow over the god's descent from spiritual freedom into the bondage of "Egypt," or the human body. Our mortal bodies are the "flesh-pots of Egypt!" And so we find it in the ancient days. In old systems and cults there were celebrated various festivals appropriate to this motive. It is at the Autumn equinox, following the Summer solstice, that we find man's observances of the descent of the soul of God into matter.

- **There was a three-days festival of mourning for the death of the god around the date of the**

autumn equinox;

- **There was a seven-days festival of the same significance;**
- **There was a forty-days festival equivalent to Lent.**

The seven-days festival was called in Christian times the Fetes de Tenebres, a French name for **Festival of Darkness**. It commemorated the soul's sad entry upon its dark night of bodily incarnation. Let us not forget that at this time the Sun was descending in the sky as it traces its path to its death at the Winter solstice.

Now all three of these ancient autumnal festivals which lamented the soul's descent into the realms of physical matter always described in the sacred books as "death," have been continued by the Christian Church.

Answer for yourself: Why should this be a problem for us?

Because they changed it. **These events and the teachings associated with them as understood by the Ancients since the beginning of time have been transferred over into the opposite side of the year, where they have no appropriateness and where they are glaringly out of place.** This has been due to the loss of the original meaning of the celebrations with the decay of all ancient theology dating from the third century on. Christianity has so far missed the interpretation of old symbols and so far drifted away from solar religion that it has postponed the season set aside for lamenting the death and burial of our spiritual Lord until that season in which all nature is in the midst of her renewal and resurrection (Spring/Vernal equinox...Easter). This time of the year with the budding of Spring surely is no time to grieve for the buried King of all life when He is already emerging from his tomb! The fit time for that is in "the melancholy days" of autumn. **Roman Christianity changed the Ancient's understanding of the Divine Message given to all mankind by the Creator since the beginning of time.**

In altering the Divine Truth as taught by the movements of the orbs in the Heavens and the message of Mother Nature since the beginning of time Roman Christianity arranged each of the three periods at such a time that the concluding day of each one falls upon Easter. This is the only possible justification for placing the festivals of mourning in the spring, namely, that their night of mourning can be gloriously terminated in the rejoicing on Easter morn.

THE 3 DAY FESTIVAL

We have already spent much time dealing with this "3" day period of time associated with the Sun standing still at the **Summer and Winter solstice**. I refer the reader to these other articles where this is taught in depth. It is desirable now to trace the origin of the Passion Week of seven days, the ancient Fetes de Tenebres, and also the origin of the forty days of Lent.

THE SEVEN DAY FESTIVAL

To explain fully the significance of the number seven and its application to the sufferings of the Christ and the descent of the soul would take no less than a whole series of article in themselves. In God's descent into the physical realm He was taught to have struggled through six kingdoms of nature:

- three sub-mineral,
- the mineral,
- the vegetable and
- the animal,
- the human stage (making 7 levels of descent)

This descent of God into matter was understood as "death". It is in this last and 7th stage, the human stage, that God makes his debut upon the scene of incarnate existence. Hence in all fables and myths the gods appear

in a seventh epoch, period or cycle, as in the Genesis account of the finishing of creation on the sixth day with God creation of mankind. A series of old allegories placed the rising of the Savior out of death on the seventh morn, and this construction the Christians followed in the institution of Passion Week with the resurrection of Jesus at sundown on the Sabbath which according to Jewish time is the beginning of the 7th day as well.

Likened to the death of the Sun as it falls in the sky following the Summer solstice (time of Jesus' transfiguration) we find the same "death" mythically revealed in the descent of the Divine in nature.

THE FORTY DAY FESTIVAL

The Lenten period of forty days has two mythological origins.

- First it was derived from the Egyptian agriculture, where the seed was in the ground forty days before germinating. As the seed in the soil was a natural figure for the soul in incarnation, the period of incubation was transferred to the spiritual allegory of the decent of the Divine soul into matter.
- A second origin derives it from another natural phenomenon of incubation, the forty weeks spent by the human foetus in the womb. As forty weeks was too large a portion of the year to devote to a commemoration of one phase of the spiritual drama, the typical forty days were substituted, the number alone being significant.

Answer for yourself: What can be a more natural typology of the incarnation can be found than the cycle associated with a fetus?

This number forty, which occurs scores of times in Old and New Testament allegorism, has been retained at several other points in the Christian year.

- Hallowe'en has been placed just forty days past the autumn equinox,
- The festival of Candlemas, or the Purification of the virgin, following the birth of the Christ, falls on February 2, just forty days after Christmas.
- Whitsuntide (Pentecost or Whitsun) is observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter and falls forty days after the ascension.

But from these celebrations more or less of the ancient significance of the number has disappeared.

In all of these we find a picture of the Decent of the soul or the Divine from Heaven to the physical realm (mankind). These 3, 7, 40 days festivals all found their roots from laws inherent in either **Astronomical facts** or facts drawn from laws pertaining to **Mother Nature**. This was again pictured by the Ancients always as **the "death" of the God** who suffered in manifestation into the physical realm of matter. This was purely a myth as you can see that expressed a Mystical fact. The metaphysical realm was explained by the Ancients by use of myth and allegory and only much later was it mistakenly understood as if "historical".

Answer for yourself: What should the examination of the above 3 day, 7 day, and 40 day cycles that referred to the death of God teach us about Jesus? Namely that Christianity's announcement of three different periods of God's burial or death in matter -- three, seven and forty days -- is a definite proof that the event can not be historical and that the moving of this event from the Autumn of the year to the Spring of the year as connected with the "Jesus Story" would mean that the "Jesus Story" is not historical.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that there was a diversity of opinion amongst the Christian Fathers as to whether Jesus the Christ was born in the winter solstice or in the vernal equinox?

It was held by some that the 25 of March was the birthday of the Christ (Jesus). Others maintained that this was not correct but rather his birth was to be recognized on December 25th, at the Winter solstice. According to Clement of Alexandria the birth of Jesus took place upon the 25 of March. But in Rome the festival of Lady Day was celebrated on the 25 of March in commemoration of the miraculous conception in the womb of the

virgin, which virgin gives birth to the child at Christmas, nine months afterward.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever heard of the Gospel of James? According to the gospel of James (Ch. 18) it was in the Vernal equinox, and consequently not at Christmas, that the virgin birth took place.

XVIII. I And he found a cave there and brought her into it, and set his sons by her: and he went forth and sought for a midwife of the Hebrews in the country of Bethlehem. 2 Now I Joseph was walking, and I walked not. And I looked up to the air and saw the air in amazement. And I looked up unto the pole of the heaven and saw it standing still, and the fowls of the heaven without motion. And I looked upon the earth and saw a dish set, and workmen lying by it, and their hands were in the dish: and they that were chewing chewed not, and they that were lifting the food lifted it not, and they that put it to their mouth put it not thereto, but the faces of all of them were looking upward. And behold there were sheep being driven, and they went not forward but stood still; and the shepherd lifted his hand to smite them with his staff, and his hand remained up. And I looked upon the stream of the river and saw the mouths of the kids upon the water and they drank not. And of a sudden all things moved onward in their course.

Answer for yourself: Connected with the birth of the Christ is the mention of the pole star of Heaven as if "standing still" which tells us what? That the time is the time of the solstice and in this particular passage we are referring to the Winter solstice.

Answer for yourself: Why is this passage so important for us? This passage is valuable from many points of view, and should put an end forever to the notion that the Christian Christmas festival has anything to do with commemorating the birth of a personal being from a human mother. It was purely an astronomical celebration. When the birthday of Jesus was officially set by decree of Pope Julius in the year 345 A.D., it was placed on December 25 expressly to match the astronomical date of the birth of Mithra and Dionysus in the Mystery cults! It was the pagans who set the date for Christmas!

Answer for yourself: What should this tell us? Namely that again we are not dealing with a historical person.

Taking our rough diagram of the zodiac and its four quarters, we may see several large spiritual facts which are fruitful for our instruction.

The Ancients taught that these 4 quarters type the fourfold nature of man, or his four bodies:

1. The physical (earth),
2. The astral or emotional (water),
3. The mental (air), and
4. The spiritual (fire).

The divine spirit in man lives in these four sheaths, which interpenetrate each other in the field of the physical body. It lives in the four because it has built them up in its journey through the round of the elements, building a form in and of the matter of each. To contact those four elemental worlds it had to evolve an organism of the material of each. The Sun, traversing the four quarters of the zodiac, is a picture of this evolutionary journey of the human soul through the four worlds or elements. To symbolize this great fact, the descent of the Soul and the Divine into matter, the year, the month (lunar) and the day were each divided into a fourfold section, and the year and the day additionally given a twelvefold partition, i.e., the twelve months and the twelve hours, of day and night. The lunar months give us seven days in each quarter, and twenty-eight is the number of the gestation period, in days, of many animals.

All this numerology and this tendency of patterns and cycles to recur at regular intervals is part of the great significant fact that the ancients saw in the movements of the Sun and

Moon a counterpart or analogue of the spiritual history of all men. With nature's aid they wrote the drama of human life on the open tablet of the sky. Or rather, it might be said, they deciphered the handwriting of mother nature herself in the skies, her stencils being the Sun and Moon (Alvin B. Kuhn, Lost Light).

Then we have also the cycle of the Great Year, a period of 25,868 years, measured by the total precession of the equinoxes through the entire twelve signs, giving us the different astronomical "Ages." Each of these twelve divisions lasted 2155 years; and **the ancient sages represented the Messiah as coming at the beginning of each new Age under the form of a different sign of the Zodiac. Jesus of Galilee appeared came at or near the beginning of the Piscean era**; thus his followers were called the Pisciculi (little fishes) and his disciples were figured as rude fisherman. As we have now entered the Aquarian Age, the Messiah should be re-charactered to conform to ancient usage. He should be the Waterman, or dispenser of the water of life and universal love.

We have look at many things so far and in all of them we have come to question the "historical" reliability of Jesus. We have to tie this all together now and to do this we have to go back to some Astronomy; in particular lunar mythology and "theology".

MORE ASTRONOMY...NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Sun is our light by day, the Moon by night. In the daytime we receive the rays of our Sun directly; by night we get them only secondarily and by reflection. And here is the beginning of the great symbolism of the Moon. It is a reflector of the sun's light, and this reflection is made at night, when the Sun is out of sight of man; when God symbolized by the Sun cannot be seen. The Moon is our Sun-by-night, and it is well to delve more deeply into the implications of this datum. Allegorically speaking then the Moon conveys to us the Sun's light in our darkness as human beings. This is the teaching of the Ancients.

Answer for yourself: What does this mean on a wider scale of values? It means this: as the night typifies our time of incarnation (the descent of the soul into matter), the diminished light of the Sun reflected on the lunar surface is an indication of the fact that by no means the full power and radiance of the Sun (our divine light or spirit) can fall upon mankind or shine from us while in our earthly and physical existence. In other words man is but a dim reflection of the Divine within and are in spiritual darkness, or have access only to that spiritual force and radiance that can get down to us through the intervening medium of the physical mechanism. The Kabbalah teaches that in the ten Sefirot we find the descent of the Divine En Sof into matter as well through ten emanations; the last emanation possessing the least amount of Divine and the greatest amount of physical matter. The body which individualizes us is the only transmitter of godly life and nature to us. As it is our outer garment, the light from within must come through it to reach us in the outer world. As at night solar light comes to us reflected and refracted, dimmed and obscured by its passage through another orb, so in our night of incarnation on earth, our divine character within us shines for us only in that diminished and broken form which is limited by our flesh. Allegorically speaking, the Moon, our bodies, is all that we can have of the Sun at night and that diminished and dimmed. So the diminished bodily manifestation and transmission of the godly nature within us, in our physical lives, in this diminished reflection, is all that we can have of God. This explains the ancient and widespread desire or religious sages and holy men and women to escape the bonds of the body by rigid mortification and crucifixion of its fleshly tendencies. As souls trapped in this incarnation of matter, we are deprived of the full manifestation of our inner light and the radiance of God within ourselves. Allegorically speaking then within each of us Gods is then as the hidden Sun, and we must get His light and illumination and truth through this reflecting medium which is our body. This is why Taht, the moon-god in Egyptian mythology-religion, is called the witness for Ra, the great Sun-god. He, through his orb, is the witness to the human race of the presence of the invisible Sun (the God within each of us....the Christ within of which Paul speaks).

Col 1:26-27 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is this not like the character of John the Baptist, who is described in the Gospels as being not that true light, but as coming to bear witness to that light?

So the Ancients understood that the Moon is not the true light, but hangs in the darkness and sky of our night to bear witness that the true solar light, God the Creator, is yet shining His truth and existence to us from within us (our bodies and minds). It thus also symbolizes the human body, which is surely not the light of spirit, yet in its structure and in its outward countenance, it reflects and bears witness to the divine spirit that animates it, the Divine Invisible Intelligent Energy and Creator hidden within all mankind. In like manner our spirit, given by God, is to shine out of us as the Sun shines on the Moon! We simply are talking about Spiritual Maturity here if you have guessed but describing it in terms and symbols used by the Ancients to teach the same truths about the battle of the flesh versus the spirit in man as does Paul in the New Testament. Only our choice of words and symbolisms, as used by the Ancients are different. The above descriptions is the sign language of Egyptian wisdom expressing through the language of natural forces and observation higher Divine concepts that we should treasure today in our quest to "Be ye holy for I am holy".

This is a profound thing to realize about the Moon.

Answer for yourself: And what is this again? The Moon is a type and shadow of mankind's lower nature, which reflects the higher indwelling nature of God.

But the most superb element in the spiritual symbolism I am trying to depict comes next in the development of our teaching. This is the eternal meaning connected with the sun's light on the Moon that I am endeavoring to impress upon the minds of the reader. This is the great fact which I would hope you remember the next time you look upon the silvery Moon at night. As the young crescent fills with light and rounds out its luminous circle, it is portraying for all mankind his spiritual design and blueprint as set out in the sky by the Creator Himself. It is preaching to us as uncomprehending mortals the gospel truth about our own divinization.

Paul teaches us again about this lunar truth that the Ancients first expressed:

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

The growing expanse of light on the Moon as it moves through its stages is the sign, symbol and seal of our own transfiguration into Godliness! This is the plan of God for mankind, His greatest creation. The spark of divinity implanted in our mortal bodies and physical matter which contains this descending Soul must to use one Biblical figure,

1 Cor 15:49 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. (KJV)

The texts of the Egyptian Book of the Dead express the features of this process. **Horus** in his resurrection is made to say, after enumerating the bodily members one by one: "There is no member of my body that is without a god." He means in effect that there is no portion of his nature that has not been divinized, i.e., purified, raised, **transfigured with spiritual radiance**. And this states the whole purpose of human life. God came to dwell within us in order to transform our lower natures and lift them up to exist in harmony with Him. The Ancients, as they gazed upon the lunar crescent as it progressed through its stages of fuller illumination, thus reflecting more of the Sun's light (the Sun being a symbol for God), and see the Moon go on toward fullness of its illumination, provided them with the profoundest and loftiest truth about this mortal existence of ours: that mankind is in the process of filling our very bodies with the glowing radiance of an interior hidden light, which will steadily transform mankind's whole nature into a more complete image of God. This is the plan of the Creator.

The next time that you see the crescent (from Latin crescere, to grow) of the Moon you should be excited to realize that little by little, God's nature is slowly creeping over us, spreading through us! The Ancient's understood that this growing light on the Moon is God's sure pledge of mankind's deification! Here is inspired writing of revelation by the hand of Nature herself. Here is a "true gospel" which no man can forge or mistranslation for selfish agendas. Such is the great wisdom of the Ancients and we see this very thing repeated not only in Horus' transfiguration but in the account of Jesus as well.

The typical mountain for this transfiguration likewise had a twofold character in the mythology and the eschatology. As solar, it was the mount of sunrise of the Egyptian dawn. As eschatological, it was the mountain of Amenta, up which the souls of the dead climbed—the mount of glory and the glorified. It was the mount on which the human **Horus was transfigured and regenerated to become pure spirit in the likeness of the Father.** Hence, now we can better understand that the Sun, which reflects off the Moon and is an example for man's spiritual development, reveals its glory like no other time of the year at the Autumn equinox and in so doing reveals to man his path and desired destination in his walk through life. For as we saw following man's transfiguration and transformation from "flesh" to "spirit" then man falls like the Sun to his death and then the judgement only to be reborn again. This is the hidden message behind the allegory of Jesus' transfiguration. It is a story told with the Sun, Moon, and the Heavens revealing a much deeper spiritual significance to those enlightened to the "gnosis" of the initiates. We lacking this knowledge today fail to see the beauty of what is really being taught here and are forced to interpret this as some literalization applying to only one man when it applies to all of God's children. We should be living in anticipation that the crescents of our lives grow whereby we reflect more of the Divine in our lives than yesterday so that when it is time for our fall from the sky of life we will be ready to meet our Creator having the full knowledge that we have spent our lives letting the light of God not only be reflected from within ourselves but allowing it to enlarge us to where we are shining His truth and knowledge as the design for mankind: growing to fullness of His light in the reflection of our lives as if a full Moon shining in a dark sky.

So in Osiris being a "Moon god" and through the life of his son, Horus, we find motifs for the later "Jesus Story". Osiris, as a Moon god, was so only because of the power and light of the Sun (symbolic for God) and in its secondary role as the illuminator of the Moon (our bodies and lives). This link is vital to understanding the Osiris story accurately. So in searching for a prior origin for the "Jesus Story" regarding specifically the "transfiguration of Jesus" we need to be looking for similar motifs in the "Osiris Story". We need to learn about Osiris to spot these links. Having understood the Astronomy behind the Summer solstice now it is not so hard to turn our vision toward Osiris and come to the understanding that as a "Moon god" he was nothing more than an allegorical story or "myth" which yet was but a nocturnal manifestation of Re (the Sun in the first place).

For those of you who wish to learn Osiris in this capacity of a "Moon god" thus reflecting the light and truth of God, the Sun, then this next article is for you. I hope you read it as it again is the precursor for the later "Jesus Story". [We continue in the 3rd article in this series.](#)

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JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED ON A MOUNTAIN: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD #3?

In the first two articles we explained in detail how the account of the transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain in the Gospels was basically a retelling of the prior transfigurations of other solar and lunar gods like Horus, Buddah, Dionysus, Zoroaster, etc. In those two articles we mentioned that the transfiguration event is nothing more than the allegorical representation of astral phenomena as witnessed and understood by the Ancients who saw in such celestial events a much higher Spiritual Revelation. They came to mould in myths higher spiritual truths that the Ancient sages and Priests of antiquity reasoned from such events. I referenced it, as they understood it, to the Summer solstice, where the Sun, understood by the Ancients as a symbol for the Creator God, reaches the zenith of its path in the sky and its greatest light, illumination, and brightness is shown upon the world below. Allegorically speaking we saw that this really refers to the intentioned Spiritual development of mankind by the Creator as he "matures" and becomes "Holy for I am Holy" says the Divine. The Sun was personified over time in the form and myths of Horus, Buddah, Dionysus, Zoroaster, and even Jesus and even before that the same Divine Concepts represented in the lives of these solar gods were first understood by these Ancient sages by observations of the Moon as it reflected the light of the Sun. Thus we find in these solar myths and lunar myths that the Moon is personified as mankind. I assume you have heard the phrase "man in the Moon". Of this I speak. In these earlier articles we noticed how the phases of the Moon and its increasing light as seen from its emerging crescent, increasing over 14 days to fullness of illumination at a full Moon, was likened to the Spiritual development of mankind whereby mankind, in their intended progressive spiritual maturity, achieves the ultimate goal of reflecting God's light from within himself to a greater degree as he grows and mature Spiritually during his life. The Ancients saw a direct parallel to the Moon reflecting the Sun's light (remember a symbol for God) with mankind in which he is also to reflect God's light through his life. **We saw also that as in the changing phases of the Moon as it reflects this light of the Sun, man should expect a gradual increase of God's light shining from within himself as comes to the realization that he is "divine" and allows this light and revelation of God within to shine from his life as he grows older.** God was teaching mankind through the movement of the Sun and the Moon and the stars deep Spiritual Truths before there was ever Bibles or holy books written. Also, as we saw following the Summer solstice where the Sun begins to descend in the sky on its path to its ultimate death as exemplified in passing through the Autumn equinox and finally its ultimate death at the Winter solstice (allegorically speaking), man should likewise expect that he must prepare for his ultimate death as exemplified by the Sun and the Moon in their astronomical cycles and patterns:

- **Seen in the Sun in its rising and setting daily in this pattern and cycle repeated eternally**
- **Seen in the Sun and the solar year as it moves through the seasons of the year (equinoxes and solstices) as well as the Zodiac,**
- **As seen in the Moon in its cycles through its phases; from a crescent Moon, to a full Moon, and ultimately a darkened and invisible Moon, and returning again to a crescent Moon, and repeating the cycle eternally**

The Ancient sages and Priests of Egypt all the while realized that it is the Creator's goal for mankind to increasingly and gradually reflect more of this light from God which dwells within him as his knowledge and

revelation of this indwelling light becomes illuminated within him through his life. They understood that what we see in the physical realm is but a reflection of the metaphysical and mystical realm that dwells within mankind. Similarly man was to reflect like the Moon the light of God (the Sun) progressively through his life as did the Moon above. Thus Osiris, the pattern for all mankind, was known as a Moon god and in so doing became the vehicle for such spiritual teachings that are lost today because he is only seen by most as a historical figure at best or cast aside as a silly myth. We also saw that the Ancients understood that this "life" given mankind by the Creator was to be recycled as witnessed by the Cosmic Laws written by God above him in the Heavens and as witnessed in Mother Nature around him where these same cycles and patterns spoke daily to him of God and His master plan regarding all life: birth, sustaining of life, death, rebirth, etc. But understand that behind all of this the Ancients understood that all of these events, first witnessed in the natural, were to be understood on a higher plane. These natural phenomena spoke of a much higher truth in the Mystical realm; the realm of the metaphysical. Along with that the Ancient Egyptian sages and holy men captured these Divine Truths which they witnessed in the Heavens and Nature around them in "myths" and "legends" which would be remembered for all time among mankind and would you know they were right for all world religions are molded around these very myths (even Christianity); often without the knowledge of the many millions who follow their own religion believing that they alone follow the "only way, the truth, and the life". What a debt we owe these Spiritual Masters of the black race of Egypt, the land of Kam, and their black skinned children, the original Jews of the Bible who sacrificed their lives down through history to preserve these precious truths. Of course history and conquest has a way to "blur" Divine Truth and it has been "blurred" and at times these truths are almost non-recognizable. But in my opinion Biblical and Rabbinic Judaism is the best "existing" way today to reach back in time and listen to these Ancient Spiritual Masters speak to us today. That says a lot I believe coming from a former ordained Christian Pastor who studied too much and saw these hidden truths long lost and dusty in the corridors of the replacement religion he inherited in the Western hemisphere.

LOOKING AT OSIRIS A LITTLE CLOSER...THE ASTRONOMICAL SYMBOLISM

It has been by purpose in this website as well as in the earlier articles in this series to reveal that not only the Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mount is an astronomical allegory expressing higher Spiritual truth and was never intended to be seen in a "literal" fashion as most have been taught today but at the same time to introduce to the reader the hidden truths behind the "Jesus Story" and how this whole account is not a historical biography but rather a rather later "literalization" of prior spiritual myths and legends which were packed with Spiritual Truths which today have been lost to almost all of mankind. Remember these "Spiritual Truths" came from scrutiny of Astronomical phenomena as witnessed by Ancient Spiritual Masters as instructed originally by the Elohim. That of course is a whole other study for another day or even years. These Spiritual Truths of which I speak can be recovered today but not without much effort on the part of the seeker of truth. The folly of a "literal" interpretation is seen when we realize in so doing that we miss the hidden Divine Revelations given to the Ancients by the Creator or Creators in the beginning of our existence. Remember the names of God in your Bible are both singular and plural. In this article I wish to bring out some more of this lunar symbolism as understood by the Ancients as attached to the original "Jesus Story" which few know today is really the "Osiris Story".

Answer for yourself: How many Christians know the "Osiris Story" let alone the 200 parallels to the "Jesus Story" which Gearld Massey enumerates in his books on Egypt?

I believe that all Christians and followers of all world religion must understand the truth behind the "Jesus Story" for it is from the original "Osiris Story that all religions emanate" in some degree (even Christianity). It is in this story that the God Ausar (Osiris as the personified Sun) was killed by his brother, Set (personified darkness from which we later get the concept of the adversary of the Sun whom we call Satan).

Whether or not you believe in battles between the forces of light and darkness, this idea nevertheless occupies an important place in a substratum of collective belief in Western culture. It all came for primitive man's [fear of darkness](#). The idea of light-and-darkness is as old as the hills. The alternation of night/day and winter/summer has been a fundamental human experience throughout time. The interaction of light and dark created life. To the Ancients all creation was seen to result from infinite variations of these two polarities which together make one. As prehistory unfolded, people became increasingly habituated to hurting and harming one another. A shock to human values and sensibilities, this brought up the 'problem of evil'.

Answer for yourself: What made people do this? Why do we act out evil upon one another and where does this "evil" reside and what is its remedy? Are you aware that this quest for the answers to the origin of Evil was the ultimate reason for the origin of all religions? Was there an evil force causing people to act anti-socially or go against the Laws of Creation which taught order and harmony (Egypt called it Ma'at)? Thus arose the idea of a universal battle, symbolized originally between light and darkness, later personified in the battle between Horus (personified light) and Set (personified darkness); not merely being an interaction between the forces of light and darkness. **This is generally known as dualism and is the basis of most world religions in one fashion or the other.**

In this scenario, light became 'good' and darkness 'evil'. Light or "white" became good and "black" became evil and behind this is the origin for all racism. **This Cosmic principle of the tension between good and evil was preserved by the Ancients through the aid of myths and legends that captured for all time this Eternal Principle and we find it expressed through the agents of Osiris, Horus, and Set to begin with but others would follow in every nation under the Sun with their own similar myths carrying different names for the characters involved. The same story is told again and again down through history from nation to nation as they struggled with the same concepts and finds its final expression in history in the "Jesus Story" which rolled all these prior "myths" and "legends" rolled into one unique synthesis. This explains why there is no existing prior "religious myth" found in any one nation which contains all the parts of this puzzle which later we find rolled into this one unique synthesis in the "Jesus Story". It is the summary statement of all of them.**

This contest between good (life) and bad (death) and light and darkness is played out in many legends the world over; only the names change. [The New Testament account of Lazarus is but one of many of these myths](#). That may be a shock to you but if you read the article in the link above then you see that Lazarus is again a personification of this eternal struggle between light and darkness and is nothing more than a later retelling of the "Osiris Story". The original story of such a tension between good and evil and light versus darkness goes all the way back to Egypt and the legend of the triumph of life and light over darkness and death begins with Osiris. Everything it seems regarding religion began with Egypt. Thus the stories of being raised from the dead goes back to Egypt and their religion focused on death and the beyond and gives mankind great insight into this shadowy subject. Egypt's resurrection religion has as its very center one of the best known and most powerful myths, the raising of Osiris, the god of the dead. **Osiris, Ausar**, is the god of the dead, and the god of the resurrection into eternal life; ruler, protector, and judge of the deceased, and his prototype (the deceased was in historical times usually referred to as **"the Osiris" [L-Ausar/Lazarus..see above the word play]**). His cult originated in Abydos, where his actual tomb was said to be located. The essence of Osiris left to establish a kingdom in the constellation of Orion, while his body went to the underworld. So we have now see that Lazarus, or L-Asuras or Osiris is raised from the dead. Asur, is the real name of Osiris in Egyptian. But this again goes back to Egypt. It relates to one of the best known and most powerful myths, the raising of Osiris, the god of the dead which is nothing more than the personified story of the rebirth of the Sun from the dead following the Winter Solstice. But it is more as well; it also reflects Osiris in the Moon as well since the Moon reflects the light of the Sun. Identified variously with the waters of the Nile and the grain of the earth (the physical realm of matter), the Moon, and the Sun (the celestial realm), Osiris was the great symbol of the creative forces of nature and the imperishability of life (the triumph of life over death and light over darkness as we have seen in the path of the Sun through the Heavens as well as the Moon being but a reflection of God's Light in the Sun). This is all the more important when we realize that the Ancients saw in these events man's

example of how he is to live his life as well as the pattern to be followed at his death. Osiris was the pattern for the "perfect man" like Jesus is made to be to the Christian...the role model). As Osiris was "the goal" so was Jesus made the "goal". We call it "Christ-likeness" today and this expresses perfectly of what I speak. In this teaching of the "Christ within" we approximate exactly what the Ancients understood about "becoming Osiris". But when this "Jesus Story" is only interpreted historically, which it is not, then we move into idol worship and miss the Divine Truths desirous of the Creator we learn. We recognize this as Christians as being "in Christ"; the Ancient Egyptian sages, priests and Pharaohs understood it as "becoming Osiris" or being "in Osiris" just like the concept was later called "in Christ".

Rom 8:1 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (KJV)

Rom 16:7 7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. (KJV)

1 Cor 1:30 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: (KJV)

2 Cor 5:17 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)

Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (KJV)

Answer for yourself: How can the above verses be understood as if referring to a historical Christ Jesus? They cannot and the "gnosis" of the "Christ within" has today been tragically lost and replaced by the "Christ historical-without". This one simply did not exist except in Rome's imagination and the forgery of a Second New Testament that replaced the First New Testament of the Gnostic Christians which ONLY taught a "Christ Within".

Now we turn to the "Osiris Story". Osiris died and the Sun stood still for 3 days and men feared the Sun had died. Through the power of Birth (Isis) under the authority and skill of Thoth (The Higher Genius) Osiris arose on the physical plane as the great avenging god Horus, his son. On the spiritual plane Osiris became the great god of the underworld. Like Jesus he became the god that the Egyptians needed to become in order to be saved.

I wish in this article to present some interesting facts about Osiris, the prototype for the New Testament Jesus, who was first and foremost a God of Fertility before his death, and God of the Underworld after his murder by his brother Set (Typhon). Osiris was the son of Geb (earth) and Nuit/ Nut (the heavens), and is credited with inventing the instruments of agriculture. He also instituted Law, Marriage and Religion. Isis, his sister and wife is credited with teaching men the use of barley and wheat. Osiris' brother Set (Typhon) was filled with envy and malice and sought to usurp his throne. But Isis, who held the reigns of government (for Isis represented the sovereignty of the land), frustrated his plans. Set resolved to kill Osiris and organized a conspiracy. Osiris was persuaded to lie down in a wooden chest and Set and his 72 two conspirators nailed shut the chest and flung it into the Nile. With the help of Nephthys, her sister and Anubis, Isis found the chest on the shores of Byblos, but Set, while out hunting by moonlight, discovered the chest, opened it, and cut Osiris' body into 14 pieces (14 days is half the lunar cycle), which he scattered throughout the land. Important for us to notice is that Set discovered and stole this chest back from her and cut Osiris' body into fourteen pieces which he then scattered across Egypt. Isis, Nephthys and Anubis found all but one piece (the phallus) and with the aid of the magician Thoth, resurrected Osiris. Osiris became God of the Underworld and Judge of the souls of the deceased. After much bickering and fighting between Set and Horus, the son of Isis

and Osiris, as to who would inherit the throne of Egypt, Horus was given the throne by Ra/Re. **Few Egyptologists today have noticed that the Osiris Ritual still exists under the disguise of both the gnostic and canonical gospels, or that it was the fountain-head and source of all the books of wisdom claimed to be divine. In the mythology - that is, in the primitive mode of rendering the phenomena of external nature** - Osiris as light-giver in the Moon was torn in fourteen pieces during the latter half of the lunation by the evil Sut, the personified and opposing power of darkness. He was put together again and reconstituted by his son, beloved Horus, the young solar god. This representation could not have been made until it was **known that the lunar light was replenished monthly from the solar source**. Then Horus as the Sun god and the vanquisher of Sut, the power of darkness, could be called the reconstituter of **Osiris in the Moon**. In that way a foundation was laid in natural fact according to the science of mythology, and a mystery bequeathed to the eschatology which is doctrinal. **For as it had been with the dismembered, mutilated god in the mythos, so it is with the Osiris deceased, who has to be reconstructed for a future life and put together bit by bit as a spiritual body in one of the great mysteries of Amenta. Amenta represents the Underworld or Land of the Dead. Originally it meant the horizon of the Sun set. Later, it became the symbol of the west bank of the Nile, where the Sun set and also where the Egyptians traditionally buried their dead.**

In another version of this legend, **Isis swallowed Osiris and brought him back to life, reincarnated as the child Horus, or else as the ithyphallic moon-god Min, or Menu. To some the myth that Isis assembled Osiris from his body parts that she swallowed and spat him out as Osiris-Min represents reincarnation, or continuation of life. After his resurrection he became a god and became known as lord of the underworld and as the moon-god. He is sort of the equivalent of Christ in Christianity. By the 18th dynasty in Egypt he was the equal of Ra.**

Osiris, being the first living thing to die, subsequently became lord of the dead. His death was avenged by his son Horus, who defeated Set and cast him out into the desert to the West of Egypt (the Sahara). Prayers and spells were addressed to Osiris throughout Egyptian history, in hopes of securing his blessing and entering the afterlife which he ruled; but his popularity steadily increased through the Middle Kingdom. **By Dynasty XVIII he was probably the most widely worshipped god in Egypt.**

His popularity endured until the latest phases of Egyptian history; reliefs and statues still exist of Roman emperors, conquerors of Egypt, dressed in the traditional garb of the Pharaohs, making offering to Osiris in Roman temples. The worship of Osiris, better understood as the worship of the Power that reanimated Osiris whom was identified with the Sun who was again a symbol of the Intelligent Creator and Live-Giver of the Universe, was one of the great cults of ancient Egypt. It gradually spread throughout the Mediterranean world and, with that of Isis and Horus, was especially vital during the time of the Roman Empire and it would be Rome again who gives us the New Testament.

Answer for yourself: Could this be one reason why the "Jesus Story" is a copy-cat retelling of the "Osiris Story" and the "Horus Story" all rolled into one?

Answer for yourself: Should it concern us that after all, the Church Fathers who canonized the New Testament were all Romans (ex-pagans who converted to Christianity), who grew up with "Osiris Worship" and is it just possible that in creating a replacement religion for Judaism that they only recast "Osiris" and the "new Jesus"?

Answer for yourself: Did you catch the statement above? **Roman emperors dressed like Egyptian Pharaohs?** How big could have been; this Egyptian influence upon Rome and the Roman New Testament and we not know it? This is all the more important because the fact of the matter is that modern scholarship today tells us that the **New Testament Jesus is a plagiarized version of Osiris and his son Horus which again is but the Egyptian myth of the personified Sun and Moon.** You only have to know the myth of Osiris and Horus and contrast the myth of Osiris and the **myth of Horus** with the "Jesus Story" to see **these similarities yourself.**

Answer for yourself: Instead of trying to "believe" the "Jesus Story" as a literal and historical truth don't you think it is time we, as did the Ancients, come to the understanding of these "God-breathed" truths that lay behind the "myths" and "legends" of these solar heroes, these gods and goddesses instead of focusing on them as if "literal truths"?

Answer for yourself: Is it not time to realize that similarly Heru or Horus was changed into Jesus, the son (Sun) of God?

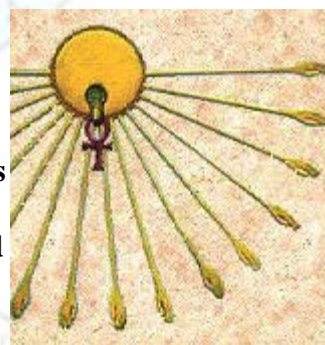
Answer for yourself: Are you beginning to see that the "Jesus Story", prototype for Constantine's bible, is to be found published in detail in the Egyptian Book of the Dead?

Answer for yourself: Do you remember the reference above to the 18th Dynasty of Egypt? Did you know that the Pharaoh Akhenaten is believed by many scholars today like Ahmed Osman and others to be the Biblical Moses? If that is so, and the archeological evidence supports it today, then why is the promotion of Aten over Osiris by Moses so important? Who is this Aten?

The Aten gained its prominence during the reign of Akhenaten. The heretic king made an effort it seems, to unite all the peoples of Egypt under one god. He abolished the traditional cults of Egypt and replaced them with the Aten. Unfortunately for Akhenaten, the Egyptians did not wish to be united in this fashion. Traditions, even false ones are hard to give up. **Akhenaten, the Biblical Moses, considered the Aten to be the invisible creative force in the universe and the only god worthy of his worship.**

Exod 20:1-6 1 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. (KJV)

Of course now you see that even the innocent worship of Osiris as a presentation of God is not allowed. **We can understand Osiris and Jesus as a "Divine Concept" but not as a literal personage worthy of prays, songs, or worship or adoration for all of these are strictly reserved for God ALONE! Do do otherwise is gross idolatry and forbidden by Moses and the later Jewish faith.** Moses understood that innocently Egypt was "getting off the path" in their worship of the Creator and something had to be done so he took quick and decisive action and enforced the worship of the **Invisible Uncreated Intelligent Energy of the Cosmos who Alone is God!** Therefore there is to be 3 dimensional representation of Osiris or Jesus or any other for that matter. This commandment is not only found in the Laws of Noah but in the Laws of Moses as well. Thus inscriptions state that the god of Moses, the original Aten, had no physical image, but it was represented as a solar disk projecting many downward rays that ended as human hands. Sometimes holding ankhs, the symbol of eternal life.



Answer for yourself: Could it just be that Moses' rebellion (Akhenaten..in the 18th dynasty) and closing down of all the Temples in Egypt and enforcing the worship of Aten in Egypt was due to this prevalence of Egypt's worship of the "personified godman" over the worship of the Invisible, Uncreated Intelligent Energy of the Universe whom today Christians call Yahweh or "God"? THINK!

Egyptian history and archeological records today teach us that the Aten gained its prominence during the reign of Akhenaten. The heretic king made an effort it seems, to unite all the peoples of Egypt under one god. He abolished the traditional cults of Egypt and replaced them with the Aten. Unfortunately for Akhenaten, the

Egyptians did not wish to be united in this fashion. The king considered the Aten to be the creative force in the universe and the only god worthy of his worship.

Answer for yourself: In other word was Moses trying to stop the worship of the "personified Osiris" of his day or as known today by a similar name today the "personified Jesus" of his day? THINK!

We need another Moses today to refocus our worship from the false godman of Nicea, Jesus of Constantine's doing, back to the invisible Creator God.

Fortunately, centuries of Christian book burning (like the burning of the Alexandrian library and its 700,000 volumes by Rome in the 4th century) cannot erase the stars, the Sun nor the Moon. Archeology today has given us the glory of Ancient Egypt and their rich Spiritual heritage. By looking at the Gospels through the eyes of an astronomer and astrologer, we can understand why the Gospels follow the same story outline which was to be understood only on a higher "allegorical" and "spiritual" level.

Now back to our main points since we cannot chase too many rabbits in every article.

Osiris eventually became the most important of the Egyptian gods, taking over the function of Ra, and he assumed the role of all the nature gods which then just represented aspects of his divine resurrection. But I hope you saw that behind the "Osiris myth" is first of all astronomy

Answer for yourself: Was the **message of resurrection from the dead** understood by the Ancients by looking at the Moon? Was the Osiris story and the connection to him being cut into **14 parts symbolic of the stages or phases of the Moon?** Was Osiris being "restored" after his death a picture of "life after death" or "resurrection" which again was pictured in the continual cycle of the Moon passing through its phases, from darkness to light back to darkness, being understood by the Ancients allegorically for birth, life, death, rebirth as a Divine Principle working in God's Cosmos? It sure was. It is really not to hard once you see it.

1 Cor 15:46 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. (KJV)

It should becoming clearer now for the reader. Ancients sages and Priests could only apprehend the nature-forces by their effects, and try to represent these by means of other powers that were present in nature, but which were also necessarily superior to the human. The powers first perceived in external nature were not only unlike the human, they were very emphatically and distinctly more than human. So they fashioned a type of sign-language to express these greater than human "powers" which were invisible and which were at work above and around them. These powers and patterns and cycles were represented first in the form of animals which exhibited attributes greater than the human and only after along period of time were they refashioned in the likeness of man. That is where they got off for as time will show us they would being to worship "man" who for them was image of this God that they saw at work above and around them. This "human representation" of God over time was captured again in myths and the "gnosis" originally possessed was lost in subsequent generations and what was originally ONLY understood as "allegories", "figurations", "symbolisms" and "typifications" became erroneously understood and interpreted as if "literal" and or "historical". It happened for Osiris and it has happened for his successor; the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament. On this website alone I have shown in many, many places, that an unbiased study of History will show you that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. An unbiased through study of Comparative Religion will reveal to you that the basic plot of the Jesus Story, from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is

nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. Personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book. If we understand that behind these "representations" of solar orbs and forces of nature lie real "Divine Truths" recognized by the Ancient Spiritualists which we have lost today when we "literalize" these myths we have inherited with a false hermeneutic and interpretation attached to them. The Transfiguration of Jesus is but one of many of these pieces of "lost wisdom" which we read never realizing that we possess no truth to the account when we read it literally and this is no different from the story of Lazarus or the Nativity or the Crucifixion for that matter. These were never intended to be understood historically as if a biography of some historical person and courageous study will reveal that to the true "truth seeker".

Answer for yourself: Is it just a coincidence that along with Jesus who was "transfigured" on the mountain we find Moses and Elijah, both whom were dead but appearing as if alive again? How are we to see this story? Did actually Moses and Elijah show us? How do we reconcile this with commandments to not consult the dead in the Torah? The Torah says *"Do not act on the basis of omens. Do not act on the basis of auspicious times."* The Israel of God, the legacy of Moses and Egypt, is to be a holy and intelligent nation. Therefore God commanded us not to follow false teachings like the "literalized" Osiris and "Jesus Story" and not to think that they are actually true. The Torah says, *"There is no divination in Israel and no occult powers in Israel."* (*Numbers 23:23*). This indicates that occult practices and divination are not proper for the nations of Israel. For us to think that this occurred with a historical Jesus would have been sin and disqualifies him, if real, of being anyone's Messiah. Of course you are seeing that the whole story if Mystical and Mythical and based off off Astronomy and movements of orbs in the Heavens. Rabbi Moshe Maimonides (the RaMbaM) writes that divination and occult practices are totally ineffective. They are false means of fooling people, thought up by early idolaters in order to draw people to follow them. Whoever believes that these are true powers that are merely forbidden by the Torah lacks intelligence. Truly intelligent people realize that there is actually no substance to these things. The Torah forbids them because these were invented by fools, to trick others. People should not waste time with this instead of studying Torah for in it and its proper interpretation are the ways of God's salvation for Jew and Gentile.

Answer for yourself: Looking at Osiris in the Mount of the Moon again then was this a picture and a message of the Divine Truth that there exists a "resurrection from the dead" following the Godly ordained pattern for man's spiritual development and was this "Divine Truth" being taught daily by the Sun and monthly by the Moon as it reflected the light of the Sun? Was this same Spiritual and Divine Truth captured for all time by Egyptian myth and was this same truth foreshadowed by the Ancients in the "Osiris myth"?

If you ask what phenomenon played a vital part in developing the human imagination to believe in a life after death, it was, quite simply, observing the Moon. The part that the Moon has played in resurrection beliefs is one of the most fascinating subjects in the history of religions. The Sun is always the same. The Moon, on the other hand, is born new, grows to maturity, dies and is resurrected. The period of the new Moon -- the resurrection of the Moon -- became one of the most important religious celebrations in all primitive cultures. And do not miss this next fact. Even church father St. Augustine, writing within the framework of 4th century Christianity, still used the cycles of the Moon as his "proof" that there was a resurrection from the dead. Other church fathers used the same argument as "proof." "On the third day he rose again from the dead" is a phrase found in primal religious liturgies that refer to the resurrection of the Moon after the third night of darkness following its death and complete darkness. As the Moon dies and cometh to life again, so we also, having to die will rise again," declared the Ancient Egyptian sages. Basically the Moon was "she," for the Moon-Goddess created time, with its cycles of creation, growth, decline and destruction. But that is not a hard and fast rule as we find with Osiris. This "feminine connection" with the Moon is why almost all ancient calendars were based on phases of the Moon and menstrual cycles (28 days of

the Moon cycle, 28 days of the cycle of a woman's menses).

Answer for yourself: By observing such similarities in patterns and cycles observed in the Heavens above and within the physiology of mankind then did the Ancients come to the understanding that they were "created in the Image of the only God that they could see, the God who operated above their heads"? Yes they did.

Calendar and "time" consciousness developed first in women, because of their natural menstrual body calendar, correlated with observations of the moon's phases.

As mentioned above some scholars have proposed that Osiris' division into 14 pieces reflects that god's relationship with the Moon. The Moon waxes and increases its illuminated area for 14 days and then loses a piece each day for another 14 days, just as Osiris was cut into 14 pieces and had to have these same 14 pieces remade. The Astronomical event of the waning of the Moon (decreasing illumination surface of the Moon) and waxing of the Moon (increasingly illuminated surface of the Moon) is where the myth gets its life. The full Moon as viewed by the Ancients was seen as the counterpart of the Sun on the same mountain in the sky. Likewise as the Moon was in full splendor and illuminated brightly on the mountain of the sky when full at night so again was Jesus, as the personified Sun, is to be found on the same mountain at the Summer solstice. This should make all the more sense when realizing that the Moon gets her light from the Sun. Then the Moon, in its eternal cycle disappears into the darkness as it wanes, and again like Osiris, reappears **two or three days later as it waxes anew, resurrected like that god. Osiris was the personification of this Astronomical lunar events and so is Jesus in the New Testament. The Moon is invisible for about three days during the new Moon phase just as was Jesus 3 days in the tomb.**

Answer for yourself: Can all of this be but a coincidence? Hardly.

The Moon is the brightest object in the night sky, with clear features and changing brightness. **It like the Sun passes through a cycle of birth, life, death, and rebirth and the Ancients understood this Divine Concept and expressed it in myths.** As a result the Moon, and not only the Sun, looms large in our world view. Almost every culture in the world and across time has a Moon myth. There are colorful stories of how the Moon came to be in the sky, why the Moon has phases and why the Moon has features on its face. The Moon was often an important god or goddess with spiritual connections to fertility, crops, spring, death and rebirth and other cyclic changes. **The Moon as you can now see also had connections with the story of the death and resurrection of the Egyptian god Osiris. In later ages of the Egyptian empire, the Moon directly stood for Osiris, who ruled the transformation from life to death and cyclic changes. The waxing and waning of the Moon was interpreted as the death and resurrection of the god. Osiris became to be identified with the Sun and Moon, and with the great creative and rejuvenescence force or power, ie., the resurrection, and of life of every sort and kind which has the power of renewing itself.**

Perhaps this sense of the **number three** explains sufficiently why it is used in reference to **the period between death and resurrection.** But then again, there may be other factors involved. For example, the Moon is invisible for about three days during the new Moon phase. And according to a Jewish belief that perhaps originated in Persia, the soul stays near the body for three days after a person's death: "For three days the soul hovers over the grave, contemplating a return to the body, but once it sees that the facial color has faded, it goes away, never to return" (Gen. Rab. 50:10).

John 11:17 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he (Lazarus) had lain in the grave four days already. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence that we find this same 3 days mentioned in the story of the resurrection of "the Osiris" who we saw above was "L-Ausar or Lazarus"? Mention is made in the account of Lazarus of 4 days? Why 4 days? Because it is on the 4th day, the day following the 3 days of total darkness and allegorical

death of the Sun at the Winter solstice and the Moon following its waning and total darkness for 3 days, that both orbs begin to show new "life" as seen in the Sun's movement once again in its northward trek up the sky as well as the Moon as it begins to reflect the light of the Sun as a "crescent Moon".

Answer for yourself: Is it a coincidence or a deeper Spiritual Truth told through the agency of myth which was never meant to be interpreted "literally"?

BUT ISN'T MYTHOLOGY EVIL?

Now it is important to understand how these Ancients viewed these "gods". Contrary to popular belief, the ancients were not an ignorant and superstitious lot who actually believed their deities to be literal characters. Indeed, this slanderous propaganda has been part of the conspiracy to make the ancients appear as if they were truly the dark and dumb rabble that was in need of the "light of Jesus." The reality is that the ancients were no less advanced in their morals and spiritual practices, and in many cases were far more advanced, than the Christians in their own supposed morality and ideology, which, in its very attempt at historicity, is in actuality a degradation of the ancient Mythos. Indeed, unlike the "superior" Christians, the true intelligentsia amongst the ancients were well aware that their gods were astronomical and atmospheric in nature. Socrates, Plato and Aristotle surely knew that Zeus, the sky god father figure who migrated to Greece from India and/or Egypt, was never a real person, despite the fact that the Greeks have designated on Crete both a birth cave and a death cave of Zeus. In addition, all over the world are to be found sites where this god or that allegedly was born, walked, suffered, died, etc., a common and unremarkable occurrence that is not monopolized by, and did not originate with, Christianity.

Answer for yourself: So where do we find the original transfiguration of a god?

Gerald Massey, famed Egyptologist, explains the mythical meaning of the transfiguration and the origin of all later transfigurations when speaking of Osiris: The scene on the Mount of Transfiguration is obviously derived from the ascent of Osiris into the mount of the Moon (his 14 pieces lost and restored which is seen in the 14 day cycle of the Moon). The sixth day was celebrated as that of the change and transformation of the solar god into the lunar orb, when he re-entered on that day as the regenerator of its light.

With this we may compare the statement made by Matthew, that *"after six days Jesus" went "up into a high mountain apart; and he was transfigured," "and his face did shine as the Sun, and his garments became white as the light"* (G. Massey, The Historical Jesus And The Mythical Christ, p. 78). So you might say that Osiris is the "man in the Moon" and it is in the moon's fullness, after the 14 days of waxing of the Moon (regathering 14 parts of the Moon and its illuminated surface), that we see the fully resurrected Osiris as the full Moon shinning so brilliantly in the darkness (personified death) like the Sun (remember the Moon's only light is the reflected light of the Sun). In the "Jesus Story" we have the example of light and her victory over the darkness of night (the evil of death) as seen in the presence of Moses and Elijah. High in the mountain of the sky the Ancients came to understand that it is the Sun, by means of its reflected light off of the dark and lifeless orb of the Moon, that transfigures the death of the Moon into new life. The Moon became transfigured as a dead orb possessing no light into one brilliantly shinning in the mountain top of the night sky but also became in doing so one like the Sun. But also the myth of Osiris tells the same story by the recombination of his 14 pieces which correspond to the phases of the Moon and as they are restored Osiris lives again as does the Moon and the Ancients understood that this "transfiguration" in the mountain of the sky spoke to them of "resurrection from the dead". So as high in the sky as was Jesus, the personified Sun shinning in all his glory in the "Jesus Story", when revealing the glory of God and the Divine within him (as the pattern for all mankind in their spiritual development), we find Osiris shinning with the life of the Sun in the darkness of the underworld.

Answer for yourself: Who else was "transfigured"? Well there were many others besides Osiris and Jesus but

lack of space will limit to discussion of only a few.

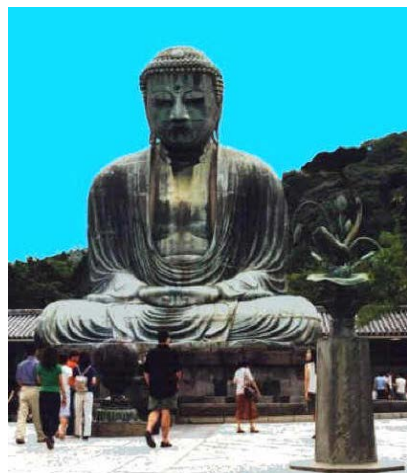


For those of you not familiar with Dionysus and the influence this myth had on the later "Jesus Story" let me give you a quick summary. "Almost always," says Dr. Cheetham, "the suffering of a god--suffering followed by triumph--seems to have been the subject of the sacred drama." Then occasionally to the Neophytes, after taking part in the pilgrimage, and when their minds had been prepared by an ordeal of darkness and fatigue and terrors, was accorded a revelation of Paradise, and even **a vision of Transfiguration--the form of the Hierophant himself, or teacher of the Mysteries, being seen half-lost in a blaze of light (transfiguration)**. Finally, there was the eating of food and drinking of barley-drink from the sacred chest--a kind of Communion or Eucharist (Edwin Hatch, D.D., The Influence of Greek Ideas and Usages on the Christian Church (London, 1890), pp. 283-5). **But as stated the Dionysus story itself if taken from an much earlier and Ancient story of Osiris in Egypt. Osiris and Dionysus, as both these gods surrender their lives for mankind during what was once the eighth month of the Roman year (mid-summer at the Summer solstice).**

This is the end of the period of inundation of the Nile in Egypt, when the flood waters begin to recede, and the full impact of the flood, whether for better or worse can be measured by the priests. This is also the end of the wine harvest in temperate climates, when the last grapes have ripened on the vine, before the cold sets in, withering the

leaves. The grapes are crushed and their blood is sealed away in darkness where a sacred transfiguration takes place and the new wine is born. Among many reasons why the birth and return of Dionysus was celebrated during the middle of winter is the fact that the first wine is ready at this time. The ancients gave the wine approximately **72 days to ferment**, this is also the amount of time that the priests of Anubis allowed for the mummification of the dead.

Let us now look at Buddah.



The life of Buddha ended sublimely. During a journey he felt ill. He came to the river Hiranja, near Kuschinagara. There he lay down on a carpet spread for him by his favorite disciple, Ananda. **His body began to shine from within. He died transfigured, a body of light, saying, "Nothing endures." The death of Buddha corresponds with the transfiguration of Jesus.**

The life of Jesus, however, contains more than the life of Buddha. Buddha's life ends with the transfiguration. The most significant part of the life of Jesus begins after the transfiguration. **In the language of the initiates**, Buddha reaches the point where divine light begins to shine in man. He stands before the death of the physical. He becomes the cosmic light. Jesus goes further. He does not die physically at the moment the cosmic light transfigures him. At that moment he is a Buddha. But at the same moment he enters upon a stage which finds expression in a higher degree of initiation. He suffers and dies. The physical part of him disappears. But the spiritual, the cosmic light does not vanish. His resurrection

follows. He reveals himself to his community as Christ. At the moment of his transfiguration, Buddha dissolves into the hallowed life of the universal Spirit. Christ Jesus awakens this universal Spirit once more to present existence in a human form. **Such an event had formerly taken place in a pictorial sense at the higher stages of initiation of the mysteries. Those initiated according to the Osiris myth attained to such a resurrection in their consciousness as a pictorial experience.** In the life of Jesus this "great" initiation was added to the Buddha initiation, not as a pictorial experience, but as reality. **Buddha demonstrated by his life that man is the Logos and that he returns to this Logos, to the light, when his physical part dies. In Jesus the Logos was made by the writers of the New Testament to become a person. In Jesus the Word became flesh "literally" according to these reshapers of the Ancient mythos by the writers of the New Testament.**

Answer for yourself: Is it possible that God is trying to reach all of His children, in all nations, with these "higher Spiritual Truths" through the agency of similar myths?

Well all of the above is a beautiful story but it has to be understood for what it really is. Its ultimate origin was taken from Astronomy from the Ancients actual observations of the path of the Sun at the Summer solstice where the Sun reaches the Zenith of its path in the sky in the hottest days of mid-summer. The Sun, climbing from its new birth following the Winter solstice reaches its apex in its path in the sky at the Summer solstice.



In Egypt the year began soon after the Summer Solstice, when the Sun descended from its midsummer height, lost its force, and lessened in its size as it descends the sky on its way to its final death at the [Winter solstice](#). This all represented Osiris, who was born of the Virgin Mother as the child Horus, the diminished infantile Sun of Autumn; the suffering, wounded, bleeding Egyptian "messeh" or Messiah, as he was represented. **"The word 'Messiah' comes from the Hebrew verb 'to anoint', which itself is derived from the Egyptian word messeh, 'the holy crocodile'. It was with the fat of the messeh that the Pharaoh's sister-brides anointed their husbands on marriage. The Egyptian custom sprang from kingly practice in old Mesopotamia."** (Sir Laurence Gardner, "The Hidden History of Jesus and the Holy Grail" (from a lecture given at the Ranch, Yelm, Washington, 30 April 1997). Osiris, like Jesus, descended into hell, or hades, where he was transformed into the virile Horus, and rose again as the Sun of the resurrection at Easter. In these two characters of Horus on the two horizons, Osiris furnished the dual type for the Canonical Christ, which shows very satisfactorily HOW the mythical prescribes the boundaries beyond which the historical does not, dare not, go. The first was the child Horus, who always remained a child. In Egypt the boy or girl wore the Horus-lock of childhood until 12 years of

age. Thus childhood ended about the twelfth year. But although adulthood was then entered upon by the youth, and the transformation of the boy into manhood began, the full adulthood was not attained until 30 years of age.

Answer for yourself: Does the ages of ["12"](#) and ["30"](#) stand out to you as you remember the "Jesus Story"? Coincidence?

The man of 30 years was the typical adult. The age of adulthood was 30 years, as it was in Rome under Lex Pappia. As with the man, so it is with the God; and the second Horus, the same God in his second character, is the Khemt or Khem-Horus, the typical adult of 30 years. **The God up to twelve years was Horus, the child of Isis, the mother's child, the weakling. The virile Horus (the Sun in its vernal strength), the adult of 30 years, was representative of the Fatherhood, and this Horus is the anointed son of Osiris. These two characters of Horus the child, and Horus the adult of 30 years, are reproduced in the only two phases of the life of Jesus in the Gospels.** John furnishes no historic data for the time when the Word was incarnated and became flesh; nor for the childhood of Jesus; nor for the transformation into the Messiah. But Luke tells us that the child of twelve years was the wonderful youth, and that he increased in wisdom and stature. **This is the length of years assigned to Horus the child; and this phase of the child-Christ's life is followed by the baptism and anointing, the descent of the pubescent spirit with the consecration of the Messiah in Jordan, when Jesus "began to be about 30 years of age."**

So in drawing these articles to a close we can say, especially if you have read other articles on this site detailing other evidences, that from beginning to end the **Canonical Gospels contain the Drama of the Mysteries of the Luni-Solar God, narrated as a human history.** We can say then for sure that the **scene on the Mount of Transfiguration is obviously derived from the ascent of Osiris into the Mount of Transfiguration in the Moon. The sixth day was celebrated as that of the change and transformation of the Solar God in the lunar orb, which he re-entered on that day as the regenerator of its light.** With this we may compare the statement made by Matthew, that **"after six days Jesus went up into a high mountain apart, and he was transfigured, and his face did shine as the Sun, and his garments became white as the light."** **In Egypt the year began soon after the Summer Solstice, when the Sun descended from its midsummer**

height, lost its force, and lessened in its size. This represented Osiris, who was born of the Virgin Mother as the child Horus, the diminished infantile Sun of Autumn; the suffering, wounded, bleeding Messiah, as he was represented. He descended into hell, or hades (the 3 great days of darkness at either the end of the Moon phase or it can be applied to the 3 days of the Sun's stillness at the Summer solstice as it begins to descend to the Autumn equinox and greater darkness and apparent death at the 3 days of the Winter solstice where the Sun stand still and the days year is filled with the longest darkest and coldest days of the year where the Ancients believed the Sun had died), where he was transformed into the virile Horus, and rose again as the Sun of the resurrection at Easter. This "Osiris Story" is without a doubt the "Jesus Story" retold. The "Jesus Story" is the final chapter in a long book of Astro-theology handed down since the beginning of recorded time.

Since the beginning of the year when our story began the Sun has been climbing higher and higher in the sky each day. Each day the Sun rises farther northward in the east, and sets farther northward in the west. The days are getting longer and brighter and warmer. On June 21 we reach the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. On this day the Sun rises farthest northward, the Sun climbs to its highest point in the sky, and then sets farthest northward in the west. It is the beginning of Summer, a period of bright, sunny, warm, and wonderful weather. **It is at this point in the Jesus Story, where the SUN is at its greatest GLORY and BRIGHTNESS, that we have the Transfiguration of Jesus where his "face shone like the Sun".**

Matt 17:2 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. (KJV)

Jesus goes up a high mountain, the highest point Jesus reaches in the story, and shines brighter than ever, the brightest he shines in the whole of his story. **"His face shone like the sun."** (Matthew 17:1-13) Jesus brings with him Peter, James, and John, and at the mountain top they meet Moses and Elijah. But understand that the Sun can not escape its ultimate fate. The Sun will continue slipping southward, Autumn will come, and the Sun will eventually die in the cold dark of the Winter Solstice on December 22, to be resurrected again three days later, on December 25.

Answer for yourself: Coincidence?

This turning point is the first time we may think about the eventual death of the Sun and it's ultimate fate in winter. Jesus first predicts his death just before the Transfiguration (Matthew 16:21-28). But the Sun can not remain at it's highest point forever. If it did there would be no seasons of the year. The harvest cycle wouldn't exist. We rely on the harvest cycle for our food, without which we would die. **And just as the Sun can not escape it's fate, so too Jesus, a personification of the Sun, can not escape his fate, as he begins to tell us at this point in the story of his soon coming death.**

Matt 17:9 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you catch that? **Risen "again"**? How can Jesus who has not died yet be "RISEN AGAIN"?

Opps! The editors of the New Testament forgot to remove this blunder and it goes only to show us that the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than the retelling of the path of the Sun. Jesus is the personified Sun of the New Testament which "rises again and again" and has done so and will do so eternally. Surely you see this. This fact explains why if you undertake an unbiased study of History you will find that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the "Jesus Story" originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. This explains why an unbiased through study of Comparative Religion will reveal to you that the basic plot of the "Jesus Story", from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for the Sun and Moon and their cycles and paths in

the Heavens and the Sun again in its annual passage through the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. **Believe it or not, or do the study for yourself, and you will see as I did that the personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book.**

The waning cycle of the Moon also stands for Osiris' journey into the underworld just as it did for Jesus' 3 days in hell which is again the 3 days of the darkness of the Moon before it renewed crescent following its 2nd 14 days phase following its fullness. As the Moon grows dark, it goes "into darkness," the equivalent of the underworld, hades, and hell, and the waxing cycle as the Moon grows brighter which is both Osiris' ascent from the underworld as well as Jesus' resurrection following battling this great darkness for 3 days. Without going into too much detail, suffice to say that the number 14 is a very important number to the worshippers of Osiris, for more reasons than his death. Osiris, in his association with both the Sun and Moon, represents the principle of cycles; that everything has a beginning and an ending, but that life still goes on and new life takes the place of the old.

Whether you believe it or not does not matter, the fatal fact remains that every trait and feature which go to make up the Christ as Divinity, and every event or circumstance taken to establish the human personality were pre-extant, and pre-applied to the Egyptian and Gnostic Christ, who never could become flesh. The Jesus Christ with female paps, who is the Alpha and Omega of Revelation, was the IU of Egypt, and the Iao of the Chaldeans. Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Ichthys the Fish, was Egyptian. Jesus as the Coming One; Jesus born of the Virgin Mother, who was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost; Jesus born of two mothers, both of whose names are Mary; Jesus born in the manger--at Christmas, and again at Easter; Jesus saluted by the three kings, or Magi; Jesus of the transfiguration on the Mount; Jesus whose symbol in the Catacombs is the eight-rayed Star--the Star of the East; Jesus as the eternal Child; Jesus as God the Father, re-born as his own Son; Jesus as the Child of twelve years; Jesus as the Anointed One of thirty years; Jesus in his Baptism; Jesus walking on the Waters, or working his Miracles; Jesus as the Caster-out of demons; Jesus as a Substitute, who suffered in a vicarious atonement for sinful men; Jesus whose followers are the two brethren, the four fishers, the seven fishers, the twelve apostles, the seventy (or seventy-two in some texts) whose names were written in Heaven; Jesus who was administered to by seven women; Jesus in his bloody sweat; Jesus betrayed by Judas; Jesus as conqueror of the grave; Jesus the Resurrection and the Life; Jesus before Herod; in the Hades, and in his re-appearance to the women, and to the seven fishers; Jesus who was crucified both on the 14th and 15th of the month Nisan; Jesus who was also crucified in Egypt (as it is written in Revelation); Jesus as judge of the dead, with the sheep on the right hand, and the goats on the left, is Egyptian from first to last, in every phase, from the beginning to the end--"Gerald Massey

"The Christian religion and Masonry have one and the same common origin: Both are derived from the worship of the Sun. The difference between their origin is, that the Christian religion is a parody on the worship of the Sun, in which they put a man whom they call Christ, in the place of the Sun, and pay him the same adoration which was originally paid to the Sun".-

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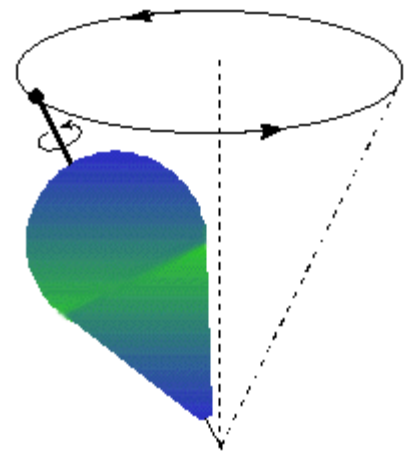
THE TWELVE AGES OR AEONS OR DISCIPLES: ...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

Many of the anecdotes and stories in New Testament have to do with the astronomical phenomena called '**The Precession of the Equinoxes.**' This is the movement of the constellations relative to the motion of the Earth. There are three basic celestial motions that concerned the ancients & that were symbolized by three circles, a motif seen on religious architecture:

- **There is the motion of the Earth around the Sun,**
- **There is the motion or orbit of the Earth on its own axis &**
- **There is the 'wobble' motion of the planet Earth as it turns on its own axis.**

This latter motion is the one that makes it appear as if the point of the Equinoxes are moving backwards in relation to the fixed astrological houses. Now this motion may not seem worthy of attention to most readers. However, we cannot emphasize it enough as the '**Precession**' is the heart of all **mythology, symbolism & religion.** One cannot have astrology without it. It is the secret of all magical, Hermetic traditions & volumes can be & have been written on it, few which are in print today. Even the humble nursery rhymes descend from it. Jack and Jill, Humpty Dumpty, Goosy Goosy Gander, Old Mother Hubbard, etc., all contain cryptic sabean motifs.

The zodiac is of twelve houses. It takes **72 years for the zodiac to move 'backwards' just one degree of arc of 360 degrees. This means that it takes 2,160 years for the sun to pass through one sign of the zodiac of 30 degrees.** And for all twelve signs it takes 25,920 years for one complete revolution of the Zodiac where each sign of the Zodiac has ruled the Vernal or Spring Equinox. This complete revolution of the Zodiac of 25,920 years is called the Platonic Year or the Grand Cycle. In order to uncover some of the mysteries that are shrouded in our mythological and religious symbols, including the Great Sphinx, we must look beyond our Earth year to a much longer cycle of our planet. We call this greater cycle, or one wobble of the Earth, the Platonic year in honor of the Greek philosopher Plato — whose ideas concerning the realities of the physical and metaphysical planes are still cherished by many of us who are seeking the wisdom of the ages. I am going to introduce this cycle in the simplest way possible. The combined gravitational effects of the sun, moon, and planets on the Earth's equatorial bulge cause the Earth's axis to sway clockwise in a slow circle, like the motion of a spinning top. It takes 25,920 years for the Earth's axis to complete one wobble, sway, or clockwise circle. We call this 25,920-year cycle of our planet the Platonic year. It is also referred to as the precession of the equinoxes or the great year in a comprehensive dictionary. The great year is one of the longest cycles that are well known to our astronomers. The sun's plane, which is also called the ecliptic, crosses the equator each year on March 21, the day of the Vernal Equinox. At the exact location where the sun's plane crosses the equator, the sun would be directly above the equator



at high noon, and there would be no shadow cast by a perpendicular stick protruding from level ground at the equator. In the cycle of the great year, the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator a little west from where it crossed the year before. This is known as the precession of the equinoxes. The sun, on a vernal or fall equinox, takes about 25,920 years to go all the way around the celestial equator or Zodiac and cross at the same point again.

Important for our study is that we understand that the twelve constellations of the Zodiac, that were painstakingly researched by the Egyptian, Hindu, Persian, Chaldean, Hebrew, Greek and Chinese astronomers, create an imaginary belt in the heavens. The Zodiacal circle formed by these constellations is close to being aligned with our celestial equator. When the sun's plane crosses the equator on the first day of spring, we could ask ourselves which of the twelve constellations is out behind our brilliant sun. The Platonic cycle causes a slow backwards movement of the sun's apparent position in the Zodiac when viewed on successive Vernal Equinoxes. We refer to this slow-backwards movement as the precession of the equinoxes. The sun's apparent position moves a little bit west in a constellation when observed on the same day each year; it takes an equinox sun approximately 2,160 years to transit one of the twelve constellations on its 25,920-year jaunt around the Zodiac. If we were to check the sun's position in the Zodiac on successive Vernal Equinoxes, we would see that it will take approximately 2,160 years for the spring sun to travel through one constellation of the Zodiac on its way to the next constellation. If we were to live for 25,920 years, or one great year, we would witness twelve new ages.

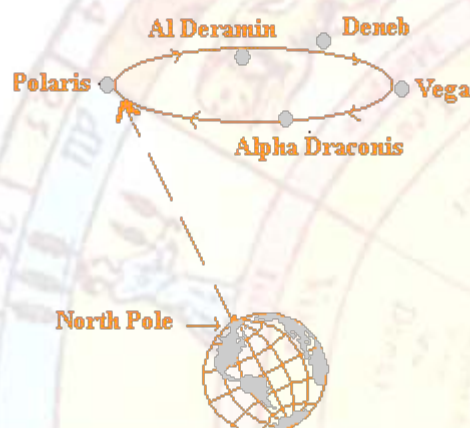
Consider the twelve star constellations of the Zodiac the same way we think about the twelve months in the annual cycle of our planet. The Earth year consists of twelve months of about thirty days in each month. In the Platonic year, there are twelve ages of nearly 2,150 years in each age. The name of an age is taken from the name of the constellation that the Vernal-Equinox sun or the spring equinoctial point is traversing. When used correctly, the Zodiac is the master calendar or the face of a clock for the Platonic year.

The astronomical ruins around the Earth prove that the ancient priesthood and shamans knew a lot more than we usually give them credit for. They understood not only the Platonic year but some subtle variations in its slow-working celestial mechanism. As far back as Egypt the priesthood understood the Precision of the Equinox and that the Cosmos was moving in a pattern and they knew just how long it took to cycle. Our ancient ancestors not only understood the patterns of the Platonic year but they also incorporated the reckoning of that long cycle in the designs of their great monuments like the Egyptian temples and pyramids.

Then 4 of these Great Ages also constitutes a Cycle that is spoken of in the ancient records. But the astrologers knew that there are many changes in the evolution of the Earth when the sun passes into another house. And while the Spring Equinox was being measured to see which constellations were opening the year, the wobble of the earths rotation itself made the pole axis point to a different star in the northern sky. This is another important cycle that lasts 3,700 years.

7 STATIONS OF THE POLE

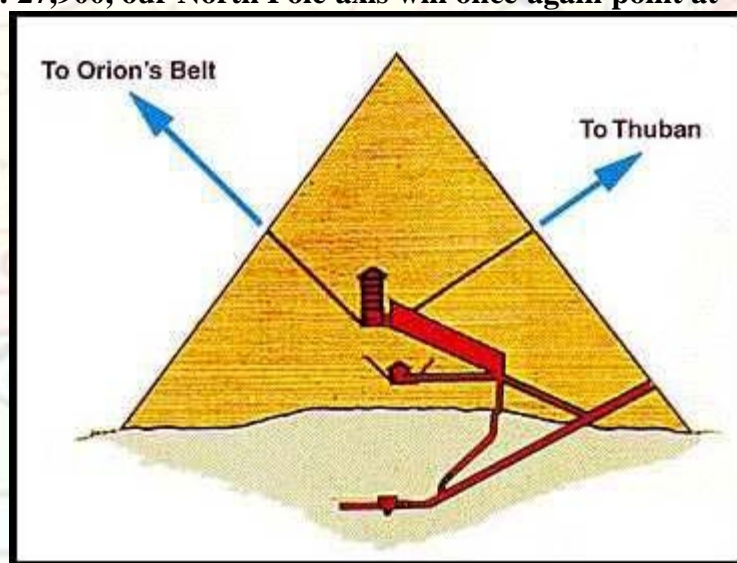
There are seven major 'stations' of the Pole that were known. When we take an imaginary line off the Earth's North Pole axis and extend it into the heavens, we find that the line points at a star that we call Polaris, our "North Pole" star. The cycle of the Platonic year causes the line off the



North Pole to scribe a circle in the heavens approximately 25,920 years long. During this long period of time the northern axis of earth points in different directions in the Heavens and over time points to different "pole stars" during the Precession or wobble of the earth during these 25, 920 years. As the earth continues to wobble the imaginary line off the North Pole axis of the Earth moves slowly in a circular motion and continues to scribe its 25,920-year circle in the heavens. Around the year A.D. 27,900, our North Pole axis will once again point at Polaris, where it is at this time in history. For less than 10000 years, there has been two pole stars before polaris :
-tau Hercule (Hercules) about less than 8000 years. - alpha Dragon (Alpha Draconis) about less than 3000 years. Because Thuban, the name of the Pole Star given by the Egyptians, was the pole star 5000 years ago the ancient Egyptians keenly observed it and a shaft in the Giza Pyramid pointed directly to it during the Pyramid Age.

Answer for yourself: Why is this knowledge of the Ancients important for us to know today? Because this gave rise to euphemisms in religion & mythology such as:

- The 7 candlesticks that the 'son' (sun) passes through,
- The hall of the 7 chambers,
- The 7 crowns,
- The 7 magi,
- The 7 sleepers,
- The 7 jackals,
- The 7 gates,
- The 7 challenges,
- The 7 hurdles, etc.



The Pole of the earth is euphemistically called the Rock of Ages, in the Bible. **The Denderah zodiac is the Egyptian Rock of Ages.** It was fabricated after the conquests of Alexander the Great and the reestablishment of the sovereignty of Egypt. Henry Melville in "Veritas" very fittingly speaks of the "Pole Star" as the rock of ages. ***"Trust ye in the Lord forever; for the Lord Jehovah is the rock of ages." Isaiah 24:4.*** This Polar star is the rock, or Mount Olympus of the Latins, which was so high that no bird could fly to the top, nor were clouds ever seen on its summit. This Polar Star is the Mount Meru of the Buddhists, and the **Mount Zion of the Hebrews.** ***'They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but***

abideth forever.' Psalm 125:1. David says, 'Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.' Psalm 61:1. From our world nothing can appear higher than the Polar star which is the pivot or point of axis on which the earth performs its diurnal and annular motion. David exclaims, 'thus saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest!' Isaiah 66:1. Cephas, or Cepheus, means rock . Cepheus is seated in the highest heaven, and he has Mount Olympus, or the Pole Star, for his footstool.' Celestial Astrology and Astronomy are spoken of as lost sciences, and we are told that until the position of the dark planets is known, astrology can not become an exact science, yet it can and will again be raised to its former sublimity.

The North Pole of the heavens was represented as the Mountain, the South Pole as the Pit. The Mountain and the Pit explain the meaning of Helion and Acheron, which, according to S. A. Mackey, were made use of in astronomical calculations by the ancients. **Helion or the Sun, was the Sun in his highest, Acheron was usually translated as Hell, or the last condition or state of the Sun in its disappearance among the Southern constellations.** Could we look down from the North Pole to the South Pole into the great abyss, the point of our vision might lead us very quickly to the discerning of a Christian Heaven and Hell, for many an absurd misinterpretation has been generated concerning these primordial parents, the Poles.

The Pole was connected to stability. Plinths, columns, lecterns & podiums, etc., represent this Pole, as does the staff that the 'wise' are seen carrying.

For a zodiac age to change meant that a new constellation was seen at dawn on the 21 March or the Spring Equinox after a cycle of 2,160 years. When the Pyramid was built the sign of Virgo was at this point. When the Mystery Schools opened on the Nile, the constellation of Leo was there. When the Priestarchies dominated, it was the Age of Taurus. During the Age of Aries, the male god was worshipped & there was war & conquest in the world. **As each age changes, the 'knowers' see to it that an entirely new mythology is created around its associated symbols. All the imagery that surrounds the various heroes has to do with the sun passing through these 12 houses.** And the modern historians know this, but dare not go into it, as this information is sequestered by many of the secret fraternities of the world. **One can review all the myths of the world in relation to this astronomical movement. And all the historical ages can be analyzed in regards the signs of the zodiac. And even in our own age, we find innumerable zodiacal symbols incorporated into heraldry, paintings, architecture, city-plans & in the milieu of religion, government & media.**

THE SACRED NUMBER "12" AND THE ZODIAC

The sacred meaning of the number twelve relates to the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac. Most of us will be familiar with the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac. The apparent movement of the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac across the sky does not only take place on an annual basis however. The cycle also occurs over a period of 25,920 years, often referred to as Plato's Great Year as we saw above. **The banners or symbols of the twelve Zodiacal Constellations, representing the Twelve Ages in the Precession of the Equinoxes, appear to arch their way across the sky as if in royal procession.** The beginning of a new Zodiacal Season is marked by the standards of the Lion, the Bull, the Man and the Eagle ... sometimes equated with the Four Cardinal Directions. The Fifth Cardinal Direction is the central point of revolution, the pole of the ecliptic. The completion of one revolution of the Zodiac we saw above is referred to as a Great Year or the Platonic Year. **Within this Great Year are four Seasons, which are defined by the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Equinoxes. For this reason the Great Year is also referred to as the Precession of the Equinoxes. Today we live in an Age of Science in which Precession is regarded as just another phenomenon. No great deal is attached to it. However in**



the remote ancient past only the intellectual elite would have been allowed to be initiated into, and share, a secret of such magnitude ... the Secret of Precession

The Earth makes one orbit of the Sun passing through the 12 signs of the zodiac in exactly the same time that it takes the Moon to orbit the Earth 12 times. The largest planet in our solar system, Jupiter takes 12 years to complete one orbit of the Sun.

In Genesis 29, **the twelve tribes of Israel** are described as being founded by the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob. These were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher. In Numbers and in Joshua, the list is Reuben, Simeon, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher. Joseph is dropped and replaced by the names of his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, while Levi is simply dropped.

The implication of this difference is that the names are less important than the structure of 12 tribes with Jacob as their progenitor. This is the stuff of tribal myths. Some scholars teach that we should not take any of these ancestors as necessarily being real people. Once again, they are the result of many hundreds of years of oral tradition through which they have held their structure completely, whereas the less important names are subject to change. Some modern scholars are of the opinion that the names are probably geographical rather than personal and refer to the 36 areas occupied by each tribe. Even this is arbitrary because, during the early development of the nation, most of the members were nomads, wandering with their herds from place to place.

Answer for yourself: What other evidence have we for a regular pattern of a body consisting of a leader plus 12 followers?

The other prominent biblical example is the 12 disciples of Jesus. Now it must be obvious to anyone reading the Gospel depiction of Jesus and the accounts of Jesus' teaching that, for a short period of popularity, he was constantly surrounded by crowds of people. I think the numbers at the Sermon on the Mount are probably exaggerated, but there must have been an impressive gathering. Now the point is that it would be quite difficult to distinguish between the crowd and the special disciples.

All spiritual teachers gather together a band of close followers, usually by accretion from the crowds who just come to listen or out of curiosity, but the number of these disciples varies from day to day and month to month. The same would have been true of Jesus' disciples, with some coming and going. **That 12 are given a special place in the Gospel accounts owes more to the necessity for preserving the pattern than to the sticking power of the named individuals and this "pattern" is taken from the influence of the Zodiac.**

Let us look at some examples:

- A modern example of this pattern is the Order of the Garter, which has 12 members and the monarch as its head.
- Similarly a legal jury has 12 members and is subject to the judge.
- Traditionally, a witches' coven has 12 members plus a leader.
- The legend of King Arthur and the 12 Knights of the Round Table is, according to a poem by Robert de Borron written about 1200 AD, deliberately modelled on the Last Supper, but be that as it may, the image is sufficiently strong to have survived for 800 years.

- **The Greeks and Romans had many gods, but 12 were separated from the rest as the Major Gods. The Greek list with the Roman equivalents in brackets is:**
 - Zeus (Jupiter)
 - Apollon (Apollo)
 - Ares (Mars)
 - Hermes (Mercury)
 - Poseidon (Neptune)
 - Hephaistos (Vulcan)
 - Hera (Juno)
 - Demeter (Ceres)
 - Artemis (Diana)
 - Athene (Minerva)
 - Aphrodite (Venus)
 - Hestia (Vesta)
- **The Valkiries in Scandinavian mythology were 12 nymphs of Valhalla who, with drawn swords, would ride into battle alongside the warriors and pick out those of the enemy destined for death.**
- **In ancient times there were 12 princes of the Aztec god king Queltzalcoatl.**
- **There were 12 princes of Ishmail.**
- **Osiris, the Egyptian King had 12 apostles, as did Jesus with his 12 disciples.**
- **There were 12 apostles of the Patriarch.**
- **There were 12 divisions of Solomon's Table,**
- **12 Altars of St. James and**
- **12 Labours of Hercules.**
- **In homoeopathic medicine there are 12 basic mineral salts, each equated to the influence of the 12 signs of the Zodiac.**
- **In weighing gold there are 12 ounces to the pound and**
- **Diamonds have 12 axes.**

Answer for yourself: Need we go on to see the influence of the Zodiac since the beginning of time?

Answer for yourself: Which came first, the sacred number or the lists? I suggest that the number is primary and arises from the Sumerian division of the circle into twelve 'houses' to which the distinctive names of the heavenly constellations were added later by the priests themselves. From Sumer we move to Egypt and rest of mankind's history that preserved the importance of the sacred number "12" and does so today. Thus was created a pattern into which gods and others could be neatly gathered.

So in reflection the evidence appears to strongly suggest that the idea the 12 disciples of Jesus Christ is a personification from the Stars that was later literalized and since today so few have a working knowledge of astrology and astronomy as did the Ancients then this knowledge lays collecting dust while we go about our lives believing in untruths.

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JESUS HAD TWELVE APOSTLES...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

It really matters not to me if Jesus had 12 or 10 to 100 disciples or apostles. Not wanting to spend too much time on this I will present just the facts and let them speak to you themselves. Let us not forget what we have already seen however. You be the judge.

Throughout the whole of the legends we have seen, Christ Jesus is the toiling Sun (being made equal with God) laboring for the benefit of others, not his own, and doing hard service for a mean and cruel generation. Watch his sun-like career of brilliant conquest, checked with intervals of storm, and declining to a death clouded with sorrow and derision. He is in constant company with twelve apostles, the twelve signs of the zodiac. The number twelve appears in many Sun-Myths.

Jesus is said to have twelve disciples.

Answer for yourself: Is it just a coincidence that the year has twelve months and that the Zodiac is divided into twelve "houses," representing the twelve divisions of the year (Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius.)?

There are twelve cycles of the moon in a year. The Jewish calendar is actually a Lunar calendar, with twelve months following the twelve cycles of the moon (Nisan, Iyyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Ab, Elul, Tishri, Cheshvan, Kislev, Tebeth, Shebat, Adar.) Occasionally it is necessary to throw in an extra month, Adar2, to keep the Jewish Lunar calendar in sync with the solar year, just as we occasionally throw in an extra day (Feb. 29) to keep our calendar in sync with the solar year. **The prominence of the number 12 is always a strong sign that the story is an astrological allegory for the passage of the year.**



Modern scholarship tells us that the number "12" that we find in the New Testament concerning the number of Jesus' disciples refers to the twelve hours of the day or night, or the twelve moons of the lunar year (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. i. p. 165; Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 175).

Answer for yourself: Is it just a coincidence that Osiris, the Egyptian Savior, had twelve apostles (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 175).

In all religions of antiquity the number twelve, which applies to the twelve signs of the zodiac, are reproduced in all kinds and sorts of forms. For instance, such are the twelve great gods; the twelve apostles or Osiris; the twelve apostles of Jesus; the twelve sons of Jacob; the twelve tribes; the twelve altars of James; the twelve labors of Mars; the twelve brothers of Arvaux; the twelve gods Consents; the twelve governors in the

Manichean System; the adectyas of the East Indies; the twelve asses of the Scandinavians; the city of the twelve gates in the Apocalypse; the twelve wards of the city; the twelve sacred cushions, on which the Creator sits in the cosmogony of the Japanese; the twelve precious stones of the rational, or the ornament worn by the high priest of the Jews, etc. (Dupuis, Origin of Religious Belief, pp. 39-40).

Answer for yourself: Now is there any doubt that the account of Jesus' having 12 Apostles might be again a further development from the influence of Gentile Sun-Myths?

A Christian's religious belief system, when tested and exposed to contradictory facts from Archeology, Biblical languages, Biblical history, Biblical culture, Comparative religion, Astronomy and Astrology must in the Spirit of Truth and Repentance, be flexible enough to change.

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THE 3 YEARS OF JESUS' MINISTRY...TRUTH...OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

We know the year that the New Testament depicts that Jesus began his ministry since Luke specifies the year Jesus went to the river Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist.

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar" (Luke 3:1).

Luke again give us the age of Jesus when he first began his ministry.

Luke 3:23 Jesus, now about 30 years old travels from his home-town of Nazareth in Galilee

If one reads the Gospels then he is struck by the purely legendary accounts of Jesus' nativity and childhood. It is only after this that we come to the public period of his life. It must be remembered that the sayings and deeds attributed to Jesus existed only in an oral form for at least four decades or longer after his death before they were put into writing in the now missing Q and the gospel of Mark. One should expect that these oral traditions to have passed through many different persons before reaching their written form. We find the first quote of one of the Synoptic Gospels no earlier than 180 A.D. with Irenaeus. As it that is not problematic enough, there was no guarantee whatsoever that the early compilers of Jesus' words and deeds knew how to differentiate the authentic from the fictitious accounts. That becomes our task as inheritors of the Roman New Testament.

Modern scholars teach us that the Gospel of Mark is the earliest of the four gospels and was definitely composed from traditional (not direct eye-witness) sources which already contained mistakes regarding the culture and geography of Palestine.

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from the Gospel of Mark containing such inaccuracies? **Basically we be very careful in reading Mark and be wary that we do not accept as historical what is mythical.** In fact, uncertainties abound regarding the events described by the gospels regarding Jesus' period of ministry.

An example of this uncertainty is in the actual duration of the ministry of Jesus. While it is not stated explicitly in any of the four gospels, we can gather allusions to the actual length of time Jesus went about preaching by looking for internal clues within these documents.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the Synoptic Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke disagree as to the length of time of Jesus ministry when compared to the Gospel of John?

A reading of the synoptics reveals to the astute reader ONLY ONE celebration of the Passover and that at no point in the earlier narratives was it hinted that even a year had gone by. This shows us that Jesus career lasted, at the utmost, a single year.

In John's gospel however, we find that three Passover festivals were mentioned to have occurred during the ministry of Jesus:

John 2:13 13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, (KJV)

John 6:4 4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. (KJV)

John 11:55 55 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. (KJV)

These 3 passages show us that the writer of the Gospel of John disagreed with the writers of the Synoptic Gospels in that he thought that Jesus' career lasted three years (C. H. Guignebert, Jesus, 1956: NY. University Books, p. 205).

From the material derived from Mark's gospel, it has been calculated that three to four weeks would suffice for everything related in Mark, with the exception of Mark 1:13 where Jesus was said to be in the wilderness for forty days (D.E. Nineham, Mark: The Pelican New Testament Commentaries, Penguin, 1963, revised, p. 35). This limits the length of Jesus ministry to only about two months and definitely less than one year. Other estimates range from a few months to the full three years of the Johannean itinerary (C. H. Guignebert, Jesus, 1956: NY. University Books, p. 211). The truth is that even such a basic information as the duration of his ministry is no longer available to us. The contradictory information derived from the gospels only served to underline this scarcity of certain knowledge about the ministry of Jesus.

For the purpose of our study I want to elaborate upon a three-year ministry of Jesus as depicted by the writer of the Gospel of John. At the heart of our study we must remember we are examining the mythos of Jesus Christ and in particular the importance of the sacred number 33 which is derived from a 3 year ministry of Jesus which, according to Luke, began when Jesus was 30 years of age.

The number 33 is a number that connects directly with the zodiac & the movement of the sun around it. As mentioned above in prior articles, the sun takes 2,160 years to pass backward through one sign of 30 degrees of a sign of the Zodiac. Now this number 2160 or its shorter version 216, is a number that turns up in megalithic construction throughout the world. It was encoded into most of the cyclopean structures, to represent the Serpent or Sidereal Cults who were the Magi, or astrologers. Now it takes 2,160 years for the sun to clear a house as we have seen. In degrees this is 30. But the sun enters at the 30th degree but is not totally clear until the 33rd degree, as it is of a certain size also.

Answer for yourself: Is this why the New Testament says the ministry of the Christ begins at 30 & finishes at 33? If it can be proven that the depiction of the "Jesus Story" is nothing but the path of the Sun through the Zodiac then this makes perfect sense and is in keeping with the symbolism of the Zodiac.

Today we have lost this knowledge but if read by one of the Ancient priest of Egypt or even one of the early Gnostic Jews or Gentile Gnostics this would not have escaped their attention. This reference would have been unmistakable to anyone aware of the secrets of astrology. **The number is connected to the initiation of the 'sun' of god not 'son,' passing through the zodiac.**

Answer for yourself: Is this why the Freemasonic lodges also utilize the number? Most definitely. That is why they have a 33 degree Mason attainment. There are also 33 vertebrae in the spinal column.

Of course one article does not a proof make so we continue our study to stack up the host of evidence that proves our point that the depiction of Jesus Christ in the New Testament and the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is a "literalization" of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac.

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TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL...TRUTH...OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

Matt 4:1-2 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that many savior gods, including Buddha, Horus, Manu, Quetzalcoatl and Zoroaster, were tempted in the wilderness as a standard part of the mythos surrounding their lives just as was Jesus in the "Jesus Story" as depicted in our New Testaments?

Answer for yourself: Modern scholarship today draws the unique comparison between the temptation of Jesus by Satan in the New Testament with tale about the Egyptian "twins" Horus-Set and their "battle". In so doing they teach us that this temptation myth between Satan and Jesus represents the personification of the Ancient struggle between light and dark, day and night, and winter and summer. Could this be possibly true?

Answer for yourself: Is there any truth to what modern scholars tell us today; namely that the cyclical alignment of the Sun with the constellations provides the basis for understanding the allegorical significance of Jesus' existence? Did Jesus Christ exist as an historical person or is his depiction in the New Testament little more than an allegorical representation of the Sun written into a Jewish plot line during the First Century? Is Satan, like Jesus, only an allegory that represents the Sun during the fall and winter months as it crosses the Summer solstice and falls in the sky bringing with it increasing darkness and fear to early mankind? Is Satan, as personified darkness which the Ancients feared, the root for our association of darkness with evil (darkness=evil; dark=evil; d=evil; devil)?

Our focus in this article is the temptation of Jesus by Satan as recorded in the New Testament. We are all familiar with the story since childhood growing up in the Christian church. It goes something like this:

- The spirit of God led Jesus up into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- Satan, the Devil, first of all asked Jesus to prove he was the son of God by turning stones into bread.
- Second, the Devil took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple in the holy city and asked him to prove his divinity by leaping off.
- Third, he took Jesus to the top of the highest mountain and offered him all the kingdoms of the world, if he would worship him, the devil. Jesus refused all three of the devil's tempting offers.

This event occurs early in the life and ministry of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. We have seen from a previous article that the life of Jesus starts in the constellation of Carpricon as the Sun enters this constellation with the birth of Jesus. We saw that this time span was from December 22 through January 19 and contains the Winter solstice. We moved next to find Jesus beginning his young life and ministry at the age of 30 Jesus. We find the account of Jesus now moves from January to early February. [According we find the personified Sun as Jesus is in the house of Aquarius the water bearer as represented by John the Baptist.](#) In Aquarius, he was just baptized by John. At this time of the sun's cycle and time of the year the reader should note that the nights are longer than days as the [Sun is gaining in strength having been born anew only two months ago at the Winter](#)

solstice. Allegorically, the Sun is too weak to overpower the great darkness of Satan, the Devil (dark=evil). The Sun has yet to gather its greatest strength at the Summer solstice and yet to decline again in the sky as its strength wains once again as its falls in the sky into the wintery months of increasing darkness.

Matt 4:1 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (KJV)

Astronomically and allegorically speaking we are at the time when the Sun crosses the constellation of Aquarius from which the Sun is "**led UP into the wilderness**" to be tempted by the devil (darkness). This only means that the Sun moves up in the sky (February) to meet the devil (personified darkness where presently the days contain greater lengths of darkness than light each day) where this cosmic battle goes on between light and darkness.

Answer for yourself: How was Jesus "led up"? Jesus was led "up" by a "wind".

Answer for yourself: Matt. 4:1 states that Jesus was led up "of the Spirit". What is the meaning of the word "spirit"?

Strong's Concordance:

4151 pneuma (pnyoo'-mah); from 4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: KJV-- ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare 5590.

Answer for yourself: Allegorically speaking then we Jesus was led "up" by a "wind". Are you aware that the Ancients believed that heavenly bodies were either gods or were moved by the gods and if moved by the gods they moved by the "breath of the gods" or by the "wind of the gods' mouth" as they blew them about the sky?

Mark 1:13 13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that only one Gospel writer, Mark, mentions that in this wilderness that Jesus (as the personified Sun) encounters "wild beasts"? Could this possibly be an illusion to the constellations of the Zodiac since so many of these 12 houses are symbolized by animals (bull, lion, ram, etc.)?

Answer for yourself: Are you also aware that references to "angels" were often references to stars in early Christian writings? **In Christian writings, stars are personified and identified with the angels (Rev 12:4). In the Book of Revelation, the seven stars in Jesus's right hand are the "angels of the seven churches" (Rev 1:20; 1:16; 2:1; 3:1).**

Rev 1:16 16 And he (Jesus) had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. (KJV)

Rev 1:20 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. (KJV)

Rev 2:1 1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; (KJV)

Rev 3:1 1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art

dead. (KJV)

These above passage should convince anyone that the writers of this New Testament were not writing a "literal" story about this Jesus but rather an allegorical story at best. Take time to notice that Jesus' countenance is likened to the Sun and the reference to the Sun's strength which alludes to the Sun's growth at this time of year as it is ascending in the sky as it does battle with the darkness which is being defeated daily as the Sun moves "up" in the sky daily it is path to the Summer solstice and its zenith of power. Also it needs to be stated that in other areas of the world, stars are thought to be the eyes or windows of heavenly beings.

Matt 4:2-3 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. (KJV)

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Answer for yourself: Why the reference to "hunger" and "forty"?



The Bible is known for its numerology and the importance places upon certain numbers. It appears that "Four" is one of these "key" numbers in the Bible. For our purposes the number "4" refers to the four cardinal points of the Zodiac. Therefore, any complete journey of the Sun, or our Jesus in the New Testament, must pass through these four points of the Zodiac and as I will show the "Jesus Story" does this exactly. This truly is amazing when you see it all and then step back and let it dawn upon you what you have just witnessed from beginning to end. Let us not forget our time period for it is at this time, February, we are yet in the late winter months here due to the ravages of darkness of winter where days have longer periods of darkness than light and much colder than warmer that mankind's food supplies are scarce.

Answer for yourself: Are there other "hunger motifs" connected with the "Jesus Story"? Yes there is.

Luke 24:41 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? (KJV)

Associated with the Winter solstice and the birth of the Sun from the dead (for 3 days the Sun remained motionless in relation to the horizon as it set and rose and in so doing the Ancients believed the Sun had died) as association with hunger since in the dead of winter foods were in scare supply. We likewise should expect and do find the same reference to hunger and food in the account of Jesus, as the personified Sun, where Jesus, following his resurrection from the dead, is being asked if he was hungry!

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence or is this again more proof that the "Jesus Story" is the personification of the Sun in its path through the Zodiac?

Matt 4:5 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, (KJV)

As the Sun continues to climb in the sky in its battle with darkness it marches onward to its ultimate victory and power over darkness at the Summer solstice when the Sun is at its highest point on the horizon, when it shines directly overhead.

Answer for yourself: Where is this holy city? Jerusalem?

Rev 21:2 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven (the sky), prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: [Where is heaven?](#)

Having seen that the Biblical Heaven is nothing more than our blue sky and the visible universe which we can see then let us move on.

Matt 4:5-6 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Of course in our story Jesus does not "jump down" from this pinnacle. Why not?

If you have been following closely then you now are beginning to see that Jesus, as the personified Sun, cannot descend because he, the Sun, has not yet passed-over the summer solstice which is the pinnacle of the sky? Did you catch that hint about "pass-over" in relation to the Summer solstice?

Strong's Concordance:

The Greek word "pinnacle": 4419 pterugion (pter-oog'-ee-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of 4420; a winglet, i.e. (figuratively) **extremity (top corner)**: KJV-- pinnacle.

Looking at our picture of the 4 seasons above and understanding that the 4 seasons are but 4 corners of the year represented by the "cross of the Zodiac" then we see that in relation to the path of the Sun then the pinnacle expressed here has to do again, allegorically speaking, with the top of the sky in relation to the Summer solstice when the Sun is at its zenith. This is very important for the Sun at its greatest strength will now "pass-over" this heavenly divide of the Summer solstice and begin its slow march to its ultimate death at the Winter solstice.

Matt 4:9 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you notice again the mention of direction in the above verse? We have already seen "led UP" and now we see "fall DOWN". The Sun rises up and descends down; not only daily but seasonally in its trek across the sky as it travels through the houses of the Zodiac and through the 4 seasons as determined by the equinoxes and solstices. **The Ancients fully understood this. It is we who don't today.**

This is the end of our story for now. Jesus, as the personified Sun cannot go any further past the Summer solstice for if he did then he, as the personified Sun, would fall into the dark months of fall and winter when the devil is the dominate power. But in our position in the "Jesus Story" we are not that far along yet and only into the early life of the Sun as it knows it is in a battle with Darkness and has a job to do. Forty days has passed since the Sun, the personified Jesus, has been in the house of Aquarius (been with John the Baptist). **Now Jesus must move on to the house of Pisces.** But something lies hidden in the Book of Luke which few ever see.

Luke 4:13-14 13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. 14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. (KJV)

Luke tells us the devil departed for a season.

Answer for yourself: Is this a hint that behind Luke's Jesus is the personification of his Jesus as the Sun's yearly cycle through the 4 seasons (equinoxes and solstices)?

THE SCHOLARS SPEAK

That was "the story behind the story" of the temptation of Jesus. Now let us hear a few scholars and what they have to say about it.

Albert Churchward, in his Origin And Evolution of Religion, goes into detail about these elements of the mythos of this battle between light and darkness as personified as Horus-Set and Jesus-Satan:

The Gospel story of the Devil taking Jesus up into an exceeding high mountain from which all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them could be seen, and of the contention on the summit is originally **a legend of the Astronomical Cult**, which has been converted into history in the Gospels. In the Ritual . . . the struggle is described as taking place upon the mount, i.e. "the mountain in the midst of the Earth, or the mountain of Amenta which reaches up to the sky," and which in the Solar Cult stood at the point of the equinox, where the conflict was continued and the twins were reconciled year after year. The equinox was figured at the summit of the mount on the ecliptic and the scene of strife was finally configured as a fixture in the **constellation of the Gemini, the sign of the twin-brothers (Horus/Set), who forever fought and wrestled "up and down the garden," first one, then the other, being uppermost during the two halves of the year, or of night and day. . . . This contention in the wilderness was one of the great battles of Set and Horus. . . .** Forty days was the length of time in Egypt that was reckoned for the grain in the earth before it sprouted visibly from the ground. It was a time of scarcity and fasting in Egypt, the season of Lent . . . The fasting of Jesus in the desert represents the absence of food that is caused by Set in the wilderness during the forty days' burial for the corn, and Satan asking Jesus to turn the stones into bread is a play on the symbol of Set, which in one representation was rendered as "a stone." **The contest of the personal Christ with a personal Satan in the New Testament is no more historical fact than the contest between the seed of the woman and the serpent of evil in the Old. Both are mythical and both are Egyptian Mysteries** (A. Churchward, The Origin and Evolution of Religion, p. 378-379).

This particular part of the mythos was rejected by early Christian fathers as being "fabulous," but, like many other elements of the solar myth, it was later added in order to make the Roman godman more competitive, "to show that Christ Jesus was proof against all temptations, that *he* too, as well as *Buddha* and others, could resist the powers of the prince of evil" (T.W. Doane, Bible Myths And Parallels In World Religions, p. 175).

The earliest gospel disposes of the forty days in the wilderness, the wild animals, the temptation by the Devil and the ministrations by angels in one verse. Let us not forget what we have already learned about the Darkness be equated with Evil and the word play: "Dark=Evil; D=Evil; Devil". Now understanding this let us continue and see what we shall see.

The gospel writer of the Gospel of John does not mention any of this. Yet Luke and Matthew give details of the fasting and the temptation with Jesus offered the world from the top of a mountain. By coincidence:

- Elijah fasted on Horeb in the wilderness for forty days;
- Moses did the same on Sinai.
- Zoroaster was tempted by the Devil in the wilderness;
- Buddha was tempted by this same Devil in a wilderness
- Jupiter was led by Pan (the Devil) to the top of a mountain called the Pillar of Heaven whence he could see the countries of the world;

Answer for yourself: Are the above examples not more proof of a common myth among the nations taking its origin from what early mankind witnessed in the stars above their heads?

Forty is one of those mystical numbers that pop up in old religions: there were forty days of sacrifice in the Persian Salutation to Mithras; forty days of mourning in the mysteries of the goddess Persephone; the deluge

lasted forty days, etc. The story is introduced to establish Jesus as a great leader, superior even to Moses. Furthermore the offer of the kingship of the world by the devil was intended by Gentile Christians as a rebuttal of the idea that Jesus was a Messiah in the Jewish mould who would become a world ruler - that is what the Devil offered him and he refused it.

The temptation by, and victory over the evil one, the D-Evil, or whether Mara or Satan, is nothing more than primitive man's personification of the Sun and the victory of the Sun over the clouds of storm and darkness.

The Egyptians believed that **all the fiends of darkness, led by the serpent**, Apep, attacked the Sun during the darkest hours of the night and exerted all their powers in order to prevent his rising in the sky at dawn. But Ra, aided by his magical powers, pursued his course to the place of sunrise and hurled the fiery darts of his rays into Apep and his fiends, and paralyzed them and made them impotent. **Accordingly, in ancient mythology, all heroes of light were opposed by the "Old Serpent," the Devil (Satan), symbolized by Serpents, Dragons, Sphinxes and other monsters.** The earliest myth describing this eternal contest between light and darkness was the myth of **Horus/Set and their historic battle.**

The Serpent was, among the ancient Eastern nations, the symbol of Evil, of Winter, of Darkness and of Death. The Serpents was never understood to be "literal" in these Eastern nations.

The Serpent also symbolized "the dark cloud," which by harboring the rays of the Sun, preventing its shining, and therefore, is apparently attempting to destroy it!

Now, when one personifies the Sun, we have the picture of "evil" (Serpent) trying to destroy the Savior.

The Serpent is one of the chief mystic personifications of the Rig-Veda, under the names of Ahi, Suchna, and others. **The Serpents of various nations represented the Clouds, the enemy of the Sun, keeping back the fructifying rays.** Indra struggles victoriously against him, and spreads life on the earth, with the shading warmth of the Father of Life, the Creator, **the Sun.**

Buddha, the Lord and Savior, was described as a superhuman organ of light, to whom a superhuman organ of darkness Mara, the Evil Serpent, was opposed. He, like Christ Jesus, resisted the temptations of this evil one, and is represented sitting on a serpent, as if its conqueror (Bunsen, Angel-Messiah, p. 39).

Chrishna also overcame the evil one, and is represented "bruising the head of the serpent," and standing upon it (Asiatic Researchers, and vol. ii of Higgins Anacalypsis).

In Egyptian Mythology, one of the names of he **god-Sun was Ra**. He had an adversary who was called Apap, represented in the form of a serpent (Renouf, Hibbert Lectures, p. 109).

Horus, the Egyptian incarnate god, the Mediator, Redeemer and Savior, is represented in Egyptian art as overcoming the Evil Serpent, and standing triumphantly upon him (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 158; Monumental Christianity, p. 402).

Osiris, Ormuzd, Mithras, Apollo, Bacchus, Hercules, Indra, CE dipus, Quetzalcoatl, and many others Sun-gods, overcame the Evil One, and are represented in the above described manner (Cox, Tales of Ancient Greece, p. xxvii; Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii, p. 129; Baring-Gould's Curious Myths, p. 256; Bunsen, Angel-Messiah, p. x; Kingsborough, Mexican Antiquities, vol. vi. p. 176). Osiris is represented in the heavens by the constellation of Orion, and the goddess Isis is represented by the star Sirius. There is some evidence that Set was associated with the planet Mercury and he is clearly identified in ancient Egyptian mythology as a dark or invisible serpent, as well as a red-haired man (a precursor to Esau of the Bible).

Free from every obstacle, and from every adversary, he sets in motion across space his disk with a thousand

rays, having avenged the attempts of his eternal foe. He appears then in all his glory, and in his sovereign splendor; the god has attained the summit of his course, it is the moment of triumph (Doane, Bible Myths, p. 482-483).

IT IS ALL AN ALLEGORY...TOLD IN THE MYTHS OF SAVIORS

To understand this as it relates to the "Jesus Story" we must regress to what we learned from prior articles.

These "destruction myths" (the life of the Sun/Son was sought by the Darkness which was threatened by the coming Light) find their origin, like most Christian doctrine, in the stars. The new Son (Son) is born in the winter as we have seen. The astrological sign of Capricorn represents the lord of Hades. This is the Cardinal sign of Winter (opposition, Satan, Saturn). Winter takes control (at the Winter Solstice on Dec. 22), and within three days of mounting his throne, he is challenged by the Sun (Son) of the Father (Sun) that he, or some other ruffians captured (at the autumnal equinox) and has finally slain at the winter solstice. So now the king (Winter, Darkness) is worried and knows that he must murder the Sun (Son) before he gains the strength of his Father (Sun). The guardians of the Sun (Son) know that he can not withstand the power of the Winter (Satan, Herod), so they shield him (Son) and hide him till his time of glory approaches (he reaches maturity) (Jabbar, The Astrological Foundation of the Christ Myth, p. 34).

The Sun (Son) will be mature enough to withstand the powers of Satan after he reaches the age of thirty. This Thirty does not mean years, it means degrees of arc. The Sun is born right after the King of Darkness takes his throne, in the sign of Capricorn. This king (Herod) is determined to kill all opposition to his power within the nether world. But Capricorn (Herod) will die after thirty years (degrees), because each zodiacal sign is limited to thirty degrees of arc. Therefore after the death of Herod (Capricorn), the Sun (Son) comes out from hiding to begin his mission, he is thirty years (degrees) old. But even though the chief rival (Herod/Capricorn) of the Sun (Son) has died, the Sun is yet within the domain of Satan, under the equinoxes. He, the Sun, must face more struggles and temptations as he climbs and fights his way to his glory, at the vernal equinox (Jabbar, The Astrological Foundation of the Christ Myth, p. 35).

Now, let us pick up the story as we get ready to conclude this article.

The guardians were successful in protecting the infant (Sun, Son) but still he has not reached his glory (the Vernal equinox) i.e. the resurrection of Spring. The Sun (Son) at this point (the thirtieth degree of Capricorn) has matured (survived to 30 years (degrees) from his birth) but he (Sun, Son) is still within the realm of winter (Satan). Winter (Satan) knows that he cannot kill the Sun (Son) at this point of maturity, therefore he (Satan) seeks to torment the Sun (Son), tempt him, coax him to prevent the Sun (Son) from escaping his (Satan's/Darkness') domain. **The torment, or temptation is described as lasting for 40 days. The Ancients, in this case, used the term days as a metaphor for degrees.** The sign of Capricorn (the birth place of the Sun (Son) lies at minus 16 degrees south declination i.e. sixteen degrees below the celestial equator. The sign of Aries (the Vernal equinox, the birth place of spring, where Christ enters his glory and the Sun rises above the equator signaling the coming of Spring and life) lies at plus twenty-four degrees north declination. **Add this twenty-four degrees to the sixteen degrees (position of Capricorn below the celestial equator) and you get forty degrees (the ancients told the story as 40 days to the masses).** This is the distance, relevant to the position of the two Cardinal signs, Capricorn and Aries, that the Sun (Son) must climb, struggle, suffer, be tempted, before he (the Sun) escapes the clutches of Satan (Winter). This term forty represents the struggle of the Sun (Son) in the wilderness of Darkness, climbing and overcoming torments toward salvation and life of Spring. With Israel, it was forty years in the wilderness, and with Noah, it was forty days of torrential rains, but regardless, the symbology is the same; the plight of the young Sun in the valley of Amenta, the Nether World, fighting his way to cross the forsaken territory (wilderness) between the zodiacal sign of the winter solstice (Capricorn) and the Spring equinox (Aries) (Jabbar, The Astrological Foundation of the Christ Myth, p. 36-37).

The bottom line for you, if you are a Christian, is that there are many "myths" which have been added to the

life of Jesus in the New Testament by Gentiles who, because they forsook Biblical Judaism and the Jew's enlightenment, remained in Darkness and they spread this darkness of ignorance, superstition, and falsehoods where ever they went and did so through the depiction of "Jesus" in their New Testament. Now you go to their churches where you inherit such fables as truth.

I hope you have the reason and sense enough to at least see the evidence for yourself and ask yourself if these "harmless" fables are the extent of such error as found in the New Testament. I assure you it is not. Most who read our articles have never investigated such materials for themselves and they simply do not know about such things. It is our hope at Bet Emet Ministries that what you see in these articles will cause you to seriously investigate other teachings in the New Testament as well which I assure you affect your relationship with the Creator God; other teachings which you have been taught in error and which, at this time in your life, you are not aware are less than truthful. We stand ready to help those who truly want the truth about God and His revelation before they die.

Answer for yourself: As you step back and examine the evidence, is it not overwhelming that what we interpret literally today is nothing more than a allegory to primitive man about the contest between light and darkness as seen in the path of the Sun through the sky and the equinoxes and solstices? The true religion and faith of of a Jew, like this supposed Jesus, awaits you if you are interested and really hungry for the God of Israel; a faith practiced without the idolatry fed us in Christianity.

The information contained in this article, coupled with the other knowledge come from studying these ancients texts as they were understood in their day and time by those who wrote them as well as their hearers along with the facts that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, leads one to quickly see the truth behind the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament which we have believed as a "literal story" our whole lives. Comparative Religion, if you investigate this for yourself, will show you as well that the basic plot of the Jesus Story, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions long prior to the alleged time of Jesus. This leaves us with the conclusion that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of Sun through the 4 seasons of the year as well as through the Zodiac.

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JESUS TURNED WATER INTO WINE AT THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA: TRUTH OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

The recording of Jesus' first miracle in the Gospels, recorded in John 2: 1-11, turning the water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, is of great importance for several reasons. The biggest in my opinion is that it establishes a trend of reworking the Ancient mythos and presenting it as a "literal" event to be believed by all who read the account. In the gospels, Jesus is claimed to have changed water into wine during the wedding at Cana as proof of his divinity. This has always bothered me based on other passages that I have read in the New Testament in which Jesus says things like:

John 8:50 50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. (KJV)

It always bothered me why Jesus would do some outlandish thing like turn water into wine which would never honor or bring glory to the Creator and at the same time stress in the Gospel of John that he has not come to seek his own glory but reveal the glory of his Father God but yet we find him doing some cheap circus trick as turning water into wine. This is a huge paradox that is troubling until you come to find out the **the "Jesus Story" is astronomical and never occurred on earth.** If Jesus was not seeking his own glory then I don't know what he was doing.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this "same" tale is found in other mythologies and is part of the solar mythos and one of many stories taken from Astrotheology concerning various prior "sungods" existing thousands of years before the New Testament's Jesus?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that long before the Christian era, Dionysus/Bacchus was said to turn water into wine, as related by A.J. Mattill:

"The Greek deity Dionysus (also called Bacchus) is known by most people for his patronage of wine; he is best known, in the context of this series, as one from whom, supposedly, Jesus' Cana miracle was borrowed. It is quite right to note that the miracle of Dionysus comes from a record that postdates the first century."

Leedom relates that "this story is really the Christian counterpart to the pagan legends of Dionysus, the Greek god of wine, who at his annual festival in his temple of Elis filled three empty kettles with wine-no water needed! And on the fifth of January wine instead of water gushed from his temple at Andros. If we believe Jesus' miracle, why should we not believe Dionysus's?" (Leedom, The Book Your Church Does Not Want You To Read, p. 125)

Barbara Walker informs us:

The story of his miracle at Cana was directly modeled on a Dionysian rite of sacred marriage celebrated at Sidon; even the Gospels' wording was copied from the festival of the older god (B. Walker, The Woman's

Encyclopedia Of Myths And Secrets, 1983, p. 464).

In pre-Christian times, priests would turn water into wine to fool the gullible masses into believing they had miraculous powers. At Corinth, where "Paul" purportedly taught, there existed a water-to-wine device into which water was poured and then diverted by priests, who, hiding inside the covered parts of the sluice, would pour wine out the other end. Another such device was used at Alexandria.

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN BLOOD AND WINE

But one of the most creative myths that certainly relates to and has influenced the world's most extended religion, Christianity, is the association of blood and wine. Greek Mythology tells us that the Carmanians, who lived in the Asian regions south of the Caspian Sea, opened the veins of the forehead and mixed the blood with their wine, believing that tasting each other's blood mixed with the wine, was the highest proof of friendship. Wine, a divine beverage, was the gift of Dionysus, which some say was his same blood. In particular in ancient Greece, for example, red wine was drunk at the bacchanals by the devotees of the god Dionysus in a symbolic ritual of his blood. It is significant that red wine is the color of blood and wine emerged as the principal symbol of Dionysus, representing also the fullness of life. During the spring festival, the drinking of wine was the most prominent feature, representing the very presence of the god.

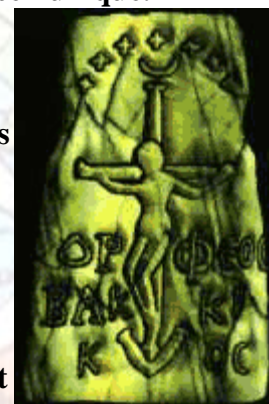
To some extent Dionysus and Christ had many things in common. Christ was also associated with blood and the vine, and many myths and attributes of Dionysus were used in early Christian iconography. His followers also named Dionysus as Lysios ('redeemer'), the god who could deliver them from the mundane, everyday life, through the ecstasy of transcendent Nature (rebirth, resurrection). The vine of Dionysus represented new life springing from the old. In the same way the finding of Ariadne by Dionysus as she wakes from sleep, was taken as an allegory of the soul waking from death. The great Greek traveller and geographer, Pausanias, reported in the 2nd century BC a miracle of the wine, not that dissimilar to Christ's miracle of turning water into wine: '... three pots are brought into the building by the priests (of Dionysus) and set down empty in the presence of the citizens and of any strangers who may chance to be in the country. The doors of the building are sealed by the priests themselves and by any others who may be so inclined. On the morrow they are allowed to examine the seals, and on going into the building they find the pots filled with wine.'

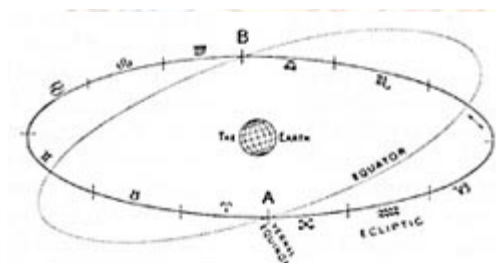
Answer for yourself: "Ok" I understand all the above but what is our link to the Sun? Well it is rather simple actually. The parallel to the Sun in this legend is not mystical at all but scientific. It has to do with photosynthesis and fermentation. The Sun changes water into wine when, following the rains, the grapes would ripen on the vine and ferment in the heat after picked. Jesus, as the personified Sun, was made to do the same.

The truth of the matter is that Christianity was not new at its conception, and it has never been unique. All beliefs in the Christian form of worship were taken from pre-existing pagan beliefs. There are many parallels with Dionysus and the "Jesus Story". Dionysus was sacrificed on a cross long before Jesus' conception. We know this from a multitude of stories of Dionysus. Archaeologists have even found an engraving of Dionysus hanging on a cross, which predates any finding of a Christian cross.

Answer for yourself: What does this "crucifixion" of the godman have to do with astronomy?

The sun is crucified at the point of its crossing of the equinoxes. Let me explain. The ancients understood that the Sun crosses over the intersection point of the ecliptic and the celestial equator of the earth. The earth has a "tilt" and this angle of the earth's tilt literally "crosses" the angle in which the earth travels in its path around the Sun. These 2 angles "intersect" and in so doing makes a





cross and this was projected by the Ancients into sky. The Sun's position is fixed in the Cosmos. It is the earth that revolves around it. Knowing this the Ancients measured that the Sun's rays, as the earth wobbles because of its tilt, moves across the earth in relation to this intersection of the angle of the path of the earth around the Sun and the angle of the earth's tilt as measured at its equator. This intersection of the angle of the path of the earth orbit around the Sun and its the angle of its own equator in relation to its tilt make a "cross" and as the Sun's rays moves twice a year over this "cross", from season to season, from equinox to equinox. These Ancients reasoned that the Sun was there on this cross of the equinox. Now the Spring or Vernal equinox of the two as you can see was to be the most important for it was in Spring, after the long winter and darkness which was "personified as death" that the earth sprung into "new life" with the greenery of Spring and increasing light and warmth. This was the actual manifestation of the Sun's rebirth following the Winter solstice. These Ancients reasoned that the "Sun had been crucified on the cross" and later, as we have seen in our study of the Winter solstice, raised to new life 3 days later and this manifestation of new birth was officially recognized in the Spring at the Vernal equinox when mankind witnessed the fruits of such new "birth" with the budding of the earth in relation to the Sun's new vitality and warmth with it warmer days and longer light during these days. Such is why we have the official resurrection of the Sun at this time of year. Christianity recognizes this at is Easter "Sunrise" services. The Easter Sunrise Service custom can be traced back to the ancient Pagan custom of welcoming the sun God at the vernal equinox - when daytime is about to exceed the length of the nighttime. It was a time to "celebrate the return of life and reproduction to animal and plant life as well." Get it?



Later this Astronomical fact as witnessed and understood by the Ancients was personified in legends and myths where a "cosmic man" was put on this cross intersecting these equinoxes. Thus we find that the personification of the Sun was turned into a "Son of the Sun on the cross". "Crucified in the Heavens before the foundation of the world" thus relates to a Astronomical fact as told through the stories of men and "godmen" like Dionysus and sadly Jesus as well.

In conclusion we must note one again that not only Dionysus, also called Bacchus, was crucified on this "same cross" as was Jesus but was understood as the god of wine, and he also performed the famous "turning water into wine" miracle long before Jesus had the chance.

To summarize, every day scholars find new evidences that Jesus was not the first man-god to be born of a virgin mortal, not the first to die for our salvation, not the first to perform miracles like turning water into wine or walking on water. Christianity was not the first religion to have heaven, hell, prophecy, monotheism, eternal life, the Eucharist, etc. Simply put, and it pains we as an ordained Pastor of the Christian faith no less, to admit that after 20 years of scholarly study that beyond all doubt the religion to which we are born into in this Western hemisphere, Christianity, is nothing but a imitation of pre-existing pagan mythologies derived from the personification of the Sun and its path through the Zodiac. If paganism and Christianity are so similar, with every idea of Christianity being found in an earlier pagan religion, and society has established paganism to be myths, Christianity must also be a myth.

Answer for yourself: How has Christianity answered such charges? You won't believe it. The Christian Father Justin Martyr, writing in the 100s AD, wrote that the Devil (himself personified darkness) reading the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah sent Bacchus early, to trick men about Jesus: "The devils, accordingly, when they heard these prophetic words, said that Bacchus was the son of Jupiter, and ...having been torn in pieces, he ascended into heaven." [Justin Martyr, First Apology, 54].

Science has explained a bunch of religion to be a fantasy. After all is said and done I have found for myself and my life that Judaism, a distant child of Egypt, has within it the purest revelation of the Creator and His message to mankind: see the Laws of my Cosmos, see the order to the Universe and Nature, witnesses the cycles of this order in Heaven above and the earth below, see this same order and cycles within your bodies, understand My plan of birth, life, death, and rebirth, and live your lives according to this Divine Order that I gave you as my "teaching tool", live according to this order and these laws....learn of My instruction, learn of my Torah, learn from My earliest messages before man corrupted them, learn from My children in whom I gave my message, look to Egypt and their children the Jewish nation, see Me in them and realize that you are created in My image; **SO AS ABOVE, SO BELOW!**



Take just a second to look at this graphic of what is commonly today called "the Star of David". Notice if you will the arrow pointing up toward the sky and Heaven and the arrow pointing down to the ground or "earth". This should really get you attention but this graphic comes originally from Egypt as the very center of their faith and religion expressed this Divine Concept. The statement "As Above; So Below" refers to the fact that the objective, material world, is to be but a reflection of the spiritual world (Heaven). There truly is a Divine Pattern and Egypt knew it and built their civilization upon it both mystically and architecturally. Their children the Jews carry this legacy both within their faith and their religion.

Although the "Jesus Story" might not be historical true that does not mean we cannot learn these same Divine truth and principles from that the Ancients did for it was they who "personified these truth" for all time and for all mankind. Realizing that they were the custodians of this Divine message they accordingly captured these Divine Truths for eternity in simple myths and legends as well as wrote them in the stones of Egypt that yet exist today for those who know to look. Sadly this knowledge has been lost but today with the aid of Gods' grace and mercy as well as the great advancements of archeology as well as the availability of such information in today's "information age" mankind is capable of receiving this knowledge whereby he can see the errors of "organized religious dogmas" forces upon him by an antisemitic Roman religion who won the wars and destroyed the world's libraries and buried these Divine Truths for thousands of years. So in closing there are many ways to see and understand the Christ. The earliest "Christians", long before Rome conquered Israel and gave the world a "false historical Christ" understood the truths of which I speak.

*Eusebius says that **"the names of Jesus and Christ were both known and honored by the ancients"** (Hist. Eccl. lib. i. ch. iv).*

Augustine is quoted as saying:

***"That in our time is the Christian Religion, which to know and follow is the most sure and certain health, called according to that name, but not according to the thing itself, of which is the name; for the thing itself which is now called the Christian Religion really was known to the ancients, nor was wanting at any time from the beginning of the human race..."** (Opera Augustini, vol. i. p. 12; quoted in Taylor's *Diegesis*, p. 42).*

Answer for yourself: Did you read those quotes by our Church Fathers?

That should make you really "THINK"! It did me....it cause me to devote my life to the study of this "Jesus Christ" to get to the bottom of the truth concerning him.

The question you have to ask yourself is if your understanding of a "historical Jesus Christ" today given us by Rome and their "book", the New Testament, is the same understanding that the Ancients had of this "same Divine concept" as held under different names in their day and time. What you will find if you study hard that the earliest understanding of God's Christ goes all the way back to Egypt and that the earliest understanding of

"Jesus Christ" was not a historical Jesus at all but a mystical "Christ within you" not a "historical fleshly Christ" eating a bagel somewhere. **The Mythical and Mystical Jesus Christ was a vehicle to convey ancient Divine Truths no less than Osiris and Dionysus.** The problem is that unlike the **Ancients who NEVER understood these personifications of Truth to be literal people** we have incorrectly viewed the New Testament Jesus in an incorrect manner due to church tradition and the departure of the Gentile church from Biblical Judaism. It is my hope at Bet Emet Ministries that you can come to the point whereby you can see for yourself, upon the fruits of your own personal study, that the "Jesus Story" we have been given by Rome, containing a "fleshly Jesus", is but a "literalization" of prior existing Divine concepts as taken from Astronomy and Astrology. But as important is the simultaneous revelation that the worship of such a man as Rome would have it and teaches it **renders us as idolators** before the Creator. In so doing Rome gave the world a "historical Jesus" when in fact there is not a shred of legitimate and unforged and untampered historical evidence **anywhere** that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence that it did not. it is my hope that through this website along with your study of Comparative Religion that the reader comes to see that the basic plot of the Jesus Story, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions long prior to the alleged time of Jesus and that its origins came again from Astronomy. It is my hope as an ordained pastor who serves the Creator that you come to see that the "Jesus Story" is actually an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the Sun through the 4 seasons of the year (the equinoxes and solstices and its position against the celestial sphere as it changes during the year. In so doing I hope you come to see the beauty in our Creator's Laws and Torah and I believe the best example of this today is not Christianity by any means but Biblical Judaism from which it departed for study will show you that within Judaism today we have the earliest Ethical Monotheism known to man originally given to Egypt by the Creator thousands and thousands of years ago.

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

John 10:11 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (KJV)

The New Testament mentions Jesus Christ as the good "Shepherd". There are also the "Shepherds" who watch their "flocks" by night who come to visit him in the manger.

Answer for yourself: Jesus is supposed to be born on December 25th, at the [Winter Solstice](#). Are you aware that first of all there are no shepherds who watch flocks in the dead of winter, and secondly, like all the passages of the Bible, the meaning of this is to be found in the Gnostic cosmology of ancient Egypt?

As the Precessional Ages change, so does the mythology that is associated with the zodiac cycles. In fact, one of the most important jobs of the Pharaonic priests, the Celtic bards, the shamans, etc., was to render the changes to the body of world myth, tailoring it to fit with the new age, while keeping the mystical coherence. In fact, the role of the 'artist,' is the same. Now Christianity was a theology that expressed the archetypes connected with the twelfth sign of the zodiac, that of Pisces, the sign of the fishes. But the previous Age was that of Aries, the Ram.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the Egyptian Pharaohs and priests of knowledge in that Age were referred to as the "Good Shepherds"?

The "Flocks" that they watched by night were the stars in the night sky, as they were all siderealists. This is why we read that the Magi, as well as the "Shepherds," following the bright star, knew of the place of birth of the Solar King, Jesus Christ. The word "Shepherd" was a euphemism for 'astrologer,' for it is they who "follow," the stars.

The nativity sets erected every Christmas season generally include the following: a baby Jesus in some type of manger or on the lap of Mary, who is near Joseph; three shepherds on one side of the family and three kings on the other side. This scene, however, is totally and biblically invalid. In actuality, the story of the shepherds and that of the Wise Men are distinct from one another, separated by approximately two years. The shepherds were present at the precise time of Yeshua's birth, as they found the baby in a stable lying in a manger. The Wise Men, on the other hand, only saw the star when Jesus was born, and it took them some time to get to Jerusalem. When they did finally find the infant, the setting was in a home rather than a stable. The Wise Men and the shepherds never actually met, with the Matthew account making it clear that the child was about two-years-old by the time the Wise Men appeared.

Furthermore, Matthew never says that these men were kings. On the contrary, we know that these were not kings because the specific title given in the Greek text is "magoy" or magi, which means "wisemen," or more specifically, "astrologers." In the Matthew description, then, we have an unknown number of astrologers from the east. The east in the Scriptures is always the region of Mesopotamia, where ancient Babylon and Assyria were located (modern Iraq). It was Babylon that was noted for magi or astrologers.

So we know that we have at least two astrologers from Babylon.

Luke 2:8 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (KJV)

The above passage is an astronomical metaphor regarding the birth of the Sun at the Winter Solstice which we find in the Gospel of Luke. When the passage mentions "Shepherds watching their flocks by night" this refers to stargazing in ancient terminology of the Biblical time in questions with the events mentioned.

The name "planet" is from the Greek word for "wanderer". The planets "wander" or move across the heavens across the backdrop of the fixed stars. The ancient Sumerians referred to the planets as "those which are shepherded (sheep)" by the Sun. A close review of translated Sumerian "tablets" also indicates that the Sumerians were aware of a Sun centered solar system long before the arrival of Western Man. This we must remember preceded Egypt. **A "wise man", or "stargazer" (astronomer/astrologer) versed in the astrological practices of the ancient Sumerians would recognize this verse "Shepherds in the fields watching their sheep" as a "signal" incorporating astronomical symbolism making reference to astronomers "watching their flock by night" (star gazing) and witnessing the changing of the Age from Aries to Pisces.**

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JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE, CAME TO BRING A SWORD INSTEAD: TRUTH OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

Matt 10:34 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. (KJV)

The statement that Jesus, the "Prince of Peace," comes with a sword (Mt. 10:34) has always been a point of contradiction that has disturbed ethicists for centuries. Indeed, the sword bit has led to an atrocious amount of human suffering, as wild-eye Christian fanatics descended upon the world, slaughtering millions under the banner of the "Prince of Peace." Based on scriptural evidence, it is indisputable that the Jesus of the New Testament wants his followers to have peace. The words "Christ" and "peace" are found together in the same verse no less than 24 times in the New King James Version. Consider:

- **Philippians 1:2: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ."**
- **2 Corinthians 1:2 reads: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."**
- **Paul urged the Thessalonians, "Be at peace among yourselves" (1 Thessalonians 5:13).**
- **The message of Christ is called "the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:15), and Philippians 4:7 says that the peace of God "surpasses all understanding" and that peace will guard the hearts and minds of Christians.**

Jesus, who some equate with the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9:6, most definitely came to bring peace.

Yes ironically and very surprisingly we find the opposite in a much debated verse of Matthew 10:34 in the New Testament. If taken "literally" then this is no possible and sane understanding for such a statement coming from this supposed Messiah. Study of Judaism convinced me, especially the concept of the Messiah from a Jewish Viewpoint, that the Messiah, when he appears, slays them by the "words of his mouth" and not a sword. The

Answer for yourself: Could it also be that Jesus came to bring turmoil? With the extreme emphasis upon peace and family in Judaism then should we expect Jesus to mean literally what these verses imply? Or could this be a veiled allegory of the Personified Sun in its struggle against darkness?

This contradiction also can only be explained within the mythos that originated with Egypt. When the sun is being swallowed by the darkness, he must fight with the sword until he arrives the next day to bring peace.]

With the possible exception of Aten (Moses' God) only during the Amarna Period (18th Dynasty), no single Egyptian god was considered to be really all powerful. Many lived with the threat of destruction, and even one of the greatest of Egyptian



gods faced such threats every single night. **Apophis (Egyptian Apep) was the great adversary of the sun god, Re, and was the very embodiment of the powers of demise, decrease, death, dissolution, darkness and non-being.**

Hence, he was a sort of void or "black hole" forcing those he swallowed into that non-existence which the Egyptians feared so greatly. Being completely outside of the natural world, he was believed to require no nourishment other than to "breathe" his own shouts. He was a huge serpent who was thought to have existed at the beginning of time in the waters of primeval chaos prior to creation and his

power was so great that it was thought that he would continue to exist in an endlessly **malevolent cycle** of attack, defeat and resurgent attack. He is thus known by many epithets, ranging from evil lizard, opponent and enemy to world encircler and serpent of rebirth. During the Roman period, he was interpreted as "he who was spat out" and linked to the saliva of the goddess Neith.

There are various accounts of this malevolent force, but overall, as the sun god made his nightly voyage through the underworld and each morning as the solar barque was about to emerge into the daylight, it was attacked by the great serpent whose terrifying roar echoed through the darkness. The serpent was said to hinder the passage of the solar barque by means of its coils which are described as "sandbanks", and also by gorging the waters of the underworld river in order to attempt to strand the barque of Re. Apophis was sometimes equated with Seth, the god of chaos, yet the nature of Apophis seems to have always been dark and threatening, while Seth could at times be beneficial.



However, in other accounts, Re's companions and even the dead themselves, who could transform themselves into a form of the god, Shu, were involved in this cyclical battle for the survival of creation and order. Most notably, in the Book of Gates, Isis, Neith and Serket, together with other minor deities and some forms of monkey helped capture the monster with magical nets. Afterwards, he was restrained by deities including the earth god Geb and the sons of Horus, who cut his body into pieces, though each night he is revived to attack once more. In fact, in some myths, the sun god is encircled or swallowed by the serpent who later disgorges him as a metaphor of rebirth and renewal.

Apophis, like Seth, was also associated with various frightening natural events such as **darkness**, sunsets, the **winter solstice**, unexplained darkness such as solar eclipse, storms and earthquakes. Hence, he was always an underlying threat to the very stability of the cosmos. But it is the personification of Darkness and the threat he made against the Light of Re that we find the real essence concerning Apophis. This threat to light was typified daily through the path of the Sun as well as the path of the Sun through the 12 Constellations of the Zodiac.

I refer the reader to prior articles and the links above where we dealt with the path of the Sun across the sky from dawn to dusk where it reaches its zenith only to decline and enter the darkness of death as sunset as well as the 3 days of darkness at the Winter solstice where these Astronomical concepts are explained in detail. The dualism between light and dark is portrayed by nation after nation in their "solar" and "lunar" myths which depict the battle waged first between the natural forces of the Universe and Cosmos expressed as light vs darkness. On a deeper allegorical level the Ancients applied such tension between actual light and darkness to the ethical and moral sphere and mankind as a whole. Through the agency of personification the Ancients created myths and legends to capture for all time these higher Divine Truths revealed in God's Cosmos and sadly today it is we who have lost the "directions" on how to interpret this great literature that has come down to us through history. Sadly we misinterpret from the get go the "Jesus Story" having been taught by "blind guides" to interpret the "Jesus Story" literally when in fact it is but a Celestial Allegory at best.

***Matt 23:24 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.
(KJV)***

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JESUS TOLD PETER "GET BEHIND ME SATAN": TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

Matt 16:23 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. (KJV)

It is recorded for us in the New Testament that Jesus Christ said these words to Peter.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the origin of these words is found in astrology?

As we have seen so often in this study Jesus Christ is the personification of the Sun in the New Testament. Christ represents the sun, the supreme light in the heavens.

John 9:5 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. (KJV)

But in the sidereal mythos, the planet Mars was always seen as the rival to the light of the sun, the usurper, the adversary of the light and majesty of the sun. The reason for this was that like Venus the planet Mars was often seen rising heliacally, that is with, or even slightly before the sun, on the eastern horizon. So it was said that the planet Mars does not know his place and attempts to compete with or take away from its light and power. *So the solar heroes that preceded Jesus Christ were saying the same things as "get thee behind", or "get thee below me me satan".* A study of comparative religion can easily show this to you. In reality Satan was a metaphor in this verse for Mars. And the word satan was used generically for rival, even in the political arena. **It meant combatant or rival, not necessarily evil.**

It is beyond question that the great ancient design of the zodiac is a wondrously conceived graph aimed to depict the structure of the Logos, the pattern or creative evolution, the essential constitution of the universe and the course of the current of life in the cosmos, and by analogy in man the microcosmic replica of the macrocosm. Almost infinite nuances of significance have been adumbrated in those twelve signs or houses of the zodiac and the thirty-six other constellations, as well as in the semantic pictorializations which ancient sagacity and an ingenuity born of a sapient understanding of the profounder truth of life conceived and drew around those star clusters in the heavens. **The uranograph, or chart of the skies, was incontestably the first of all Bibles, pictorially edited.** Not quite simply and clearly, but still most luminously for the initiated who held the recondite keys to the symbolic lexicon of ancient writing, it can be affirmed that **all Bibles are but amplifications and elaborations of the original volume of ideography that was first written on the open slate of the sky, then charted in the zodiac and the planispheres carved on the ceilings of ancient temples and later transferred to earth and inscribed in scrolls, tablets and parchments.** Man, adjured the old Scriptures, was to fashion his new body of spiritual glory "after the pattern of the heavens," the frame of the heavenly or zodiacal man, the primal Adam (taken from the works of Alvin Boyd Kuhn).

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JESUS CASTS DEVILS OUT OF THE SWINE: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

Matt 8:30-32 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. (KJV)

There are many discrepancies concerning this story of Jesus casting out of the demons from demoniacs and their entrance into swine as recorded in the New Testament. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus exorcises two demoniacs at Gadara, city of the Gadarenes (some manuscripts Gergesenes; others Gerasenes) and the demons don't call themselves "Legion". Luke retains the Gerasa location, the single demoniac and the name "Legion" but calls the swine "a large number" and doesn't mention how many.

Answer for yourself: What is the truth of this story?

Williams Harwood has some interesting things to say about this teaching in light of historical facts.

"Since the fall of the city a few months earlier [in 70 C.E.], Jerusalem had been occupied by the Roman Tenth Legion [X Fretensis], whose emblem was a pig. Mark's reference to about two thousand pigs, the size of the occupying Legion, combined with his blatant designation of the evil beings as Legion, left no doubt in Jewish minds that the pigs in the fable represented the army of occupation. Mark's fable in effect promised that the messiah, when he returned, would drive the Romans into the sea as he had earlier driven their four-legged surrogates." - William Harwood, Mythologies Last Gods: Yahweh and Jesus. Unlike Gerasa, Gadara was the scene of a great massacre of Jewish rebels by the Roman troops in 69 C.E. Like the pigs, the fleeing rebels were driven into the water. "Vespasian sent Placidus with 500 horse and 3000 foot to pursue those who had fled from Gadara..." (Sn 4) "Placidus, relying on his cavalry and emboldened by his previous success, pursued the Gadarenes, killing all whom he overtook, as far as the Jordan. Having driven the whole multitude up to the river, where they were blocked by the stream, which being swollen by the rain was unfordable, he drew up his troops in line opposite them. Necessity goaded them to battle, flight being impossible... Fifteen thousand perished by the enemy's hands, while the number of those who were driven to fling themselves into the Jordan was incalculable; about two thousand two hundred were captured..." (Sn 5) - Flavius Josephus, War of the Jews, Bk IV, Ch 7. Josephus reports that as a result of the battle "the Jordan was choked with dead", and "even the [Dead Sea] was filled with bodies." (War of the Jews, Bk IV, Ch 7 Sn 6).

The story of the demoniacs and the pigs also appears in the pseudo Gospel of Barnabas. The gospel, which may also have been written in the 1st century, does not use material from the New Testament. Here the location of the story is Capernaum and the number of the demons is given as "six thousand six hundred and sixty-six".

But there is more to this than meets the eye as you will now see.

EGYPT AND ASTRONOMY:

Answer for yourself: But we are looking for an Astronomical origin for the story. Is there one?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the story of Jesus exorcising devils out of the demoniac and entering into the swine is from Egyptian in origin?

The moon has always played an important role in Egyptian religion. During ancient times, it was never as important to the Egyptians as the Sun, though the moon was considered by them to be the nightly replacement of the Sun. Within all of the known creation accounts, the Sun is always paramount. However, in the relationship between the Moon and the stars, the god of the moon can be designated as "ruler of the stars". The disk of the moon was itself never worshipped as a deity during the history of ancient Egypt. Like the Sun, it was regarded as a symbol or manifestation of the Creator and often depicted in characteristics of various animals that brought to life ideas connected to the Divine that was beyond human description. The beginning of the lunar cycle was considered to be the crescent of a new moon, and it ended with the moment of the full Moon.

Khonsu was the Egyptian representative of the god of the moon and was known as a lunar deity. Khonsu's name means "wanderer" and refers to the movement of the moon across the sky. He was often depicted as a mummified human, sometimes with a hawk's head, holding a sceptre and flail, with a "sidelock of youth" and a headdress of a horizontal crescent moon surmounted by a full moon. Khonsu was the adopted son of Amun and Mut, and became the third member of the Theban triad, replacing Montu. In his hands, which emerge from the bindings, he holds a crook and sceptre. His name appears to be derived from a word meaning 'to cross over' or 'wanderer', suggesting that Khonsu means 'He who traverses', a fitting title for a moon god such as he. In his capacity as lunar god he assisted Thoth, helping him to record the passing of time and also served as a healer of the sick and protector against evil spirits. In addition he was well practised as an exorcist. Evil spirits were often considered to be the source of an illness. Thoth in his Khonsu aspect is a lunar god. He was frequently depicted in juvenile form ("Khonsu-the-Child"), often wearing a tightly wrapped robe symbolizing the potential for life—this referred to the Moon's cycle of generation -decay-regeneration.

Particularly during later times, Khonsu's fame as a god of healing was widespread, and enhanced by the fact that he was believed to have personally healed one of Egypt's kings during the Greek Period, Ptolemy IV, who called himself "beloved of Khonsu who protects the king and drives away evil spirits. In fact, as a healing god, Khonsu came to be worshipped by the common people as well, who sometimes took the god's name as part of their own.

Before we look at the gospel account of Jesus healing the demon possessed lunatics and sending the demons into the swine it is very important to note that the Egyptians regarded the pig as an unclean animal.

Answer for yourself: Since the Jews had laws concerning unclean foods then could they have gotten these concepts from the Egyptians? Does this possibly hint at the Jewish nation could be the hidden children of the intermarriage of Egyptians with Semites? You need to read our other websites if you desire to know the truth about this and how Ezra, a Persian, covered up the Egyptian parental roots of the Jewish nation.

A particular animal might be looked upon by one tribe as an incarnation of their deity, and by another as the incarnation of their Satan. The black pig, for instance, was associated by the Egyptians with Set (himself a personification of darkness), who was the god of a people who conquered and oppressed them in pre-Dynastic times. Horus is depicted standing on the back of the pig and piercing its head with a lance; its legs and jaws are fettered with chains. But the pig was also a form of Osiris, "the good god". Set was identified with the Apep serpent of night and storm, and in certain myths the pig takes the place of the serpent. It was the Set pig, for instance, that fed upon the waning moon in which the pig was symbolic for the encroaching of darkness over light as the moon wanes. The Egyptian symbolized this Moon's increasing darkness as the loss of the left eye of Horus. How his right eye, the Sun, was once blinded is related in a Heliopolitan myth. Horus sought, it appears, to equal Ra, and desired to see all things that had been created. Ra

delivered him a salutary lesson by saying: "Behold the black pig". Horus looked, and immediately one of his eyes (the Sun) was destroyed by a whirlwind of fire. Ra said to the other gods: **"The pig will be abominable to Horus". For that reason pigs were never sacrificed to him.**

Ra similarly desired to slay "his enemies", because he created evil as well as good. Seb, the Egyptian earth god, was the father of Osiris, "the good god", and of **Set, the devil (personified darkness)**; they were "brothers". Osiris was a boar (a pig), and Set was a boar. The original **"battle of the gods"** may, therefore, have been the conflict between the two boars for the mastery of the herd--a conflict which also symbolized the **warfare between evil and good, winter and summer.**

The primitive lunar myth is symbolized in the legend which tells that Set, the brother that had killed Osiris, hunted the boar (pig) in the Delta marshes. He set out at full moon, just when the conflict between the demon (darkness..as the moon wanes and begins to lose its light) and the lunar deity might be expected to begin, and **after slaying Osiris he later found the body of Osiris, which he broke up into fourteen parts--a suggestion of the fourteen phases of lunar decline. Thus Set, the murderer of Osiris, was depicted as the moon-eating pig (the devourer of light in the waning of the Moon). The black boar of night (Set, the murder of Osiris), therefore hunts, slays, and devours the white boar of the moon (personified light).**

In **The Golden Bough**, Professor Frazer shows that the pig was tabooed because it was at one time a sacred animal identified with Osiris. Once a year, according to Herodotus, pigs were sacrificed in Egypt to the moon and to Osiris. The moon pig was eaten, but the pigs offered to Osiris were slain in front of house doors and given back to the swineherds from whom they were purchased.

Herodotus relates that if the Egyptians touched a pig casually, they at once plunged into water to purify themselves (Plutarch: **Vit. Phoc. xxviii**). Swineherds lost caste, and were not admitted to the temples. Pork was never included among the meat offerings to the dead. In Syria the pig was also "taboo". In the Highlands, even in our own day, there survives a strong prejudice against pork, and the **black pig is identified with the devil.**

Now we come to the similar account in the Gospel. As Massey states regarding the gospel accounts of Jesus and the swine:

The devils entreat Jesus not to bid them depart into the abyss, but as a herd of swine were feeding on the mountain they ask permission to enter into these. **"And he gave them leave."** Then the devils came out of the man and entered the swine, which ran down into the lake-exactly as it is in the Egyptian scenes of the judgment, where condemned souls are ordered back into the abyss, and they make the return passage down to the lake of primordial matter by taking the shape of the swine (G. Massey, **The Historical Jesus and the Mythical Christ**, p. 63). Horus also in the Ritual causes the transformation into the pig. "Says Horus to the gods, When I sent him to his place, he went. And he has been transformed into a black pig (a type of the devil)!" "Hateful is the pig of Horus, turning his shape into the abomination of a great pig". **Such a transformation originated as we say above in the lunar phases being represented by the sow, pig, and boar who devoured the light of the moon as it wanes monthly. This astronomical phenomena was symbolized through the battle between Set and Horus through the analogy of a demonic pigs that devoured the reflected light of the Sun as seen in the phases of the Moon.**

This character of the mighty exorcist and chaser away of demons portrayed in the gospels is taken from the stories of the Egyptian god Khonsu. Massey goes on to state "the Christ of the canonical gospels had several mythical prototypes, such as Horus, Iu-em-hept, or Khonsu, and sometimes the copy is derived from one original and sometimes from another. **And the original of the Great Healer in Luke's Gospel may be found in the God Khonsu, who was the Divine Healer, the supreme one amongst all the other healers and saviours, especially as the caster-out of demons, and the expeller of possessing spirits.** He is called in the texts the "Great God, the driver away of possession." In the Stele of the "Possessed Princess," this God in his effigy is sent for by the chief of Bakhten, that he may come and cast out a possessing

spirit from the king's daughter, who has an evil movement in her limbs. **The demon recognizes the divinity just as the devil recognizes Jesus in the gospel account, the expeller of evil spirits.** Also the God Khonsu is Lord over the pig--a type of Set (personified darkness). He is portrayed in the disk of the full moon of Easter, in the act of offering the pig as a sacrifice. Moreover, in the judgment scenes, when the wicked spirits are condemned and sent back into the abyss, their mode of return to the lake of primordial matter is by entering the bodies of swine. Says Horus to the Gods, speaking of the condemned one: "***When I sent him to his place he went, and he has been transformed into a black pig.***" So when the Exorcist in Luke's Gospel casts out Legion, the devils ask permission of the Lord of the pig to be allowed to enter the swine, and he gives them leave. This, and much more that might be adduced, tends to differentiate the Christ of Luke, and to identify him with Khonsu, rather than with Iu-em-hept, the Egyptian Jesus, who is reproduced in the Gospel according to John. **In this way it can be proved that the history of Christ in the Gospels is one long and complete catalogue of likenesses to the Mythical Messiah, the Solar or Luni-Solar God.**

E.P. Sanders remarks referring to the casting out of the demons into pigs as related in the gospels: "The story is strange on all counts. It is by far the most dramatic exorcism attributed to Jesus, and it combines exorcism with 'nature' - the swine. One of its details renders it unlikely. Gerasa is about thirty miles south-east of the Sea of Galilee, and there is no other large body of water around. Matthew shifts the scene to Gadara, six miles from the sea, perhaps thinking that this reduces the problem - though a six mile leap is just as impossible as one of thirty miles. I am at a loss to explain the story in the sense of finding a historical kernel." - E.P. Sanders, The Historical Figure of Jesus (1993) p. 155.

So if we evaluate the above then the chance that the Jesus' account seems to be again taken from an earlier Egyptian account of where Khonsu not only healed the demon or disease possessed but arranged that the demon enter into the unclean animals like a pig is rather certainty. There seems to be nothing new under the Sun or the Moon, its other half as witnessed after the Sun' setting, for that matter.

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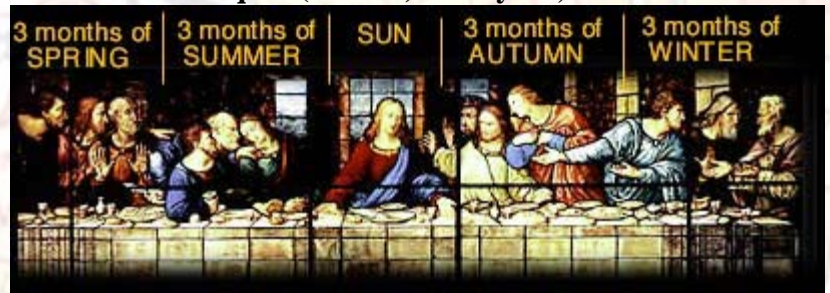
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MANY MANSIONS IN MY FATHERS HOUSE: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

The Christian religion is a parody on the worship of the Sun, in which they put a man whom they call Christ, in the place of the Sun, and pay him the same adoration which was originally paid to the Sun. -- Thomas Paine

Since the Earth experiences four different seasons, all the same and equal (in time) each year, the round calendar was divided into four equal parts. This represented the complete story of the life of "God's Sun." The famous painting of "The Last Supper" pictures the 12 followers of the Son in four groups (of 3) ... the four seasons of the year!



On the round surface of the yearly calendar, you draw a vertical line directly across the middle,



cutting the circle in half - one end being the point of the winter solstice; the other end being the point of the summer solstice. Then draw another straight line (crossing the first one). One end of the new line is the spring equinox; the other end is the autumn equinox. You now have the starting points for each of the four seasons. This is referred to by all major encyclopedias and reference works, both ancient and modern, as "**The Cross of the Zodiac.**" Thus, the life of God's "Sun" is on "**the Cross.**" This is why we see the round circle of the Sun on the

crosses of Christian churches. The next time you pass a Christian church, look for the circle (Sun) on the cross.

On December 21 or 22, the Sun, going south, reaches its lowest point in the sky (our [Winter Solstice](#)). By December 25th, it is clear that the Sun is returning northward during its daily path across the Heavens. **Therefore, on Dec. 25th the sun is "Born Again."** Christians stole Dec. 25 from the Roman celebration of Sol invictus - the Sun Unconquered. And to this day, His worshippers still celebrate His birthday - Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

As noted before, the year was divided into 12 equal parts, or months. And to each month was appointed a heavenly symbol or astrological "Sign." Each of the 12 monthly signs was called a "House" of the heavenly Zodiac.



John 14:2 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is this passage above a "key" to the reader that there is astrology mixed into the New Testament and we never knew it? This is definitely an astrological reference.

We are told in Matthew 14:17 & 19 that God's Son tends to His people's needs with "Two Fishes." The two fishes represent the astrological sign all astrologers know as "Pisces." Thus, we have had for almost 2000 years God's Sun ruling in His "Kingdom" in the sign of Pisces/Two Fishes. As stated before, these signs are called houses. Therefore, Pisces is the "Lord's House" at this time. Truly the Greatest "Fish Story Ever Told!" According to astrology, sometime after the year 2000, the Sun will enter His new Sign, or His new Kingdom, as it was called by the ancients. This next coming Sign/Kingdom, soon to be upon us, will be, according to the Zodiac, the House or Sign of Aquarius. So when we read in Luke 22:10, we now understand why God's Son states that He and His followers, at the last Passover, are to go into "the house of the man with the water pitcher." So we see that in the coming millennium, God's Sun will bring us into His new Kingdom or House of Aquarius (the man with the water pitcher).

Once we realize that in Astrology, each month is assigned one of the so-called "Houses" of the Zodiac and in heaven are 12 houses (12 monthly signs), then the words we read of God's Son saying "In my Father's House are many mansions, " makes sense (when translated correctly).

So, correctly read in the original text, we read: "In my Father's heavenly abode are many houses." Yes, 12 to be exact. "The Pisces of the Zodiac is still prominent on church windows of all denominations."

The zodiac and the circle of the twelve houses are two basic frames of reference which have many things in common; nevertheless, they must be clearly differentiated — in the mind of the student of astrology if his or her interpretation is not to lack sharpness and real validity. Zodiacal signs and houses have in common the fact that they are considered usually as spatial factors; that is, they are said to constitute compartments inside of which celestial bodies are located — these bodies acquiring thereby special colorations or characteristic traits, and being strengthened or weakened in their action.

There are moreover twelve signs and twelve houses, and the two series give rise to similar sequences of features and meanings. Thus Aries, being the first sign, has characteristics which parallel those of the first house of an astrological chart; Cancer, being the fourth sign parallels in meaning the fourth house, etc. This is so evident in the usual astrological teaching that the **signs of the zodiac have been called at times the "houses of the Sun," and also they are considered as the day or night "mansions" of the planets. Religiously minded astrologers, indeed, refer to the zodiacal signs as the "many mansions" in the Father's house, of which Jesus speaks in the Gospels.** The zodiac as a whole has been interpreted as a kind of "aura," or electromagnetic spheroid, surrounding the earth, each sign representing a section of this aura. Also correspondences have been established traditionally between each sign and a part of the human body — the whole zodiac being said to represent the body of the macrocosmos, or Heavenly Man.

This passage *'In my father's house are many mansions'* is not a correct translation. It is meant to say, that in the father's house or abode are many rooms. **It refers to the heavens, the actual abode of god, in which there are many houses. And specifically there are the twelve houses of the zodiac. There are several passages in the New & Old Testament that make direct reference to the stars and to astrology.**

Anyone familiar with modern-day Christianity must surely know we are said to be living in the "Last Days." This teaching is, in part, based on the idea expressed in Matthew 28:20 of the King James Bible, where God's Son says, *"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."* End of the World??!! Yet another simple mistranslation to clarify with a proper understanding of the actual words used. This *"end of the world"* is translated differently in various Bibles. Some say *"End of Time," "End of the Days,"* and still others say *"Conclusion of this system of things."*

Answer for yourself: So what does all this talk of the "End Times/Last Days" really mean?

Here is the simple answer. When the scriptures speak of "the end of the world," the actual word used is not, I repeat, not end of the world. ***The actual word in Greek is "Aeon," which, when correctly translated, means "Age" which refers to one of the Zodiac constellations or signs.*** Any library will have Bible Concordances. **Strong's Bible concordance** is a good reference work to use here. Look up the word "age" in any secular dictionary or Bible Concordance. There you will find the word for "age" is from the Greek "Aeon." Remembering that in astrology each of the 12 houses (or signs) of the Zodiac corresponds roughly to a 2000-year period of time, called an "ag," we now know we are nearly 2000 years into the House or Age of Pisces. Now, correctly understood, it can rightly be said that we today, in fact, are living in the "Last Days."

Yes, we are in the last days of the old "Age of Pisces." Soon, God's Sun, not a fleshly "Son", will come again into His New Kingdom or "New Age" of Aquarius (man with the water pitcher).

That's right, "The New Aeon" ... "The New Age." This is the theme in the New Testament - God's Sun and his coming Kingdom/Age. "The New Age of Aquarius."

Answer for yourself: Is this too hard to believe that the whole of the New Testament is teaching the coming of a "new Sun at the end of the present age of Pisces" instead of a "returning Son"? After a life time of erroneous teaching when the allegorical myths and legends of the Sun and its path through the Heavens has been taught "literally" due to the influence of Rome which gave us this New Testament in the first place, I would say "yes", it is hard to believe but when one undertakes such a study of the Solar Mythology in the origin of all religions then then are overwhelmed when you find that the vast majority of "Jesus Stories" in the New Testament find their origin the the Sun, its path through the Heavens, and the movements of the Constellations through the sky. I guess you can say that it is time to do some hard study and that the old saying is so true; namely, **"there is nothing new under the Sun".**

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THE MIRACLE OF THE 5 LOAVES AND 2 FISHES: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

There is abundant evidence suggesting that both during Jesus' life and at the time the New Testament was written the flash point of Jewish religious orthodoxy was the dietary laws. These proscriptions were an elaboration of the passages in the book of Leviticus whose original function had been to regulate the selection, preparation, and consumption of animals used for ritual sacrifice. The dietary laws to which the Pharisees and other orthodox Jews carefully adhered prescribed meticulous ritual washings deemed necessary to avoid contamination, and they carefully regulated how food was to be prepared and eaten and with whom it might be safely shared. Scrupulosity about defiling contact with sinners and the fear of ingesting unclean food combined to make the sharing of meals a particularly touchy issue. For observant Jews of the time, it was a perilous thing to share a meal with those about whose moral and religious status they were uncertain. Conscious intention had nothing to do with the all-important matter of avoiding impurity. Contact with sinners or the ingestion of forbidden or unsanctified foods would defile one and make it necessary to submit to ritual cleansings, regardless of how inadvertent the exposure to the impurity might have been. The safest course, under the circumstances, was to avoid all contact with outcasts and sinners and with pagans and nonobserving Jews. For those who strove to observe every detail of the elaborate dietary regulations, meals shared with anyone other than one's most intimate kin and co-religionists were occasions fraught with moral and religious dangers.

In the first century, Greek and Roman influence in Palestine was pervasive, and mingling with non-Jews became a fact of life for Jews living in the cities of Judea and Galilee. Consequently, orthodox Jews found the task of adhering to the dietary proscriptions more challenging, while at the same time they felt adherence to these customs more than ever essential for the preservation of Jewish cultural identity.

More to our point in our study again and again, the Gospels show Jesus and his disciples sharing meals, and Jesus' eagerness to share these meals with "sinners" and the "outcasts" is but just one of the more unhistorical accounts connected to his presumed ministry.

The various Gospel accounts of Jesus feeding large crowds from scant supplies may be versions of one memorable event for which several accounts survived. In the present form, the accounts presuppose that those who had come to hear him, some from considerable distance, brought no food with them. Jesus' audience would have been almost exclusively made up of Jews, and, as many scholars have pointed out, most religious-minded Jews of the time would have taken the precaution of bringing with them enough bread or dried fish to insure that they would not be forced to eat food whose ritual purity was in doubt. But we need to understand that in such a large gathering the presence of non-Jews would have been a certainty thus posing a large problem for the rest of the Jews present.

Answer for yourself: Is this account of feeding the multitude really a historical account to be believed?

But taking the precaution of bringing a supply of ritually clean food would have been only one hurdle, and

perhaps not the largest one. For eating these provisions while in the company of others of uncertain moral and religious character would have placed one in jeopardy of moral contamination from sinners and pagans. The fact that Jesus had a reputation for attracting and tolerating the socially marginal would have added to the anxiety of observant Jews in this regard. Not knowing the moral and religious status of those sitting nearby would have made many reluctant to bring out whatever provisions they had with them.

So we turn to the Gospel of Mark, chapter 6, verses 30-44, where Jesus feeds the 5000 and Mark 8, verses 1-9, where we find Jesus feeding 4000. **We find this doublet of the miracle** recorded as accomplished by "Jesus Christ" in the New Testament.

Answer for yourself: But is there an astronomy-astrology origin for this teaching of Jesus feeding the multitudes?

THE AGE OF PISCES AND VIRGO

Answer for yourself: Are the two fishes mentioned in the above miracle possibly a reference to the constellation Pisces? Could it be that the five loaves are but representations of the five smaller planets? Well let us see.

The miracle of the bread and fishes has to do with the Age of Pisces. But more specifically, it has to do with the relation of the signs Pisces and Virgo which face one another in the wheel of the zodiac. If you notice you should see the the constellation Pisces is directly opposite to the constellation Virgo. That means when for example Pisces is rising on the horizon then the constellation opposite to it, Virgo, in this instance, is setting. They are 180 degrees opposite. Opposite signs are a special case. They're not really "exact" opposites, but "complementary" opposites - meaning they "complete" each other. They have qualities which are similar in "function" but opposite in "execution", so to speak. The Opposite Sign refers to the sign that is directly across from your the sign in question. In this instance we are concerned by the relationship between Pisces and Virgo as they are opposite signs in [the Zodiac](#).

Over the years of my study I was always looking for "keys" which helped to open the passages of the Bible to me to further my understanding. I can remember when looking at the Greek and Hebrew words in the beginning as a whole new world opened to my and Bible study. Next came comparison of variant texts to try to find the best and oldest texts devoid of tampering by the "creative theologians" of our past Christian History. In further study of my Jewish Roots I would eventually run into the "Egyptian Connection" and this would absolutely take my breath away and has now for over 5 years of intense study of Egypt and Egyptian religion. In so doing I recognized a missing "key": namely, that in reading the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, it is impossible to come to the original truth behind a passage or sequence of passages without a working knowledge of astronomy and astrology for so much of the Bible has been shown to me to be but personifications of the movement of the Sun, Stars, and Constellations in the Heavens above (sky) as told by the Ancients. This brings me back to Egypt for they were the first stargazers and their knowledge and beliefs today have been and are being recovered and they throw a tremendous light upon the Hebrew Scriptures.

What we fail to understand in reading, for example, the accounts of Jesus feeding the 5000 and then the 4000, is that this is a constellation story. Unknown to the typical reader of the New Testament is the fact that in Egypt when Virgo is emerges above the Eastern horizon the Egyptians began their Harvest.

Gen 1:14-18 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15 And let them



be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. (KJV)

Egypt was more aware of this passage than possibly any subsequent nation on earth other than Babylon possibly. The existence of large cities depends on efficient and reliable agriculture, and therefore on an accurate calendar, so that farmers know when to plant, when to harvest, etc. The astronomical observations required to construct a calendar and maintain its accuracy were the task of the Egyptian and Babylonia's priesthood. Since the observers were priests, it seems natural that their names for the objects in the sky they found most useful for calendar purposes corresponded to the names of the immortal gods in the respective Egyptian and Babylonian pantheon. We still use these god-names for the planets, although our names (Mars, Venus, Jupiter, etc.) are for the Roman counterparts of the Babylonian gods (Nergal, Ishtar, Marduk, etc.). It was not just a matter of easy-to-remember names: the planets, in some sense, were the gods they were named for.

But we need focus upon Virgo since this is the time that the Egyptians began their harvest. It is the sign of the fertility goddess Isis who later became Arista, Demeter, Ceres & Mary, etc.. Every nation saw the same things in the Heavens and only the names changed. Each year in the northern hemisphere during the solar month of Virgo, grains, fruits, and vegetables are harvested to be preserved and stored to sustain life throughout the winter. It seemed quite appropriate, therefore, when I once heard a planetarium director refer to Virgo as the "Mother of the Harvest." Virgo is the Winged Virgin, she holds the Palm Branch in her left hand, and the Ear of Wheat in her right, a symbol of the fruitfulness of woman, which marks her brightest star, Spica. Virgo was worshipped as the great goddess of the harvest throughout the ancient world. The origins of the cult of the Great Goddess, who was both virgin and mother, are prehistoric, but since the dawn of recorded history she has been associated with the constellation Virgo. To the Ancients when the Sun passed through the constellation of Virgo it announced that it was harvest time. The origin of Virgo is lost in antiquity but among the European and Middle Eastern myths it has always been a symbol of fertility and the production of crops. It would appear on the eastern horizon in the evening during the northern hemisphere Spring and is setting soon after sunset when the crops are ready to harvest. Now, due to precession of the equinoxes, it rises a little sooner in the cycle of the seasons but it still dominates the sky during the northern Summer. To the inexperienced eye Virgo is a huge patch of nothingness, lit by lonely Spica, but regular stargazers can easily pick out the 'rectangle' that marks the body of this celestial lady. To amateur astronomers it is famous for it's wealth of galaxies. In the modern day Virgo is the second largest constellation in the sky in area (after Hydra).



We need to look now at the opposite sign from Virgo which is Pisces. Pisces is one of the 13 constellations of the Zodiac, and one of the 12 astrological constellations. It represents two fish tied by their tails. Pisces seems to be one of the oldest constellations in the sky. The ancient Syrians saw this region as representing two fishes bound by a cord, one fleeing toward the western horizon and one fleeing northward. This peculiar image was adopted by the Egyptians, who saw the fish as swimming from Set, the evil brother of Osiris (dualism again..good vs evil). The Greeks adapted the story again - for them, one fish was Aphrodite, the other her son Eros, and both were escaping the giant Typhon. The constellation is the site of the vernal equinox, the point at which the Sun crosses the celestial equator from the Southern hemisphere into the Northern. This used to happen in Aries, but has since moved into Pisces due to the Earth's precession.



Answer for yourself: What is the connection between the two constellations?

The fish is the symbol of the child born of the mother & virgin (Virgo). The constellation Pisces represents

Aphrodite and her son, Eros, who changed themselves into fishes and jumped quickly into the Nile in order to escape from the dreaded monster Typhon.

Answer for yourself: Is this similar to the story of Mary and Jesus evading Herod?

But more to our point the entire story of the 5 loaves and the two fishes is or was a discourse on the dynamics of the constellations, particularly those of Pisces (the two fishes) and Virgo (the five loaves..goddess of bread) and their 180 degree relationship in the Zodiac (one rose when one set on the horizon). **Virgo is the fifth sign of the zodiac from Aries the first sign, and was always symbolized by five loaves of bread, in the same manner as hot-cross buns symbolize Easter today.**

Ikhtus is the Greek word for "fish". One of the signs for Christianity is the fish. The reason for this dates from some early societies of Christians who protected themselves and their congregations by keeping their meetings secret. In order to point the way to ever-changing meeting places, they developed a symbol which adherents would readily recognize, and which they could scratch on rocks, walls and the like, in advance of a meeting. The fish was chosen as eminently apropos. The Greek word for fish, ikhtus (ichthys in borrowed words), spelled, in Greek characters, Iota-Chi-Theta-Upsilon-Sigma (looks like **IXOYE** in Roman alphabet characters) is regarded as an acronym for Ièèòòs Khristos Theou hUios Sòòter, (or, in Roman alphabet characters, **Iesou (Jesus) Christos (anointed) Theou (of God) Uios (son) Soter (saviour)** which means **Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour.** **Some have linked this symbol and the story of the loaves and the fishes which Jesus Christ used to feed the multitude, and the expression that Jesus Christ and his apostles were "fishers of men."**

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Ιησους	Χριστος	Θεου	Υιος	Σωτηρ
Jesus	Christ	of God	Son	Savior

As seen above the constellation Pisces comprises a set of dim and scattered stars that trace the images of two widely separated fish joined by a knotted cord. One fish, swimming upward, faces east toward Aries, while the other fish swims westward toward Aquarius along the plane of the ecliptic. The directions of motion of the two fish form a cross, the symbol of the Christian religion -- the upright line of the cross representing spirit and the horizontal line signifying matter. Babylonian mythology tells of two fishes that pushed ashore a giant egg, from which emerged the fertility corn-goddess Atagratis and her lover-son Ichthys, who dies and is reborn annually. **The myth of Ichthys and the sign Pisces later became connected with Christianity. Directly across the zodiac from Pisces lies the sign of Virgo, symbolizing the virgin grain goddess of ancient Greece and also connected with the Virgin Mary of Christian mythology, whose birthday is liturgically celebrated on September 8, when the sun crosses the midpoint of the sign Virgo.**

So we have seen that in the above account of Jesus feeding the masses that the two fishes are in reality the zodiacal sign of Pisces.

The term "planet" originally meant "wanderer": it was observed long ago that certain points of light wandered (changed their position) with respect to the background stars in the sky. In ancient times, before the invention of the telescope and before one understood the present structure of the Solar System, there were thought to be 7 such wanderers or planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, the Moon, and the Sun.

- **The five loaves have been said to represent the five smaller planets.**
- **Later in the gospel myth, the number of the loaves is seven, representing the seven "planets" used to name the days of the week.**
 - **Monday...Moon**
 - **Tuesday...Mars**
 - **Wednesday...Mercury**
 - **Thursday...Jupiter**
 - **Friday...Venus**

- **Saturday...Saturn**
- **Sunday...Sun**

Matt 14:20 20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: What is the relation to the 12 baskets? How many signs or "houses" in the Zodiac? There are "12". "Jesus," as the Sun personified, "breaks up" the multiplied loaves into the 12 "baskets" or constellations, symbolizing the creation of the countless stars and the placement of them in the heavens.

Answer for yourself: But what about the doublet of the same story referencing to both "5 loaves" and "7 loaves"? This again is but another Astronomical reference to the known planets by the Ancients which were already symbolized by both the numbers of "5" and "7". Ancient man could without the aid of telescopes see the 5 visible planets from earth and when adding the Sun and moon the total was then "7".

Matt 14:17 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. (KJV)

Matt 15:36 36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. (KJV)

So we have seen the reference to 5 planets, 7 planets, 12 constellations and the 2 fish representing the constellation Pisces.

Answer for yourself: Is this but a coincidence? Is this "Jesus Story" actually an historical event and a real miracle? What other parts of this "Jesus Story" come from the stars and is not actual history of a supposed Jewish Rabbi or presumed Messiah?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the Ancients considered the Sun to be "the fisher" and that the Greek version of the Great Mother, Demeter, was called "Mistress of Earth and Sea, multiplier of loaves and fishes"?

In closing be aware that the earliest pre-Christian communion foods eaten at sacred feasts, often following the resurrection of their god, as an initiation into an ancient mystical rite, was loaves and fishes (Acharya S., The Christ Conspiracy: The Greatest Story Every Sold, 1999, p.197).

Taken together with all the evidence we have seen from the study of prior articles it seems more and more that the possibility of the existence of a historical Jesus is less and less. It would appear as our knowledge of the Sun and constellations increase that the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than a parody on the Sun and its path through the sky as witnessed by the Ancients and captured in personified myths that were later "literalized" by Rome when they created the New Testament.

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JESUS SENT OUT THE 72 DISCIPLES...TRUTH OR SUN MYTH?

Luke 10:1 1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. (KJV)

This is a unique incident reported in the Gospels. Luke is the only one who reports it. Jesus had sent His twelve disciples out two by two on a similar mission, had given them very similar instructions. But now here He sends out a group of seventy-two. It's a reminder that Jesus' preaching program was a much larger and better organized project than we sometimes realize. We know that Jesus sometimes preached to huge crowds. But there were other times when His following shrank to be very few. At the end even the Twelve abandoned Him. But here in this incident He has enough devoted followers that He can send out 72 disciples (36 pairs) ahead of Him on this current journey He was on, to prepare the people in the upcoming villages for His coming.

It strikes me how meager the supplies are that Jesus tells His disciples to take along. If you're one of Jesus' workers, he doesn't promise you many creature comforts. He tells them, "Do not take a purse or bag (he means like a knapsack) or sandals." Don't even take shoes along. That seems kind of drastic for a man who is in other places of the New Testament depicted as a man of compassion. It doesn't seem like Jesus is concerned for their well being. He isn't concerned about their protection. He says, *"Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."* This doesn't sound like the kind of boss I'd be interested in working for. He's not even concerned about His workers' protection!

Answer for yourself: Does this not make you stop and think that this picture of Jesus is at best diametrically opposed to other depictions of him in the New Testament? All the more reason why this picture and the account of sending out these 72 disciples is suspect and possibly not historically accurate. Could this story of the "72" not be historically accurate but rather a Sun myth? Well let us investigate this for ourselves.

Answer for yourself: Are there other references in the Bible concerning "72"? Yes there are.

- The 70 ancients accompanying Moses that received an outpouring of the spirit, plus the 2 absent ones which had remained in the camp, Eldad and Medad. (Nb 11,25-26) T
- the 72 races resulting from Noah. They are enumerated in chapter 10 of the Genesis. There are fifteen descendants by Japhet, thirty by Cham, twenty-seven by Sem. The list is arbitrary since the descendants of Peleg are not taken into account, and that the fathers are counted at the same time that their sons.
- The 72 languages confused to the Tower of Babel.

Answer for yourself: Does the number "72" have any relationship to the Zodiac as we found in the number "12"? Well yes it does. Let me explain.

We saw in the previous article that the number "12" refers to the twelve houses or signs of the zodiac that are found on or very near to the ecliptic. The ecliptic is the path of the sun around the zodiac. The Zodiac is a circle of space surrounding the Earth. It may be imagined as a belt in the heavens about 15 degrees wide in which the planets travel. It is the Sun's apparent path, called the ecliptic. The zodiacal circle is divided into twelve parts,

each part containing 30 degrees of space called the Signs of the Zodiac. Thus a sign is a one-twelfth division of the zodiacal circle and is defined as containing 30 degrees of celestial longitude: 12 signs each measuring 30 degrees constitute the circle of the zodiac or 360 degrees. In this circle the planets travel each in its own orbit, one outlying beyond the other. The zodiac, then, is a circle divided into twelve signs through which the planets travel or transit from west to east, going through one sign after another in their order from Aries to Pisces. Although the zodiac is generally referred to as a circle it is, in fact, elliptical. Each sign possesses a certain specific influence of its own. The motion of the Earth around the Sun once a year causes the Sun to appear to pass through one of the 12 signs each month.

There are more than twelve constellations there of course. And in fact if one counts all the constellations of great importance, there are 72, not counting the 12. Signs and constellations are not the same thing. The confusion occurs because there was a time long ago when they were named the same names. The signs describe the seasons or months of the year. The zodiacal constellations are found along the ecliptic or the path the planets track through the sky. The signs, or seasons of the year, are defined by the solstice and Equinox points. **These points are moving through all the constellations precessing one degree every 72 years.** Approximately every 26,000 years every sign will move through every constellation along the ecliptic. It is this movement of the signs, or seasons, through the constellations that is the mechanism of how myth and symbol change over time.

These extra-zodiacal constellations are called the paranatellons. Paranatellons are constellations that rise and set simultaneously with zodiacal constellations. These other constellations also pay homage to the passing sun.

Using mathematical fact, the number **72 represents the number of years in one degree of a zodiacal age.** A Grand Cycle of 360 degrees would complete the circle. Each of the twelve signs of the zodiac now has 30 degrees allotted to it. Each one of these ages called a Month in the Great Zodiacal Year, and each of the thirty-days of such a month amounts to one day. This figure of 72 years is in full agreement with Kabbalistic practices representing the number of years of a man's life.

So it was written that Jesus had 12 official servants and 72 others that also carried the message. The symbol of the Arthurian Round Table is also a motif that is based on the round of the zodiac. Now these paranatellons are the leitmotif behind innumerable other Biblical and mythical stories. But because we are not conversant with these constellations and their esoteric relevance we do not notice when they turn up either in fiction or art, architecture or commercial.

Answer for yourself: What other symbolism using the number "72" exists with Biblical connotations as well as other places in our society?

- The current distribution of the Revelation book is 22 chapters, adopted since the 13th century. But such was not always the case. The oldest known division of the text is that the Greek commentator Andrew of Cesary (6th century) in 72 chapters. Although made with enough accuracy, this structuring could be easily reduced to 70, while putting in the same chapter, the numbers 60, 61 and 62 which constitute a whole, the millennial Reign. Andrew had wanted moreover group these 72 chapters three by three, in order to obtain 24 sections, corresponding to the 24 old mans. These 24 sections were completely arbitrary, and divided the texts at the wrong moment. Let us mention that the Codex Amiatinus and the Codex Fuldensis share the book of the Revelation in 25 chapters, and that some Latin handwritten find some from 22 to 44.
- The 72 old men of the synagogue, according to the Zohar.
- The 72 Jewish translators (six of each tribe) that Ptolemy II, king of Egypt (283-246 before B.C.), asked to Eleazar, great priest of Jerusalem, to send him to translate into Greek the books of Moses, written in Hebrew, for his library in Alexandria. It is the oldest Greek version of the Old Testament written in Hebrew. It is designated under the name of Septuagint because according to a legend these 72 translators would have produced separately the same translation without consulting each other and this in 72 days. This translation is recognized officially by the Church as well as the Vulgate. Note that according to others sources, it would be rather 70 translators, and not 72, from where the term of Septuagint.
- According to the visions of Ann-Catherine Emmerich, after his temptation in the dessert, Jesus is served by

12 superiors angels and 72 angels of less rank.

- In the Gospel according to Philip and in the Gospel of the childhood of Jesus, it is written that one day, while he was youth, Jesus entered in the dyeing of Levi. He took 72 colors and threw them in the cauldron. Then Levi was in anger, but Jesus "take out them all white and tells: 'It is thus indeed that the Son of the Man is come as dyer'".
- According to the Zohar, the degrees of the Jacob's ladder were to the number of 72.
- The name of God is composed of 72 letters according to the cabalistic tradition. It comes from the mystical text (called Schemamphorash) of the Exodus, chapter 14 verses 19, 20 and 21 of which each one is composed of 72 letters in the original Hebraic text. It is this ineffable name of God whom murmured the great priest in the middle of the shouts of the crowd. It was replaced later by the sacred named, YHWH, than cabalists pronounce by spelling them one after the other: Yod, He, Waw, He. It is also by extraction and transposition of the three verses of the Schemamphorash that cabalists deduce the names of the 72 spirits (or angels) of the Cabal which they call the "explained divine name".
- The volume of Saturn is 72 times of that the Earth.
- It is the number of the Immortals Taoism.
- The 72 companions of apotheosis of Houang-ti.
- The 72 disciples of Confucius.
- Lenain mentions the 72 intelligences governing the 72 zodiacal terms according to the Cabal.
- The mass of the Moon is the 72th of that the Earth.
- Osiris was enclosed in a coffin by 72 disciples and accomplices of Thyphon.
- The Chinese astrology has 36 beneficial stars and 72 malevolent stars, their sum constitutes the sacred number 108.
- The axis of the earth moves of one degree every 72 years compared to stars and to the vault of heaven.
- At the age of the puberty, the young Parsee received the investiture of the sacred cord Kucti made of 72 linens in symbol of the community.
- Maspero mentions a fable of Egyptian origin where Mercury would have, according to the legend, played chess with the Moon and would have earned to him the 72th part of a day. And this 72th part of a day, multiplied by 360 (original number of day in one year) gives 5 days which have been added by the Egyptians and the Peruvians in their calendar.
- Since a high antiquity, the Chinese divide the year in 24 parts of 15 days called Tsie-Ki, and each Tsie-Ki, subdivided in three, produces 72 part called Keou.
- The "sentûr" Persian has 72 cords, three by note.
- The life duration of the ovule is 72 hours.
- It is the average number of cardiac pulsations of the man per minute.
- Percentage of water of which the human body is composed.

Answer for yourself: Having seen the preponderance of evidence does it seem likely that the number of "72" as found in Jesus sending out his larger group of disciples is related to the Zodiac since having previously seen that the prior group of "12 disciples" definitely were?

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THE RASING OF LAZARUS...TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

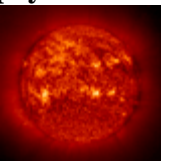
Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.....Therefore his sisters sent unto Him saying, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When He had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. (John 11:1-6)

We have read the story since we were children of this mighty miracle performed by Jesus in the New Testament. But we never knew that this story is another teaching concerning the Winter Solstice and the rebirth of the "dead Sun" who was slain by the darkness of Winter and who remained in the grave of darkness for 3 days until raised in newness of life on the 4th day. Of course this 4th day we all know to be December 25th; the famous day for the birth of all the sungods. As we begin I make mention to notice with me the peculiar reference to "light" in the verses that follow the account of the Lazarus.

John 11:9-17 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. 16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. (KJV)

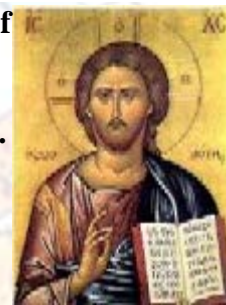
Answer for yourself: Did the above passages refer to a man walking in daylight who does not stumble in darkness because he is aided by the "light of the world" which is the Sun? It sure does but we don't pay attention to that and just move on but we must not; we must come to terms with the Ancients and their understanding that the Sun was called "the light of the world".

Before we go on it is important that we do a quick review in order to make the necessary connections to the information that follows.



Answer for yourself: Have you read and thoroughly familiarized yourself with the solar concepts connected with the [Winter Solstice](#) in the previous articles which teach how the Sun was viewed by the Ancients as having died for 3 days and was raised to life on the 4th day, that day being December 25th? Well if you have you should be struck at the parallel in the above account of Lazarus being dead and raised presumably on the 4th

day. Don't you think it rather "telling" that at one moment we are discussing the resurrection of a dead man and the next we are speaking in an allegory of light, darkness, sleep, death, and next the **"light of the world"** which to the Ancients was always the Sun? Notice the nimbus or the solar halo around the head of this early artist's depiction of Jesus from early church history. The connection is obvious.



*John 8:12 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (KJV)***

The language of the Bible has a way of leading unsuspecting readers into thinking it was recording human historical events when, in reality, it was referring to the patterns of the stars. A general overview serves to explain how the Bible's allegorical language reflects a superstitious fear of darkness. Well we need to look into this for sure.

You should be struck by the somewhat strange comments following in the Gospel of John, verses 9-17, regarding "12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness" as well as the reference to Lazarus being "dead for 4 days" especially in light of the prior understanding when studying the Winter Solstice that it is on the 4th day, December 25th, following three days where the Sun remained "asleep" or "dead" as it sunk and remained at the same spot on the southwestern horizon as the Sun set for 3 days in a row. Remember for just a second what we learned; namely, that the Sun was "reborn from the dead" on the 4th day which just happened to be December 25th.

Ancients were correct in seeing the sun and its light as indispensable to life, but to the point where they worried that as daylight hours got shorter, the **sun was endangered of dying a permanent death. When sunlight hours began to increase again after the Winter Solstice men rejoiced for the Sun had risen from the dead.** Thus **darkness was personified as evil**, because to them, **darkness was the sun's enemy.** This



tension between good and evil ebbed and escalated every year as seen in the picture of the Zodiac and its "cross". Notice in the picture that the Zodiac has four quadrants that represent the four seasons of the year. Starting at the bottom of the picture, in the mindsets of the Ancients, when the Sun kept setting lower in the horizon and as the days of light and warmed diminished consecutively the Ancients feared in increasing darkness which to them meant the bitter cold of Winter along with the diminishing to their food stores which could mean a sure death to them and their families. Then came a period of 3 days when the Sun in its travels across the sky reached a point when setting in the horizon that it no longer made a southwestwardly trek but remained fixed at the same point of the horizon for 3 days and the Ancients, in their mythos, reasoned the Sun was dead. This fixed position of the Sun lasted for 3 days and these very important days are from December 22 to 24. But on midnight of December 24th the Sun miraculously began a northward movement as it began to ascend again in the Sky and this brought hope for warmth, protection, and an abundant harvest in the Spring. The Sun had come back to life. **It was reasoned that the Sun was resurrected on December 25** when daylight hours start to increase. Evil was in power during the dark winter months, but it was also a time, as daylight hours were increasing, when the sun was winning its way back to glory. At the spring equinox, when daylight and nighttime hours are equal, the sun has nullified the dark forces. As the days get progressively longer, the sun is on its righteous path back to full strength. It is the only season of the year when there is no dissension and there is peace on earth. At the summer solstice, when the sun is at its zenith, it is on its throne at full power. As the sun starts to descend, the dark forces are starting to edge their way back. As the days get progressively shorter, the sun is still strong, but its strength is being sapped by all this constant tribulation. At the fall equinox, things begin to look bleak. There is not much more that can be accomplished before the sun is betrayed and killed. This is the mythos behind the story of Lazarus as we shall now see to hold on as the myth

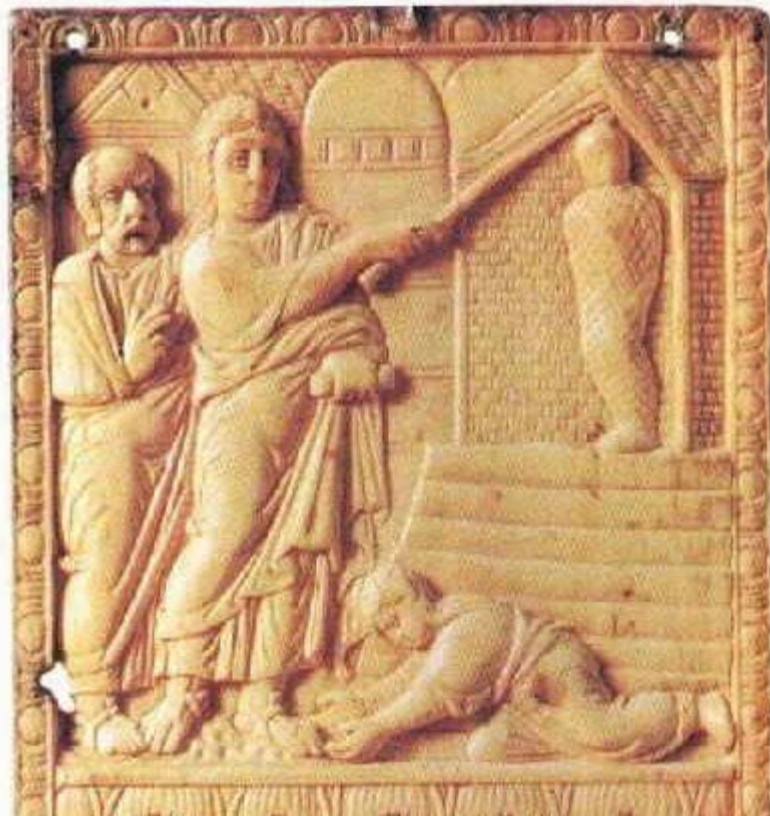
of the resurrection of Lazarus is exposed as nothing more than a sun myth retold.

Well some might say that this is pure coincidence. Well you won't for long as you read what comes next.

WAS LAZARUS REALLY A REFERENCE TO THE EGYPTIAN OSIRIS?

There are clear parallels between the "Jesus raising Lazarus" story and the Egyptian "Horus raising "El-Azar-Us" or "El-Osiris" story, and given that there is a gnostic sarcophagus or maybe two that depicts Jesus as beardless man with a wand raising Lazarus who is wrapped like a mummy, that would suggest that we are speaking here of the mythic mystery over the literal historical interpretation of the raising of Lazarus or "El-Azar-Us" (the Egyptian word we recognize today as Osiris). In that case, the story of the raising of Lazarus should be considered in its pagan mythical mystery layer, as opposed to first viewing the story as if it is reflection of a historical account that involved a historical Jesus as well as one poor dead soul. It seems we are right back to where we have been since the beginning; namely are we to interpret the stories in our New Testament as "literal occurrences" or "allegories" that expressed Divine Truths which were later "literalized." Well the facts will help us decide.

There is at least one ancient picture of a Jesus-like figure with a wand raising a mummy-wrapped figure in the early history of the Christian Church. A wand would indicate divine magic power to raise the dead. The canonical Jesus figure is portrayed as a channel of some sort of transcendent, supernatural power to raise the dead. In fact this picture is the earliest picture we have of Jesus raising Lazarus and it is dated from 400 A.D.



Answer for yourself: Was the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from among the dead intended to be primarily read as a mythic description of the raising of the Sun from the dead at the Winter Solstice or was it intended to be understood as a historical report of a unique incident through a literalist interpretation of a physical miracle performed upon a man named Lazarus? Was the raising of Lazarus actual history or a personified myth regarding the path of the Sun at it rose into the norther sky following the Winter Solstice?

Today's audience already knows full well the literalist interpretive framework that is offered as the fully predominant one in today's church and in today's conservative and liberal historical-Jesus scholarship. The interpretive framework which is not obvious today is the pagan mystic mythic mysterious view of Jesus' raising of Lazarus which finds its origin in the myths of Egypt and primarily with Osiris and his death (Osiris personified Sun).

Answer for yourself: What is the opposite of the interpretive framework of modern historical-Jesus scholarship? What have they eliminated or failed to relate to the Christian? Did the ancients mean for the story of Jesus' raising of Lazarus to be read first of all as a literal report, through the interpretive framework of literal historical events or did they understand it as an allegory for the death and rebirth of the Sun at the Winter Solstice?

THE EGYPTIAN CONNECTION...THE SUN REBORN

The Lazarus story has a connection with Egypt and we find parallels to it in the "Pyramid Texts". The Pyramid Texts are inscribed on the walls on ten pyramids which are all situated at the necropolis of Saqqara. These pyramids date to the Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Dynasties of the Old Kingdom (2705-2213 BC). The main part of this enormous collection of texts is inscribed in the pyramids of the kings of the Fifth and Sixth Dynasties: Unas, the last King of the Fifth Dynasty, his successor Teti, who was the first king of the Sixth Dynasty and his successors Pepi I, Merenre and Pepi II. Let us look at some very interesting things found written on the walls of the Pyramids of Egypt for 2700 B.C.E.



It is in these "Pyramid Texts" that we first find a unique play on words when we look at the word **Bethany**.

Answer for yourself: Where did Lazarus supposedly live? He is mentioned at living at Bethany.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the word "Bethany, when translated back into the Egyptian language is "Beth-anu" and it means the **House of the Sun**?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware than many of the details of that story of the raising of Osiris have analogs in the story of Lazarus? Helms' book Who Wrote The Gospels has a section on Lazarus. On pages 121 - 126 Helms talks about the Lazarus myth in relation to the "Pyramid Texts". He uses R.O. Faulkner as his primary reference.

When compared to the story of Osiris that predated the Lazarus account by thousands of years we find that the resurrection of Lazarus is nothing more than another version of the story of the solar year. Robert Taylor, a Christian minister, gave a sermon about this very thing in 1830 which you can find in his famous work that got him imprisoned in the colonies which is entitled The Devil's Pulpit. **He shows us that the resurrection of Lazarus is a plagiarized story taken from the Ausarian Resurrection (Osiris) of over 12,000 years ago, which was also based on the Sun and its resurrection from the dead at the Winter Solstice.**

Answer for yourself: Do you know the Osiris story? I believe that all Christians and followers of all world religion must understand this story for it is from this story that all religions emanate in some degree. **It is in this story that the God Ausar (Osiris as the personified Sun) was killed by his brother, Set (personified darkness from which we later get the concept of the adversary of the Sun whom we call Satan).**

Answer for yourself: Do we find in the Osiris story the cosmic dualism of light fighting the darkness for mastery? It is in the study of these equinoxes and solstices that one sees the tension between darkness and his mastery over the light as well as the resurrection of the light and his ultimate mastery over the darkness? We sure do. **The story of the resurrection of Osiris (Sun) back to life is the ultimate triumph of the struggle of light versus darkness** and this triumph is accomplished at the Winter Solstice but not fully realized until the Vernal or Spring Equinox with the bursting forth of Spring and Mother Nature which at that time responds to the victory achieved previously at the Winter Solstice. To complicate things more over time the Sun was personified as the "Son". Thus the Sun and the Son are basically the same in that they tell the same story over and over. The son (Sun) of Ausar (Osiris), named Heru (Horus in Greek) avenged his father's death by fighting with Set (the darkness). Heru (Horus) triumphs over Set (darkness) which we see in the Universal Laws of the Cosmos and then Horus' father Osiris is then was resurrected from death of darkness. **This is the ultimate Dualism that we find expressed in so many ways in all world religions.** In ancient Egypt a dualistic tendency appears, on the one hand, in the religion of the sun-god Re (**light**), the principle of life and truth, who has a perpetual adversary, Apophis, the gigantic serpent of **darkness**; on the other hand, a similar tendency appears in the later legend of Osiris, in which Set is the adversary who kills Osiris and constantly opposes Isis and

Horus. However, Re (or another good god) might be represented as the universal creator. As for Set, who had been the principal god in certain provinces, he was for a long time regarded as capable of doing good in certain respects; only in a later epoch did he become the personification of evil. Moreover, he was regarded as the brother of Osiris, which means they had a common origin.

Whether or not you believe in battles between the forces of light and darkness, this idea nevertheless occupies an important place in a substratum of collective belief in Western culture. The idea of light-and-darkness is as old as the hills. The alternation of night/day and winter/summer has been a fundamental human experience throughout time. The interaction of light and dark created life. To the Ancients all creation was seen to result from infinite variations of these two polarities which together make one. As prehistory unfolded, people became increasingly habituated to hurting and harming one another. A shock to human values and sensibilities, this brought up the 'problem of evil'. What made people do this? Was there an evil force causing people to act anti-socially or to go against the Laws of Creation? **Thus arose the idea of a universal battle, not merely an interaction, between the forces of light and darkness. This is generally known as dualism.** In this scenario, light became 'good' and darkness 'evil'. This Cosmic principle was preserved by the Ancients through the aid of myths and legends that captured for all time this Eternal Principle and we find it expressed through the agents of Osiris, Horus, and Set to begin with but others would follow in every nation under the Sun (forgive the pun).

This contest between good (life) and bad (death) and light and darkness is played out in many legends the world over; only the names change. The New Testament account of Lazarus is but one of many of these myths. The original story of such a tension between good and evil and light versus darkness goes all the way back to Egypt and the legend of the triumph of life and light over darkness and death begins with Osiris. **Thus the stories of being raised from the dead goes back to Egypt.** It relates to one of the best known and most powerful myths, the raising of Osiris, the god of the dead.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the European plagiarizers changed El-Ausar (Osiris) of Egypt to Lazarus? Are you aware that similarly Heru or Horus was changed into Jesus, the son (Sun) of God? This original story (prototype for Constantine's bible) is published in detail in the Egyptian Book of the Dead.

Answer for yourself: Are you also aware that the word Lazarus when translated into the Egyptian language means "El- Azur or El-Osiris" which means "God Helps"? We find these similarities with Judeo-Christianity due to the influence of the Alexandrian influence of Hellenistic Judaism. I have a book in my library written by Randel Helm's entitled Gospel Fictions and in this book it relates that the "Pyramid Texts" describe a story of Osiris being raised from the dead by Horus. Now what follows next is very important to our understanding of the Lazarus story in the gospel of John.

The word "Lazarus" is a thinly disguised depiction of "L-ASURAS". "Ausar" is the real name of Osiris in Egyptian. 'L' just means "the", and functions as a definite article in English. This means that "L-Asuras" or Osiris is just another name for Lazarus and it was this Osiris who was raised from the dead following 3 days in the tomb. It is interesting to note that in Hindi the **Sun is called Asurya or Surya or Sri.** This is where we get our Sire or Sir, when referring to a man of status and education.

THE STORY OF THE EGYPTIAN LAZARUS...OSIRIS

The story of Ausar (Osiris) is one of Egypt's most ancient myths. So old, it's origins have been lost in time. It was an important story to the Egyptians because of Ausar's (Osiris) role as the king of Egypt who is resurrected as the "King of the dead". The god Ausar was the central deity in ancient Egyptian mortuary rituals. **In Egyptian mythology he is ruler of the Underworld and associated with resurrection.** Ausar is also associated with agricultural renewal and the resurrection of Mother Nature as well. **He is often depicted with a green face and likewise is depicted as a man wrapped in white mummy**



bandages and holding the crook and the flail, both symbols of kingship. Osiris, Ausar, is the god of the dead, and the god of the resurrection into eternal life; ruler, protector, and judge of the deceased, and his prototype (the deceased was in historical times usually referred to as "the Osiris" [L-Ausar/Lazarus..see above the word play]). His cult originated in Abydos, where his actual tomb was said to be located.

Osiris is the husband of Isis. In that after thousands of years all female goddesses became merged as an aspect of Isis, she too is central to Egyptian symbolism. Most scholars know of the tragic story of the death of Osiris. **Osiris was murdered by his evil brother Set (personified darkness). Darkness overpowers and kills the light following the Autumn solstice.** The days and the length of the darkness per day get progressively

longer and does so right up to the Winter Solstice. Set, darkness and the adversary, is equated with Typhon-Apophis of the Greeks and our Satan today. **Satan is based on the personage of Set.** According to Egyptian mythology, Ausar was murdered by his brother Seth then brought back to life by the love of his sister and wife, Auset (Isis). This myth describes the forces of destruction that initiated the process of mummification. The love of Auset is **symbolic of regeneration and the promise of eternal life. The cycle of destruction, death and rebirth was repeated each year in the annual flooding of the Nile, the river that provided the essential ingredients needed to sustain life, giving birth to one of the first civilizations.**

But Set, the Evil One as personified darkness, the brother of Osiris and Isis, envied Osiris and hated Isis. The more the people loved and praised Osiris (the Sun was the Savior of mankind), the more Set hated him; and the more good he did and the happier mankind became, the stronger grew Set's desire to kill his brother and rule in his place. And when Osiris returned from his travels (the Sun is constantly moving in the Heavens) Set was among the first to welcome him back and kneel in reverence before "the good god Pharaoh Osiris" (darkness yields to the light of the Sun for 6 months of the year). Set, the darkness), with the help of of seventy-two of his wicked friends planned the death of Osiris (the Sun). Osiris was murdered by his brother, Set, who then chopped the body into smaller pieces. Isis and Nephtys, her sister, found the pieces (except his penis) and gave wax models of them to the priests to worship. With the aid of the god Thoth Isis reassembled Osiris but you know what its like, you open the box and there's an important part missing; so Thoth helped her to fashion a magic phallus (said to be from gold), Isis turned it on and became pregnant. Ra sent Anubis and Thoth to mummify Osiris and Isis brought life back into his body. Afterwards, Osiris had to stay in the underworld and judge the souls of the dead and was called Neb-er-tcher ("lord of the outermost limit"). Meanwhile Isis gave birth to a son, Horus the son of God, the son of the Sun, at Khemis on the west bank marshes of the Nile Delta. Later with the assistance of the magical Thoth, Horus defeated Set (the Sun defeated the darkness at the Winter Solstice) in a mighty battle that cost Horus his eye and Set his testicles. The gods intervened and sat in judgement. Horus was granted a magical eye and was reinstated as King. Immediately that Horus was crowned he legged it to the underworld to find his father's body. Whereupon he rendered the 'magic eye' to Osiris causing his resurrection (res-erection). Osiris then became God of the Underworld and Judge of the Dead.

The essence of Osiris left to establish a kingdom in the constellation of Orion, while his body went to the underworld. The worship of Osiris, like that of the sun god Ra, was one of the great cults of ancient Egypt. It gradually spread throughout the Mediterranean world and, with that of Isis and Horus, was **especially vital during the time of the Roman Empire and it would be Rome again who gives us the New Testament.** Identified variously with the waters of the Nile, the grain of the earth, the moon, and the Sun, **Osiris was the great symbol of the creative forces of nature and the imperishability of life (the triumph of life over death and light over darkness as seen in the path of the Sun through the Heavens).**

Osiris died and the Sun stood still on the horizon for 3 days and men feared the Sun had died. Through the power of Birth (Isis) under the authority and skill of Thoth (The Higher Genius) Osiris arose on the physical plane as the great avenging god Horus, his son. On the spiritual plane Osiris became the great god of the underworld. **Like Christ he became the god that the Egyptians needed to become in order to be saved.** What this means is that unless the initiate allows for the complete transformation of the self under the direct

guidance of the Higher, no true and lasting power can be obtained.

*Gal 4:19 19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ (**Osiris-Ausar**) be formed in you, (KJV)*

Osiris is called "The Bornless One."

John 1:1-5 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (KJV)

To the Egyptians one must become Osiris. In that no one can or could deliver the forty-two [negative confessions](#) in the hall of truth, because no one is perfect in earthly life.

Rom 3:23 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (KJV)

By identification with Osiris the candidate who stands in the Hall of Truth can indeed deliver the negative confession (the "Negative Confession" or the "Declaration of Innocence" comes from the 'Book of Going Forth By Day' commonly called the 'Book of the Dead'. This declaration of innocence had to be said by the deceased in the Hall of Two Truths, in order to be purified and to be allowed Rebirth). The reason is clear, it is not him, **but him in Osiris** that is delivering the 42 negative confession that the Egyptian believer made at his death. This was the ultimate statement of one's righteousness in life.

Osiris, being the first living thing to die, subsequently became lord of the dead. His death was avenged by his son Horus, who defeated Set and cast him out into the desert to the West of Egypt (the Sahara). Prayers and spells were addressed to Osiris throughout Egyptian history, in hopes of securing his blessing and entering the afterlife which he ruled; but his popularity steadily increased through the Middle Kingdom. By Dynasty XVIII he was probably the most widely worshipped god in Egypt. **It is in this 18th dynasty that emerges the Pharaoh Moses who overturns this worship of the godman and refocuses worship of Egypt upon the invisible Creator of the Universe. We need another Moses today to refocus our worship from the false godman of Nicea, Jesus of Constantine's doing, back to the invisible Creator God.**

So we have now see that Lazarus, or L-Asuras or Osiris is raised from the dead. Asur, is the real name of Osiris in Egyptian. But this again goes back to Egypt. It relates to one of the best known and most powerful myths, the raising of Osiris, the god of the dead which is nothing more than the [personified story of the rebirth of the Sun from the dead following the Winter Solstice](#).

Let us now remember the ancient quote from Thomas Payne:

The Christian religion is a parody on the worship of the Sun, in which they put a man whom they call Christ, in the place of the Sun, and pay him the same adoration which was originally paid to the Sun.

Fortunately, centuries of Christian book burning (like the burning of the Alexandrian library and its 700,000 volumes by Rome in the 4th century) cannot erase the stars. By looking at the Gospels through the eyes of an astronomer and astrologer, we can understand why the Gospels follow the same story outline. The tale of Jesus takes place within one Zodiac year. By breaking down the Gospels according to each of the twelve Zodiac constellations, we can track Jesus as the sun through references to each motif that the constellations correspond to. This was hard for me to believe until I understood such a laborious study and was thoroughly convinced by what I uncovered.....I had believe a lie and was an ordained pastor of a false religion. In repentance I have devoted my life to correcting my past false teachings in hopes that when I meet the Creator my penitence is enough.

A Christian's religious belief system, when tested and exposed to contradictory facts from Archeology, Biblical languages, Biblical history, Biblical culture, Comparative religion, Astronomy and Astrology must in the Spirit of Truth and Repentance, be flexible enough to change.

Blessings..Craig Lyons M.Div.



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JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM RIDING UPON A COLT AND AN ASS...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH?

My experience as a Pastor has taught me that most Christians never read their Bibles close enough; or that is the way it seems to me. In so doing many never spot many things that others see when reading the same passages. These "tunnel-visioned" people of faith, when reinforced with false and misleading messages from the pulpit and when confronted with such absurdities from the texts which pass them by in their own reading of these religious texts in the Christian Bible, react quickly to pronounce that such a one who points out these textual lunacies as one who has a "demon" or categorizes such a one as one destined to split Hell wide open. I hope that is not the case with you for what we see next is this article is totally absurd and a mockery of our intelligence let alone any presumed Jewish Messiah of Israel (false or not).

Mat 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Mat 21:7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him (Jesus) thereon.

Answer for yourself: How many animals did Jesus supposedly ride at one time?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that the riding of the ass into "Jerusalem," "City of Peace," or the "Holy City," occurs in Egyptian mythology at least two thousand years prior to the Christian era? Did this New Testament Jesus really ride into Jerusalem? Did this New Testament Jesus actually have a "triumphant entry" into Jerusalem like we are led to believe? Or could this account be nothing more than an Astronomical event witnessed yearly in the sky as the Sun moves through the Heavens and the Zodiac, in particular the path of the Sun trough the constellation of Cancer? Well lets see.

Answer for yourself: What is the significance of the "ass" in Egyptian religion?

Now if you have been a follower of Bet Emet Ministries you have see that down through history has been [a conflict between light and darkness](#) which was personified in all the world's religions. This eternal struggle of light vs. darkness was personified by Egypt in the [battle of Horus and Set](#). Set we will see was personified in the form of the ass. The ass is the totem animal of Set, who rides it into the "City of Peace" in triumph.

Answer for yourself: Why is Set, an Egyptian god, ridding into Jerusalem?

It is shocking for the Christian to realize the truths that Archeology is bringing us today. Let us begin with the knowledge that [Palestine was Egyptian land and that the Pharaohs has a "summer house" of sorts in Jerusalem.](#) This explains why Moses went there. This explains why Pharaoh/King David got into trouble there with Bathsheba.



When you discover that the Patriarchs of the Bible, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon, etc., are actually Pharaohs with their identities changed by Ezra to mask the Egyptian heritage of the returning "black skinned" Jewish captives from Persia (Persia was at war at that time with Egypt, the "kinfolk" of these captives) then this seems more natural. Boy is there a lot to learn; or should I say relearn from the false traditions passed down through history which has blinded us today from "truth".

We have already seen Set as the personified darkness which battles eternally the light of the Sun who is likewise personified by Horus. Commenting on the idea of a person riding two donkeys at one time Gerald Massey, famed Egyptologist, reiterates the astrological meaning of this whole episode:

Neither god nor man can actually ride on the ass and her foal at the same time. Such a proceeding must be figurative; one that could not be humanly fulfilled in fact. We have seen how it was fulfilled in the mythos and rendered in the planisphere. The ass and its colt are described in the Book of Genesis as belonging to the Shiloh [king] who binds them to the vine . . . The vine to which the ass and foal were tethered is portrayed in the decans of the constellation Virgo, the ass and colt being stationed in those of Leo; the two asses in the sign of Cancer (Gerald Massey, The Historical Jesus Or The Mythical Christ, p. 121). Massey tells us that we find similar symbolisms in the constellations and are not historical-literal. We need to keep studying and not stop here.

Answer for yourself: Could this reference to "2 asses" being ridden at once have anything to do with Astronomical phenomena and not a historical or "literal" story?

Interestingly enough, the constellation of Cancer was also associated with the term "the Asses' Crib" or "the Asses' Manger." The reason for this association is that in the constellation of Cancer there are two stars named "the Asses". More on them in a minute. Let us not forget what we are learning on this website; namely, that the "Jesus Story" is the personified story of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac and in keeping with the Sun passing through the constellation Cancer it was said by the Ancient that as the Sun moved through the House of Cancer that it rode these two stars in Cancer which were named "asses." In particular these two stars are Asellus Borealis (Northern Ass) and Asellus Australis (Southern Ass). Most ancient sources agree on these asses being placed in the sky by the Greek god of wine and ecstasy, Dionysus (a type of Greek "Osiris" and a prototype for the New Testament "Jesus Story"). However, there are several different variations as to what these asses were and why Dionysus placed them in the constellation of Cancer. One version is that Dionysus, Hephaestus, and the satyrs (see Sagittarius) were riding into battle against the "giants." They were riding into this battle on the backs of donkeys. The "giants" who could not yet see the oncoming entourage, could hear the braying of the donkeys in the distance. For some odd reason, the sound of the donkeys' braying terrified the "giants" and they fled the scene. I suppose this means that these donkeys were able to make asses out of the "giants." By way of honoring of this achievement, Dionysus arranged for the two donkeys to be placed in sky as two stars. What we have here is an Astronomical myth explaining a literal Astronomical phenomena which is observed by the naked eye. This is the "key" to the story about Jesus.

But our focus is not the later Greek retelling of prior Egyptian solar and lunar observations but Egypt itself as the origin for all such later "Bible Stories". **Set, Horns's "twin," is sometimes represented as an assheaded god, crucified and wounded in the side.**

Answer for yourself: Does this not sound rather similar to Jesus' crucifixion?



Let us look at Set for just a second. Set (Seth, Setekh, Sut, Sutekh, Suty) was **one of ancient Egypt's earliest representations of god**; a god from whom came at times chaos, confusion, storms, wind, the desert and invasion from foreign lands. In the Osiris legends, he was a contender to the throne of Osiris and rival to Horus, but a companion to the sun god Ra. Originally worshiped as a representation of god and as an ambivalent aspect of the Creator, during the Third Intermediate Period the people vilified him and turned him into a god of evil. Depicted as a man with the head of a 'Sut animal' (or a 'Typhonian animal' because of the Greek identification with Typhon...**personified evil**), or as a full 'Set animal' the god is unrecognizable as any one particular animal today. **He was also identified with other animals, such as the donkey (ass),** hippopotamus, and the pig, which were often abhorred by the Egyptians. These animals were sacred to him. **Set became associated with the donkey sometime in the Middle kingdom (2040-1991 B.C.) Set had the head of an unknown animal, which was sometimes an ass.** Set's followers took the form of these animals, as well as crocodiles, scorpions, turtles and other 'evil' or dangerous creatures. Some fish were sacred to Set, too - the Nile carp, the Oxyrynchus or the Phagrus fish - because they were thought to have eaten the phallus of Osiris after Set chopped him to pieces. The 'Set animal' has long, squared ears and a long, down-turned snout, a canine-like body with an erect forked tail. He may have been a composite animal that was part aardvark (the aardvark that the ancient Egyptians would have seen was the nocturnal *Orycteropus aethiopicus* which was between 1.2-1.8 meters long and almost 1 meter tall, and was generally a reddish color because of the thin hair, allowing the skin to show through), part canine (perhaps the salawa, a desert dwelling creature) or even a camel or an okapi. The sign for his name, from the Middle Kingdom hieratic onwards, tended to replace the sign for 'donkey' and 'giraffe', so he was possibly linked to the giraffe, as well. **He was also believed to have white skin and red hair, with the Egyptians comparing his hair to the pelt of a donkey. The zodiacal sign of Cancer (which the sun enters on midsummers day) was, at one time was represented as two donkeys feeding at a manger (the beehive cluster).** Edward Topsell writes of asses: "They are not coupled in the spring aequinoctium like mares and other beasts, **but in the summer solstice** by reason of their cold natures". **The Astronomical link here is not to be overlooked. It should also be remembered that Christ, like Dionysus, rode a donkey.**

The god with the head of an ass is the image of the Demiurge Ialdabaôth, the "god of the Jews"...It is upon certain monuments of Egypt that we find the most ancient proofs of the attribution of a donkey's head to a god, who was to become progressively identified with the god of the Jews. This originated from the Asiatic god Sutekh, whom the Egyptians assimilated to one of their greatest gods; Seth, the adversary of Osiris. **They represented Seth also...with a human body and an ass's head.** Afterwards...Seth was definitely regarded by the Egyptians...as the father of the legendary heroes Hierosolymus and Judaeus—that is, as an ancestor of the Jews! It was therefore not without precedent that, in the first centuries of our era, the detractors of the Christians and the Jews, and some of our Gnostics also, vulgarized...a tradition that the god of the Jews had an ass's head: thence also the carving on the Palatine (of the third cent.) which represents a worshipper before a crucified figure with a donkey's head, with the ironical legend "Alexamenos worships God."

Barbara Walker elaborates on the twin-god myth:

Thus, Set and Horns were remnants of a primitive sacred-king cult, which the later Jews adopted due to their intimate associations with Egypt. The story of the rival gods appeared in the Bible as Seth's (as Cain supplanting of the sacrificed shepherd Abel, evidently the same "Good Shepherd" as Osiris-Horns [Genesis 4:25]). Their rivalry was resolved in Egypt by having the pharaoh unite both gods in himself...Similarly, the Jewish God uniting both Father and Son was sometimes an **ass-headed man crucified on a tree. This was**

one of the earliest representations of the Messiah's crucifixion. Some said Christ was the same as the Jewish ass-god lao, identified with Set (Barbara Walker, The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p.68).

Tertullian, an early Church Father, gives us an interesting picture of the Pagan impression of Christianity, as well as an acknowledgment of the Pagan reverence of the cross and cruciform or crucifix. This pious Christian writer must also address the **allegation that Christians worship the sun**, thus admitting that non-Christians perceived the solar orb to be the object of Christian worship, an assertion, therefore, that has existed essentially from the beginning of the Christian era and that has been made countless times since. Furthermore, **Tertullian raises the issue of Christians being accused of worshipping an ass, not as blasphemous a notion as it may appear, since the ass-headed god was popular in Egypt as Set or Seth. Indeed, in the "quarters of the imperial pages" of Rome, there is an image of a crucified ass-headed god.**



Onolatry (ass-worship) was attributed by Roman writers to the Jews and later to the Christians. The famous caricature of the Palatine represents a Christian worshipping a crucified figure with the head of an ass.

As the Catholic Encyclopedia points out, **in images Christ was not represented as crucified until the 6th-7th centuries ce.** The Catholic Encyclopedia further says ("Ecclesiastical Art"): But though with the triumph of Constantine the outline of the "chrisme" (chi-rho), or the Greek monogram of Christ, was universally held in honor and introduced into all Christian monuments and even into the coinage, **the crucifix as a Christian emblem was as yet practically unknown.**

And Massey further elucidates:

In the pictures of the underworld, the ass-headed god is portrayed as bearer of the sun. . . In the Greek shape of the mythos, Hephaistos ascends to the heavens, or to heaven, at the instigation of Dionysus, and is depicted as returning thither riding on an ass. . . . The wine-god intoxicated him and led

him heavenwards; in which condition we have the Hebrew Shiloh, who was to come binding his ass to the vine, with his eyes red with wine; his garments being drenched in the blood of the grape, and he as obviously drunk as Hephaistos...(Gerald Massey, The Historical Jesus Or The Mythical Christ, p. 123-127).

As noted, Sut/Set was also the biblical Seth, son of Adam, or Atum, the primordial being. Like the Egyptian Set, the biblical Seth is the "enemy of the Egyptian gods." **He is also the progenitor of the Hebrew people.** In fact, Massey relates that the Jews were "Suttites" or Sethians "from the very beginning, and Sut was worshipped by the Christians in Rome" (Ibid.). **Set was thus revered in ancient Palestine**, which is in fact named after him, "Pales" being his Roman name. Regarding this ass-headed twin, Dorese explains:

It is upon certain monuments of Egypt that we find the most ancient proofs of the attribution of a donkey's head to a god, who was to **become progressively identified with the god of the Jews.** This originated from the Asiatic god Sutekh, whom the Egyptians assimilated to one of their own greatest gods: Seth, the adversary of Osiris. **They represent Seth also, after the period of the Persian invasions, with a human body and an ass's head. Afterwards, this god Seth was definitely regarded by the Egyptians. . . as the father of the legendary heroes Hierosolymus and Judaeus-that is, as the ancestor of the Jews!** (Jean Dorese, The Secret Book of the Egyptian Gnostics, p. 42).

So what we see is that this "ass-headed god" is depicted as being crucified and receiving a wound in his side just like Jesus. And mind you this whole idea of "crucifying a god" came originally from Egypt.

THE ASTRONOMICAL ORIGIN FOR SUCH A TALE

First we need to determine the time of the year when Jesus is recorded to have entered into the Holy City.

Answer for yourself: When was it? It was passover and most know it was in the Spring at the Passover season.

Jerusalem is the Summer Solstice, the Apex, the highest point of the Sun's (Father's) travels. Let us remember that the Sun (Father) crossed the vernal equinox (tracking upward across the equator toward Spring). **The Gospels instruct us that Jesus (personified as the Sun) enters Jerusalem riding upon two asses.** This refers, as alluded to above, to two prominent stars which the Sun rides (crosses) within the constellation of Cancer (at the sign of the summer solstice). The stars are named **Asellus Borealis (Northern Ass)** and **Asellus Australis (Southern Ass)**. **The astronomical analogy states: Jerusalem is the Summer solstice, the Apex, the highest point in the Sun's travels. Ever since the Sun crossed the vernal equinox, its focus has been on Jerusalem allegorically as it rises to its zenith or apex in the sky at the Summer solstice. The Christ entering Jerusalem riding upon two asses refers to two prominent stars which the Sun rides (crosses) within the constellation of Cancer as it travels through the Zodiac when its path is at the sign of the summer solstice.**

Answer for yourself: Is that why the writer of the gospel of Matthew has his Jesus riding on TWO asses and not one like most people? Is this story just an Astronomical allegory and not truly historical?

Both Luke (19:29-35) and John (12:12-16) also mentioned that in his entry to Jerusalem, Jesus sat on a young donkey. The sitting on the donkey fulfils an Old Testament prophecy about the manner of how the messiah will enter the holy city:

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass.

One not familiar with the Hebrew language when reading the passage of Zechariah above may be slightly confused by the last two lines; for it seems to imply that the king is riding on two animals: the donkey and its colt. **However that is only an example of Hebrew poetical parallelisms that involve the repetition of the same idea in different words-mainly for metrical or rhythmical purposes.** This basic fact, however, seems to escape the author of Matthew.

Answer for yourself: Is this total disregard for the Hebrew language and how it works a strong indication that not only did not Matthew, Levi, the tax collector not write this book but one who is totally unfamiliar with the Hebrew language which means we have a Gentile writing this book.

Given below is Matthew's version of the first part of the triumphal entry. Notice he changes the "singular" to the "plural" not understanding the Hebrew language. If this was a Jewish writer then he need to start the first grade over.

Matthew 21:1-7 As they approached Jerusalem...Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: Say to the daughter of Zion, "See your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

The writer of the Gospel of Matthew had obviously read the passage in Zechariah to mean that the messiah will

be riding on **two donkeys. He had actually made Jesus sit on the two animals at the same time!** Note that the last sentence, Jesus sat on them, is not just an oversight on Matthew's part, for he had deliberately altered the whole episode to include two animals (the donkey and its colt). I have underlined the portion where Matthew had changed the singular in Mark to the plural when referring to the animals.

Just for the record let us look at Mark's account:

Mark 11:1 ¶ And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, 2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. 3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. Text Comments The triumphal entry. 4 And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. 5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? 6 And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. 7 And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

The writer of the Gospel of Mark has but one ass or donkey where Matthew turns the account into 2 of them.

That Jesus could or would have drawn such attention to himself by ridding or sitting on two animals at the same time is obviously absurd.

Answer for yourself: That being the case, why would Matthew here deliberately alter the Markan account by deliberately replacing a natural account of the triumphal entry for a more absurd one?

The answer to this is simple. Matthew, like most Christians of his era, believed Jesus to be the Christ or the messiah. This belief was fundamental to their outlook. Following this they believed that any Old Testament passages which they interpreted as prophecies of the coming messiah ***must therefore had to have been fulfilled in Jesus' life***. The Old Testament therefore becomes a kind of historical source and "blueprint" for events of the life of Jesus or at lest the pattern for his life as it was later written and appears in 170 A.D. **It was simply "assumed" to have taken place. The Jewish Rabbis and sages tell a different story and deny that this New Testament Jesus is their Messiah.**

This is all the more ludicrous when you come to learn that the first Gospel quote was in 170 A.D.; indicating that these gospels were not written until late second century. In the case of the triumphal entry, **Matthew, a Gentile writer with little or no understanding of the Hebrew language, understands the passage in Zechariah to mean that the messiah will be riding on two donkeys instead of one.** He shows by this silly interpretation that he is totally unfamiliar with Hebraic synonymous parallelism let alone Hebrew prophecy and the Hebrew Scriptures. That the writer of the earlier gospel of Mark says otherwise is inconsequential to him. Mark at the moment of Matthew's writing had not yet achieved canonical status. Thus to Matthew, Mark's narrative, of having Jesus just sitting on one animal, must be wrong because the scripture said that there were to be two as he saw it.

This episode will illustrate why a level of skepticism must be applied to any event narrated in the gospels that deliberately and directly fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy. It was more likely that the evangelists, convinced of his belief that Jesus was the messiah, constructed the episodes based solely on the Old Testament prophecies and not on any historical fact. It also shows that the writer of this gospel had either no knowledge that the whole account of a triumphant entry was connected to Astronomical phenomena.

Now again this is but a harmless story, but the real harm has been caused by those who littered the New

Testament with such fables and who also added many of their pagan religious doctrines to the life of Jesus in the texts you hold sacred. The atrocity is that these anti-Semites of old ascribed such Solar-myths and fables to Jesus when the truth of the matter is that the Jew, nor his faith of Biblical Judaism, could or would ever accept or believe them. Sadly, as non-Jews, mainly Christians, today we have been led through our ignorance, our apathy to study for ourselves, or possessing too much child-like faith to believe anything anyone in a three-piece suit who stands behind a pulpit says. Faith can be gullible at times and surely without any historical facts. Only look at the above example. You, dear one, most likely have fallen prey to lies and superstitions about Jesus and his Astronomical origins. Without a doubt when a Christian is asked "do you want to know the truth" they unanimously resound with a ear-deafening "yes," however, when presented with hard facts and evidence they recoil in disbelief never investigating for themselves if these things they heard be true often out of fear of "discovering" uncomfortable truths. I used to be such a one until when one day I realized my "Swiss-cheese" theology was full of holes and came to realize that God knew I knew it. I was ashamed and that is good for us if it motivates us to seek the truth behind the "Jesus Story". Surely the God of the Universe, who is perfect beyond all understanding, can do a better job in revealing His truth to His people than what we are being being taught in our churches today and from our forged Bibles. Believe me He has and does but it might not be in the places you were taught to seek as children and young adults who never knew to question anything in your birth faith. There was a time in my life that I didn't know I had believed lies and got a Master's degree in religious error. Hard study was my deliverance and it is yours if you accept the challenge. The choice is yours if you truly want to learn of the ONLY truth God has given man and as traditional Christians and followers of the New Testament "Christ" we don't have it. This knowledge today is free for the asking. You only need to read, study, read more, think, pray, repent, and turn to God in truth as you shun the religious lies and deceptions that you have been given by men who profit from such instead of giving the truth that really sets you free. Bet Emet Ministries is such a deliverance to those who are hungry for the truth behind the "Jesus Story" and want to have a personal Exodus from the idolatry that has captured them in this replacement religion.

Commemorative ceremonies of gods like Dionysus, Attis, Osiris, and even the Phoenician god Baal as recorded on a 4,000 year old tablet now in the British Museum, move in virtual symphony with the Passion story of Jesus in the Gospels. **Gospel characters and their features mirror astrological symbols and divine pantheons of contemporary cultures; the workings of the heavens (astro-theology) and especially solar myths have uncanny parallels in elements of the "Jesus Story".** And so on. One of the things which struck me was when the full impact of seeing the multiple parallels that can be made with features of the Gospel story and its character Jesus of Nazareth really dawned on me and what it meant to the whole of the "Jesus Story". It literally angered me to know that I had been deceived for so long and had supported and propagated such a spreading of lies with my tithe most of my life. It had to stop and it did. I hope you find the courage to act in such defiance of lies and untruth and dedicate your life to hard and productive study to find and cherish the higher Divine Truths and Revelations that lie behind the "Jesus Story" which are only learned by recovering the "gnosis" of the original allegorical and metaphorical understanding of the Ancient Mythos of "the Karast/Christ" of Egypt.

It is time we learn and acknowledge the many parallels with solar and astrological observation and mythology, illustrating the deep interdependence and even a form of unity within the various manifestations which the ancients saw in the universe around them. **All these interdependent motifs they incorporated into their allegorical myths, into their written scripture which served to create the past they desired for themselves, in support of a present identity and set of religious truths they wanted to live by. Christianity, unfortunately, worked at divorcing itself from all this rich, unifying heritage by creating a "literalization" of these past Mythical and Mystical understandings of God and His Cosmos while at the same time denying and burying the truth of the Mystical and Mythical teaching of God's (the Egyptian Karast) Christ.**

What this story shows us is the strong dependence on Egyptian, Sumerian and Canaanite precedents of so many of our "Jesus Stories". Many of these Ancient myths and legends, sayings and teachings ended up in the New Testament, all of which in turn were outgrowths of even more primitive ideas and practices of earlier phases of Near Eastern prehistory and Astronomy. But we miss this because they are presented to us as if "literal" story

only when ironically the reverse is the case. Christianity, in its 'orthodox' strain (or "Literalist," to borrow a term from Freke and Gandy's The Jesus Mysteries), struck out on its own with claims of uniqueness, originality and exclusive historicity, breaking the link to that unified allegorical and mythical ground out of which it sprung. Believers, scholars and critics alike are stuck in this Literalist, historicizing view of the Christ faith, and only when the genuine roots of the movement and its formative mythology are brought back into our consciousness can the modern world decide what to do with it and where we will go from here. If only half of these astrological and mythological symbols in the atmosphere of the time which closely conform to Gospel features were in the minds of the Gospel writers when they fashioned their tale about a "historical Christ", there can be no doubt that such writers were well aware that their work had nothing to do with history. It is we today who don't.

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JESUS BETRAYED FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH?

Matt 26:14-16 14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. (KJV)

Matt 26:20-21 20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. 21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. (KJV)

[The twelve disciples of Jesus \(the personified Sun\) are the twelve signs of the Zodiac.](#)

We have seen in the prior articles enough information to show that the depiction of the New Testament "Jesus Story" is the story of the Sun "personified" in its path through the Heavens, Sky, and Zodiac. Following the same reasoning based on the evidence the Ancients taught that the Sun (personified later as Jesus in the "Jesus Story") was betrayed by one of his Disciples (zodiac signs). According to the dictionary, the word "betrayed" means "to deceive, to lead astray, to deliver into the hands of ones enemy."

Answer for yourself: What could this mean in the "Jesus Story"? Was a historical Jesus actually betrayed by a "Judas"? Let us look into the matter somewhat.

WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT JUDAS?

It was hard for me to come to the realization that urban legends and myths were the backbone of the Gospels. The become painfully evident when one searches "for himself" and confronts the differences that exist in the gospel stories. The only conclusion that a "thinking believer" can make when examining the abundant evidence to these contradictions in the Gospels is that God surely can get the story straight if He is behind the writing of such a document and that contrary to the early traditions started by the authorities in the churches, the gospels were not written by eyewitnesses (or the apostles to which the church hierarchy wished to attribute them). Modern scholarship today proves this beyond any doubt. We can continue to believe the moon is made of cheese and that the Gospels were written by Galilean fishermen and followers of Jesus of Nazareth but if you study and examine the evidences regarding such things which we have availability to today then such beliefs quickly vanish. One in particular that I wish to note is the story of Judas, the traitor. This story demonstrate that the gospels were written at a later date and were dotted through with what we call today 'urban legends'.

The first mention of the Judas tradition, in abbreviated form, is found in the gospel of Mark. This gospel is not an historical document, but rather is a collection of polemical parables which have been carefully arranged in an editing structure which is a familiar feature of earlier manuscripts in the Jewish tradition (a chiasmus usually consists of a sequence of parables arranged in a step like structure with a central focus - for example A1, B1, Center, B2, A2). In an aside in the gospel, the author makes the point that 'he taught nothing without using a parable,' which is a type of word picture, and the careful structural arrangement of the parables in the gospel of

Mark indicate that nothing is taught in this book without using carefully arranged parables. A true 'biography' or a literal historical document is not written using the technique of chiasm, neither does real life fall so neatly into such a structured literary form, and this suggests that the parables in the gospel of Mark were just that, teaching parables, as the careful arrangement suggests, and were only historical not in the literal sense but in the sense that the issues (for example the Sabbath) were real sources of controversy in the early church. Such a careful polemical arrangement is strong evidence that these Gospels were never intended to be interpreted as history or reflect historical people.

With this being said it is quite plausible that 'Judas' in the gospel of Mark was originally another polemical device and never intended to represent an actual living person, but rather was symbolic. Since the gospel of Mark is so strongly anti-Torah and contains strong polemical attacks on the Jewish religious authorities, Judas, the traitor, could have been symbolic of the treachery of Jewish leaders who are shown, in fine polemical form, associating with a traitor (the meaning of the polemic then is obvious).

Answer for yourself: What is one of the big problems connected with the "Judas Story"?

Judas reappears in two conflicting pseudo- histories in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, and this suggests both that these two documents were of a later date, and that the story of Judas continued to grow, as we know that urban legends do, and that the legend appears in two divergent forms is evidence both for two isolated communities and the passage of time, resulting in the creation of divergent urban legends (much as today, an urban legend can appear in slightly different forms on the east coast and the west coast, and be held to be literally true in whatever form it has evolved into over the passage of time in isolated communities.)

The conflicting 'history' presented in the gospels are the best evidence that these documents were written decades later than the events they purport to describe (no disciple wrote them and no disciple remained alive to correct the obviously mythological and legendary elements that became accepted as history within these disparate communities. They were sorting through rumors, and, as continues to happen today, they also believed that certain legends were fact, and seemed to believe that Mark's carefully arranged parables were in fact 'history' and a kind of 'biography' as the increasing amounts of fantastic mythology in these documents gives indication.)

We are given two contradictory versions of the urban legend of the life and death of Judas in the gospel accounts. In Matthew it is stated:

Matt 27:1-10 1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: 2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. 3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; 10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you spot a huge error in the above passage? The prophecy mentioned that was supposedly fulfilled in this event is not found in the Book of Jeremiah but in Zechariah! God cannot seem to get it right can he?

Next we move on. The gospel of Luke contradicts the book of Galatians, and Mark and Matthew on a number of points, and these differences in historical detail were acknowledged by Luke in the very opening chapters of his polemic. Luke claims that while many others have attempted to write the history of the events concerning the "Jesus Story" they had failed in their efforts and sadly produced accounts which were inaccurate and disorderly, and he claims that it seemed good to him to set the record straight. Somebody has to get the "Jesus Story" right so Luke appoints himself to do the job. Luke produces an entirely different account of what supposedly happened to Jesus and even Judas, in the process obviously reproducing the particular version of the urban legend and myth that had developed in his own community. According to this tale the apostles watched as Christ flew up into heaven...

Acts 1:11-20 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. 12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) 16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. 18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. 20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take. (KJV)

So we have two different accounts that contradict each other. According to Matthew Judas threw down the blood money, ran away and proceeded to hang himself. In the other account of Luke he falls and ruptures his abdomen. According to Matthew the pharisees then conferred together and they and the chief priests decided to purchase a field with the blood money, and so they called it "Field of Blood" and in Luke's version Judas purchased the field himself. Which is it?

Luke, writing his Gospel and surely well aware of the differences in his account, and claiming to all readers that his intention is to set the record straight, tells the readers that Judas took the money and bought the field himself, enjoying the fruits of his ill gotten gain, and then one day, in what was obviously an act of divine retribution, he tripped and his guts spilled out and he died. Thus they called the place Field of Blood. This was of course the fulfillment of prophecy in the Psalms. These differences leave us never to really know what happened to Judas, if such a person ever existed, after all, making his first appearance in Mark's collection of polemical parables. What we have here are urban legends which developed in separated communities.

Answer for yourself: Why do these accounts differ so much? Is either of them true? Could it be if we look into mythology and Astronomy that we can find this infamous "Field of Blood" existing long before the time of the supposed Jesus and Judas in prior mythologies? Did a historical Judas even exist? Do we dare even to think the same things about Jesus?

The best evidence that we have that Judas never actually existed, but was another purely fictional polemical device which originated in the Gospel of Mark, is found in considering what is written in the earliest documents the church possesses, the letters of Paul.

Answer for yourself: What does Paul have to say about the historical Jesus and Judas? Well almost nothing if you can believe that. If you look into the problems surrounding the historical Jesus what you will discover is that Paul knew nothing about Judas, and, unlike the later authors of the gospels, he lived during the time of the apostles, and thus would have been the one to know. Paul only mentions just 2 sentences that mention anything that this Jesus of Nazareth is reported to say and then he goes on to inform the reader of his views on these "two" one liners from the ministry of Jesus. Paul's testimony also indicates that the stories surrounding the crucifixion and the aftermath were also peppered through with various urban legends, as his testimony of what he knew of this matter conflicts with what you find in the gospel accounts. So it does not look good that Judas ever existed and if this evidence was submitted in a court of law today the verdict would be "dismissed" for lack of corroborating evidence.

Answer for yourself: But where does the "30 pieces of silver" come from?

We need only to refresh our understanding of the course of the Sun following the Summer solstice as it approached the Autumn equinox as the Sun is declining in the sky. As the Sun passes its zenith point in the sky in its course through the sky which occurs at the Summer solstice it begins a slow slide southward toward eventually the Autumn equinox and finally the Winter solstice. With such a slide in the path of the Sun the days and the amount of light contained within them diminish progressively. Where as at the Summer solstice where the day has the longest hours of daylight the Sun begins to diminish the amount of light it provides daily until at the Autumn equinox there is a equal length of daylight and darkness in the 24 hour day occurring at the Autumn equinox. The Sun continually diminishes the amount of time it gives is light until it arrives in its path across the Heavens at the Winter solstice where the days have the greatest amount of darkness and less amount of light of any time of the year.

Answer for yourself: How does "darkness rule"? Darkness rules when the night, or hours of darkness during the day is longer than the light of the Sun during the daytime.

Answer for yourself: Were the Ancient astronomers familiar with the concept of a "betrayal of the Sun for 30 pieces of silver? They sure were. The Ancients taught that the "betrayal for 30 pieces of silver" clearly refers to the Sign or constellation at the Autumnal equinox that leads the Sun (symbolic for the Father) into the hands of the enemy (below the celestial equator which is equated with "darkness"), where Darkness rules. Let us not forget each of the signs of the Zodiac is the name given to one of twelve 30 degree arc of the sky, as viewed from the central point of Earth. Each of these arcs is referred to as a house of the Zodiac, and each is given a separate name. Throughout the course of the year, the Earth moves through all twelve arcs, completing its full 360 degree rotation.

A short history lesson will help at this point. Around 300 BC, when the spring and autumn equinoxes (i.e. the seasons) were originally positioned by the Greeks on the path of the Sun traveling around the Earth (the ecliptic) - it was done by the Greeks for the purposes of setting up a solar calendar. For simplicity sake, in setting up the calendar, the 12 sectors of the Sun's path (the ecliptic) were artificially divided up into 12 equal sized sections. Each sector had 30 degrees and was named for the zodiac constellation the Sun was "more or less" passing through. I say "more or less," because it was realized that the 12 constellations located on the Sun's path were all of differing sizes and shapes. So the Sun always spends unequal amounts of time passing through each of the 12 zodiac signs. An example will help us understand. The Sun spends only 19 days traveling through the smaller constellation of Cancer and spends 45 days traversing the sign of Virgo. At the time this was done, the Sun's position approximately corresponded to the visual perception of its location against the 12 zodiac constellations in the sky. And so, the point of 0 degrees Aries was established as being when the Sun passed over the vernal (spring) equinox point, and the corresponding point of 0 degrees Libra was established as being when the Sun passed over the autumn equinox point. The Greeks appeared not to know about the precession prior to 2nd century BC. So, for some historians, it was commonly believed that this "precession" was first discovered about 150 years later (around 150 BC), when it was noticed that there was a slight displacement of the Fixed Stars and constellations. This displacement was then named the "Precession of the Zodiac" or the "Precession of the Equinoxes." However, according to astronomer Dr Percy Seymour ("The Birth of Christ; Exploding the Myth"), based on new discoveries, it is now generally

accepted that ancient Egyptians, as early as 4000 BC, were already aware of the precession and that it had even been incorporated into their religion.

As seen above the single number "30" is significant when considering astronomy, and religion is integral to a full comprehension of astronomy, and almost mystical in its meaning. **While the number 30 has many significations, its most fundamental significance is the fact that it is the number of the circle, or cycle.** The circle, it will be noted, is the geometric expression of absolute completion and infinity. It symbolizes the continuous, yet fixed, nature of life, energy and matter along the timeline. It is the shape of every planet in the solar system and the fittest representation of all time cycles as the clock itself (being in the shape of a circle) testifies. The clock also provides a fitting analogy to our examination of the number 30. Besides being the ultimate embodiment of the cycle (which governs the affairs of every life-form on earth), the clock is divided into 12 sections, or hours, upon a circular face. The circle itself is 360 degrees (a completed cycle in geometry), and 360 divided by 12 yields 30. Therefore, 30 has a special significance in the cycle of time.

Answer for yourself: Could our ideas of "time" and "clock" originated with the Zodiac and the divisions within it and the "time" it takes for the Sun to pass through its "houses" and "constellations"?

Thirty is also half of 60, the number of seconds in a minute and the number of minutes in an hour. It forms an integral part of the measure of time itself. Thirty is the number of days in a month, and three times 30 is equal to one quarter of the calendar year. Thirty days times 3 is also the division of the calendar itself into four (the number 4 representing temporal completion) equal sections. It also forms the basis of the four seasons (the Spring equinox, the Summer solstice, the Autumn equinox, and the Winter solstice) of the year and therefore is important to the agrarian economy (without which life could not exist). The farmer must plan his tilling, planting, fertilizing, and harvesting activities along these four quarters (30 x 3), with each quarter representing a time-frame integral to the success of his crop. The connection between the Biblical festivals and religious festivals and related harvests since the beginning of time and connections to the equinoxes and solstices should be evident by now.

The number 30 can also be expressed as 10 x 3 (10 being the number of ordinal perfection and 3 the number of divine completeness). This mathematical structure further underlines the special importance of this number. Thirty is also the number of probation and preparation. A man, before he is fit for success, very often must toil at his trade until he reaches the age of 30 before he is ready to advance and apply all his wisdom and experience with great success. Thirty also has a theological significance since we read in Scripture that Christ was 30 when he is to have begun his public ministry on earth. It is all symbolic and not "literal". **In biblical numerology, the number 30 is also representative of blood (the essence of all life) and the price of blood.**

Answer for yourself: Could this be the reason for the attachment to the death of the Christ or the personified Sun for example? Christ was sold by Judas Iscariot for **30 pieces of silver.**

According to the Gospel of Matthew, when Judas betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, he is wracked with guilt and hangs himself, after which the priests who originally paid him off buy with his blood-money. However, in Acts, as detailed above, Judas is represented as having his guts and intestines explode in the field, thus its bloody name. **Obviously, these accounts are not history; indeed, they are found in ancient mythologies.** Let us look at one of them.

In Sumerian mythology, Aruru (also known as Ninmah, Nintu, Ninhursaga, Belet-ili or Mami) was the almighty gentle mother goddess of the earth and birth. She is the one whom first created humanity from clay. The Sumero-Babylonian Goddess Aruru the Great was the original potter from whom all later "clay stories" originated and who created human beings out of clay.

Answer for yourself: What book should I read right now? Laurence Gardner's Genesis of the Grail Kings. Now back to the article. Read the book and you will understand just whom this Ninhursaga is and the truth behind the "Adam and Eve" stories and the Elohim which make up the opposing creation account in Genesis. It all has to do with the "giants" and the "nephilim"; otherwise known as the anunnaki.

The Goddess was worshipped as a Potter in the Jewish Temple, where she received "30 pieces of silver" as the price of a sacrificial victim, (Zechariah 11:13). She owned the Field of Blood, Alcedema, where the clay was moistened with the blood of victims so bought. Judas, who allegedly sold Jesus for this same price, was himself another victim of the Potter. In the Potter's Field he was either hanged (Matt. 27:5) or disemboweled (Acts 1:18), suggesting that the Potter was none other than the Goddess who both created and destroyed (Barbara Walker, The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths And Secrets, p. 815). Thus we see that 30 pieces of silver was the price for death of a victim and later applied to the death of Jesus as well.

In closing we must remember that at the time Christ was betrayed it was in the garden at night time. The silver moon is the ruler of the night, and the beautiful autumn nights are longer than the days since the amount of darkness per day increases steadily since the Summer solstice. There is also 30 degrees in each sign. These 30 silver moon nights are the 30 pieces of silver Lucifer (Venus) betrayed the sun for. He had been the morning star, but now betrayed for the 30 pieces of silver night, now cast them down in the potter's field a graveyard of fall tragedies and disappears here, only to appear again as the morning star in the spring (venus), and we see nothing of this but the allegory of the man with his bowels broke asunder and Lucifer disappears, to be born again in the springtime. We must remember a piece of silver was of but 13 cents of our money or 30 pieces of but \$3.90; a very small sum to get for the betrayal to death. That is an evidence of an allegory. More to our point in the lunar-solar mythos, the 30 pieces of silver represented the 30 days of lunation.

So we see that the Ancients wrote that the payment of Judas for his crime was thirty pieces of silver. They used the term "Silver" as a metaphor for Degrees. One sign of the Zodiac covers thirty degrees (thirty pieces) of arc. Thus we see that 12 Signs equals 360 Degrees which is EXACTLY the total arc made by the twelve Signs of the Zodiac and encircles the globe exactly.

Answer for yourself: Is this just a coincidence?

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JESUS TO RAISE UP A NEW TEMPLE IN 3 DAYS: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

Mark 14:58 58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. (KJV)

John 2:19 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. (KJV)

The above passages are a reference to the [coming forth of the sun again after 3 days.](#)

Answer for yourself: What is meant by that?

The Winters Solstice is also know as Yule, Christmas, and Saturnalia and it occurs in mid-December. It is a celebration of the new Solar year and the beginning of Winter. The Winter Solstice has been celebrated in cultures the world over for thousands of years. This start of the solar year is a celebration of Light and the rebirth of the Sun. In old Europe, it was known as Yule, from the Norse, Jul, meaning wheel.

The zodiac was known by the siderealists as the temple. Temple means "Time of El or god", meaning the clock of god, which the zodiac is.

Now, the rebuilding of the temple can either be seen as:

- The actual 3 days of the sun's rebirth in the sign of Capricorn, or
- As the 3 signs that precede the Spring Equinoctial rising of the sun, Capricorn, Aquarius & Pisces. "

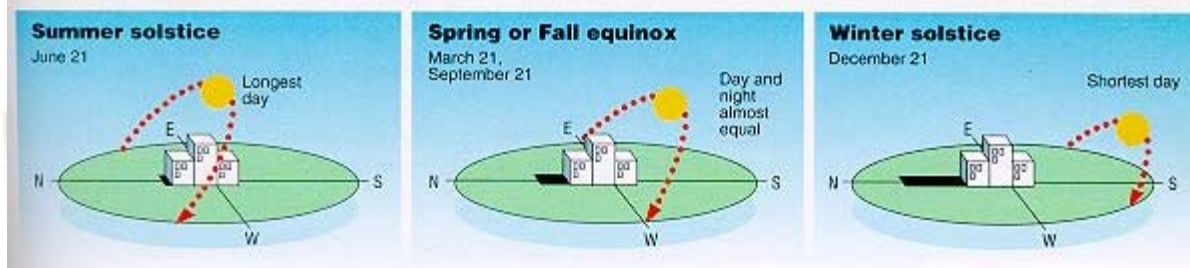
Days," refers to signs of the zodiac, they are days of Precession.

Today, many people in Western-based cultures refer to this holiday as "Christmas." Yet a look into its origins of Christmas reveals its Pagan roots.

Answer for yourself: Do you know why this day and period of time of the year was held sacred? Simply because this is Astro-theology at its best. This is the time of the Winter Solstice. People have celebrated the middle of winter for centuries. Winter Solstice is the longest night of winter, after which each of the days grow progressively longer until the Summer Solstice. Many cultures celebrated this sign of winter's waning and traditions of the Solstice have continued into today's other Winter Festivals. The importance of agriculture in early societies made the seasons very important to their celebrations. Spring and Summer were times of new life and Fall was the time of the Harvest. Winter, cold and dark, was a time of little sunlight. The sun's light weakened towards Winter, and people feared that it might disappear completely. In order to honor the sun, people celebrated. If they honored the sun, they felt it would return quickly and completely. Music, bonfires, and feasts were used to honor the sun back to its full strength. The importance of the lights of Hanukkah and

Christmas could be said to have Solstice origins. The ancient Romans celebrated Saturnalia, beginning December 17th. Saturnalia honored the god of agriculture, Saturn. This was a time of feasting, gift-giving, and visiting. Evergreen trees were covered with fruit and other decorations, and candles were popular gifts. Elements of Saturnalia can be seen in Winter Solstice and other Winter celebrations today.

But more to the point the Ancients noticed in very ancient times that during the solstice period, the sun which was travelling south into the cold of winter and would descend until it reached a point where it would stop. In



the winter the days are short and the Sun in low in the sky. **The Winter Solstice is the day when the Sun is the lowest in the southern sky. During the short winter days**

the Sun does not rise exactly in the east, but instead rises just south of east and it sets south of west. Each day after the winter solstice, which occurs on December 21st, the Sun's path becomes a little higher in the southern sky after having remained motionless in the sky for 3 days. The Sun also begins to rise closer to the east and set closer to the west until we reach the day when it rises exactly east and sets exactly west. This day is called the equinox. In fact this is what the word 'solstice' means, 'sun standing still.' This most southerly position of the sun is marked on all globes, as the tropic of Capricorn, for it is in that sign that this event takes place. Notice if you will that the Sun seems to sinking lower into the horizon as winter approaches and the days possess less daylight and heat. That means less photosynthesis and less harvests and food supplies diminishing. Ancient man feared the darkness for it was personified death to him. In the absence of light from the Sun then man was vulnerable to bad and evil things happening to him. In fact we get the term "the devil" from this concept as the Ancients connected the ideas of "evil" and "darkness" together. **To the Ancients the dark was "evil" and they called it the "dark-evil" or the "d-evil" or the "devil".** I hope you see this. Darkness brought the threat of attack from enemies he could not see, the capture of his women and family by invaders, the threat of attack by predator animals or poisonous snakes let alone the absence of light and heat that promised food for tomorrows. In such conditions as the Sun, the provider of light, security, safety, heat, and photosynthesis and the abundance of food stuffs was the Savior of the Ancients. So when we speak of the Winter Solstice it is rather easy knowing this that as the Sun sank deeper into the southern horizon on a daily basis and with less light every day to the point that the path of the Sun had moved further down the sky to where it had remained motionless for 3 days at the Winter Solstice then **the ancients considered that the sun had actually died. In fact, the great orb, would remain standing still for three days neither moving north or south. Then, it was noticed, that on the third day, the sun would begin moving northward again.**

Answer for yourself: Can you now see and understand why it was always said that the sun, the light of the world, would die for three days and then on the third day rise again?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this was known thousands of years before Christianity came on the scene?

We must never forget that the primary, motivating factor that inspired early man to worship God, was his fear and dread of the potential fierceness of his environment. His (primitive man) major impetus for worshipping and sacrificing to the Sun God was to assure that the Sun God would continue protecting mankind from the ravages of the dreaded winter.

So for primitive man, the inception of winter, Dec. 22, was the worst day of every year for him. This day, Dec. 22 was the start of winter and marked the beginning of the worst stage of his yearly struggle for survival. This day, Dec. 22, is referred to by astronomers as the Winter Solstice. This word, Solstice, according to Webster's Dictionary means "to stand still, pause, a turning point." Primitive man even

believed the Sun had died as he could detect no movement of the Sun in the sky for 3 days and and these 3 days were days having the shortest daylight of the year. This day, Dec. 22, the start of winter, was the harbinger of his potential perdition.

On Dec. 22 of each year, the Sun reached its Winter Solstice, the lowest point of the trajectory (angle of rays) of the entire year as depicted in the picture above. After Dec. 22 (the turning point), the Sun again rises northward, which is a sign that summer shall come again! God's salvation in the Sun was on its way to mankind!

Even though Dec. 22 marks the beginning of winter and the weather turns progressively worst from that point (Dec. 22) until the spring (March 21), all is not lost. Because the fact that the angle of the Sun's rays projecting on the earth, was moving progressively northward told early man that the warmth and comfort of the summer Sun would eventually prevail. His faith was renewed that he and his family would be "saved" by God who controlled the movement of the Sun and the Stars. God was speaking to the Ancients from Heaven through the movement of the Sun and the Stars and this was man's first salvation message.

But there was a period of doubt, for early primitive civilization. Primitive man did not understand our universe and solar system as we do today. We, today, know exactly what causes the four seasons of the year. But early man did not; at least not for awhile until we come to Egypt. He did not possess knowledge of our Solar System, the axis of the earth, its rotation and revolving around the Sun. He did not understand that these forces operated by a Natural, Providential Law, that would stay its course, no matter what. Early man only understood the result, not the cause. Because of this he would "reason" such events as best he could and these resulting "myths" would be handed down among mankind until Science would advance to replace such foolishness. The problem is that such foolishness would be later personified into acts of each nation's heroes and later "literalized" by Rome as they lifted this from the realm of allegory and in so doing was ascribed to Jesus by the Sun-worshipping Romans who had control over the New Testament.

Now you can better understand that each year, early society awaited the approach of Dec. 22, with foreboding. Dec. 22, the day of the Winter Solstice (definition is to stand still) was a day of reckoning for them. Because it seemed to them, as they observed and tracked the North to South movement of the Sun, that on this day Dec. 22, the sun entered its grave. The North to South progression of the Sun can be likened to a swinging pendulum. You know that when a pendulum reaches its solstice (the point where it swings back - its turning point), that for a slight imperceptible moment, it actually stands still. But in terms of our vast solar system, the point of solstice is not imperceptible. It lasts for days, three days to be exact. For three days, after the sun reaches its solstice, it appears to stand still. This period of pause, between the Sun's descent and Ascent, wrought paralyzing dread and fear into the hearts and minds of the early pre-Christians. Over time, they established rituals and traditions concerning this period (Dec. 22 to Dec. 25). They passed the word through oral tradition, and eventually, after their societies established writing, wrote it down, concerning their Sun God: the sun shall lay in a grave (point of solstice) for 3 days. But after 3 days the sun shall rise, be resurrected, (according to Webster's Dictionary, the word resurrect is linked to the word resurge, which means "To Rise Again", to revive), and ascend toward heaven, (progressively ascend northward to the position of the summer Sun).

Answer for yourself: Can you begin to see that when the Sun and its path through the Heavens was later personified and then later "literalized" by Rome that out comes the "Jesus Story"?

1 Cor 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Risen? As in Sun or the personified form of the Sun as the "Son of the Sun"?

And when the sun completes its ascent upward toward the point of its summer solstice, it will comfort us and bless us with warm weather and long days and will save us (be a savior) from the ravages of winter. So, this,

that I have explained to you here, is the ORIGINAL, authentic, true CONCEPT of the resurrection. As the revelation of God would grow among Mankind, men could see how the God of the Universe has spoken such to them in the Cosmos. Egypt understood it best: God was speaking to them of His true salvation message through the path of the Sun which followed Universal and Cosmic Laws: birth, life, death, and rebirth. God was speaking to mankind through the movement of the Heavens that all live must follow the Divine Order and Laws of God and when done then harmony is produced and the ultimate salvation of mankind is realized through his birth, life, death, and rebirth as seen the God's Heavens above, God's Nature around them as well as the internal workings of the body which follow these same Laws of God.

When the pre-Christians spoke and wrote of the resurrection of the Sun; they meant exactly that. It did not refer to a person, but to the SOLAR SUN. That would come later. We see the the culminating of it in the teachings of Jesus and Judaism.

Now understand I believe in the resurrection of the dead as well as "the Christ" but as a Divine Concept within all mankind. That is what Paul and his authentic 7 epistles taught:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

What you, the reader must be sharp enough to see, is that many "untruths" have been mixed with "truths" in the life of Jesus as portrayed in the New Testament and "cast out the leaven."

But, when the Gentile Church broke from their Jewish Roots the Gentile priesthood began to associated with the inherited traditions about Jesus their older "religious traditions" of the Sun-gods. Long ago their Gentile ancestors had changed the Sun to Son. The priesthood told the pagans that the SON (Christ) was born on Dec. 25, just like their SUN. They told them that the Son had been dead in a grave for three days and then was resurrected (revived) and ascended to heaven (upward) just like their Sun.

Answer for yourself: Looking at the astronomy and astrology down through recorded history let alone a comparison of comparative religions this seems rather unlikely. The religious texts we inherited from Rome are definitely questionable. Yet this is totally a matter of faith for you, the reader.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN...AND WOULD GOD WANT US TO?

Emperor Aurelian established December 25 as the birthday of the "Invincible Sun" in the third century as part of the Roman Winter Solstice celebrations. Shortly thereafter, in 273, the Christian church selected this day to represent the birthday of Jesus, and by 336, this Roman solar feast day was Christianized. January 6, celebrated as Epiphany in Christendom and linked with the visit of the Magi, was originally an Egyptian date for the Winter Solstice. If you have ever studied the Jewish Roots of Christianity you can easily see that Yeshua was conceived at Hanukkah (the Festival of Lights...light to the world) and was born at the High Holy Days (9 months later). This is why Bet Emet exists in hopes we can sanctify ourselves before our LORD and one day meet Him with truth and lives lived in this truth accordingly!

Most of the customs, lore, symbols, and rituals associated with "Christmas" actually are linked to Winter Solstice celebrations of ancient Pagan cultures. In closing "Pagan" does not always mean "evil or bad." But to attribute celestial events to Jesus, the assumed Messiah of many, and teach them as literal truth is not truthful!

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THERE WAS DARKNESS ALL OVER THE LAND...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

If you have been diligent to read up and through this article then you should be impressed at the evidence presented.

Answer for yourself: Can such parallels be resigned to mere "coincidence"?

If you have ever spent much time in serious study of the New Testament then you have already seen how many of the events of the life of Jesus have been embellished by the early Gentile Church to "make Jesus greater" than those who came before him. And let me say that I believe he was greater than any. However, we need not make the "fish story" longer if you know what I mean for the truth is enough. The next example is really not of any major importance, but is included as it again is a parallel to the Sun-Myths and can be easily interpreted in such a manner.

In the same manner ends the tale of the long toil and sorrows of other Sun-gods. The last scene exhibits a manifest return to the spirit of the solar myth. He (the Sun personified) must not die the common death of all men, for no disease or corruption can touch the body of the brilliant Sun. After a long struggle against he dark clouds who are arrayed against him in an effort to prevent his light, he is finally overcome, and the Sun eventually dies beneath the horizon. Such are the stories of all the preceding Sun-gods who became men. With the setting of the Sun it was understood to "die" only to be "raised" again. Blacker and blacker grow the evening shades, and finally "there is darkness on the face of the earth," and the din of its thunder crashes through the air (Description of the death of Hercules, Tales of Ancient Greece, pp. 61-62).

It is the picture of a sunset in wild confusion, of a sunset more awful, yet not more sad, that which is seen in the last hours of many other Sun-gods. It is nothing more than a picture of the battle of the clouds over the dead or dying Sun, which is to be seen in the legendary history of many Sun-gods. Just described is the "battle of the clouds over the dead or dying Sun..." (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii. p. 91).

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JESUS CRUCIFIED AT THE PLACE OF THE SKULL...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

Mat 27:22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. Mat 27:23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

Mat 27:28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. Mat 27:29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! Mat 27:30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. Mat 27:31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. Mat 27:32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

John 19:14 And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! John 19:15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. John 19:16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. John 19:17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

Answer for yourself: Is the account in the inspired, infallible, and inerrant New Testament concerning the place of the crucifixion of Jesus nothing more than a Solar-myth retold and we not know it?

THE ASTRONOMICAL ANALOGY EXPOSED

This word Golgotha is Connected to the Sign of Capricorn.

A definition pertaining to the Skull is found within both of the words, Capricorn and Golgotha. Let us look at the definition of Golgotha from my Holman's Bible Dictionary:

GOLGOTHA (gahl' guh thuh) Place name transliterated from Aramaic and or Hebrew into Greek and then into English meaning, the skull.

Also let us look from my American Heritage Dictionary and let us pay special note to definitions 4 & 5,

Cap~ri~corn (kap~ri-korn') also Cap~ri~cor~nus (kap'ri-kor~nes) --n.

1. A constellation in the equatorial region of the Southern Hemisphere, near Aquarius and Sagittarius.

2.a. The tenth sign of the zodiac in astrology.

b. One who is born under this sign. Also called Goat. [Middle English Capricorne, from Latin Capricornus:

caper, capr-, goat + cornu, horn; see ker- below.]....

4. Suffixed extended form *krrs-no-. **CRANIUM; MIGRAINE, OLECRANON, from Greek kranion, skull, upper part of the head.**

5. Suffixed form *kr-e.

a. CHARIVARI; CHEER, from Greek hare-, kara, **HEAD**;

b. **CAROTID**, from Greek karoun, to stupefy, be stupefied ("**to feel heavy-headed**");

So the message is crystal clear, Jesus (Sun) being crucified at the Place of the Skulls (Golgotha = Capricornus) is when the Sun (Christ) meets it's death at the winter solstice in December, in the sign of Capricorn (Golgotha).

The word Capricorn is very intriguing. Research this word with a good dictionary and you will discover some wisdom from the Ancients. The zodiacal sign of Capricorn (where Christ (the Sun) was killed) contains, in it's etymology, clues to it's hidden meaning. The word is divided into two parts, Capri means Goat, and Corn means (derived and associated) Horn.

Now pay close attention. One of the definitions of the word Goat is **Scapegoat**, and a definition of Horn is a symbol (person) of high honor and authority, a King, Prince. So here we have in the esoteric meaning of this Sign Capricorn; A King that is made into a Scapegoat (a sacrificial lamb, that dies so that others may live).

Answer for yourself: Did you understand what was just said?

If you have followed our ministry any length of time you hopefully have seen how the concepts of Biblical Atonement were negated by the Gentile writers of the New Testament and likewise how the Torah was made to be "passed away." It is in this Holy Word of YHVH that we find the methods given by the Divine Creator for atonement for sin; many of which do not require blood. This was know by the Jews who throughout their history often because of captivity, as well as distance, were not left without methods of atonement and ways to be right with God following their repentance from sin.

What we have written into the New Testament are concepts of "Capricorn atonement" held sacred by the Gentile star-gazers. You can thank Rome and its Sun-worshipping predecessors for this. Since Jesus' death was at this time of the year, they simply read their superstitions from their astrology into the life of Jewish Rabbi's death. His murder was made sacrificial and given ideas that related more to astrology and the Torah. You should think deeply and sky yourself what the "scapegoat," which is involved in Yom Kippur, has to do with Passover? **Nothing! Atonement was to found in the fall at the High Holy Days as given by God; specifically Yom Kippur. Passover has nothing to do with atonement and atonement was never connected with it! Again we have been duped into following in the footsteps of the pagans for which Israel was to be their light and deliverance from such falsehoods.**

Answer for yourself: Are you beginning to see the light yet?

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DEATH ON A CROSS....TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

First we need to understand that Jesus was crucified on a stake or a pole that had no cross beam. Archeological evidence from that period finds no such "crosses" but instead stone "coffins" often are opened, unearthed by archeologists, to find bodies still nailed to the poles as was the common way of Roman crucifixion of that period. There simply was no cross beams, but if your remember many of these Sun-gods when crucified had arms extended to the whole of the world. A good example is Isis as seen in these images. Thus the need for a like representation of Jesus and his death; thus the like need for a cross bar on such a pole. It simply never happened that way.



When the Sun reached his extreme Southern limit in the sky, then his career was ended and it was assumed by primitive man that the Sun had been overcome by his enemies. The Sun was dead. If you remember in our study on the Winter Solstice that the Sun, for 3 days a year, remains motionless in the sky. It does not move lower on the horizon in its track across the sky nor does it begin its upward journey either. The Sun remains "dead" for 3 days. Again if you remember this was the origin of the "descent into hell" stories as the Sun was submitted to the the "Dark-Evil" or the "D-Evil" (Devil). The powers of darkness, and of winter, which had sought in vain to wound him, have at length won the victory: The bright Sun of summer is finally slain, crucified in the heavens, and pierced by the arrow, spear or thorn of winter. If need be refresh yourself with our articles on the "Son or Sun of God" as you see for yourself how the Sun was submitted to the "cross" of the equinoxes and later personified into the "Son" who was submitted to the same "cross of the equinoxes."

The intersection of the 4 equinoxes is represented as a "cross" by primitive man. As the Sun was placed on this cross it was easily seen and understood by primitive man that the Sun is divided up into 4 parts, or should I say that the Sun divides the year into 4 parts (spring, summer, autumn, winter). Pictured this way the Sun as on the cross was understood to be "crucified." When you then remember how the Sun became the Son then you have the Son on the Cross.

The crucifixion of the Sun-gods is simply the power of Darkness triumphing over the "Lord of Light," and Winter overpowering the Summer. It was at the [winter solstice](#) that the ancients wept for Tammuz, the fair Adonis, and other Sun-gods, who were put to death by the boar, slain by the thorn of winter (Cox, [Aryan Mythology](#), vol. ii. p. 13).

Other versions of the same myth tell us of Eurydike stung to death by the hidden serpent, or Sifrit smitten by Hagene (the Thorn), of Isfendiyar slain by the thorn or arrow of Rustem, or Achilles vulnerable only in the heel, of Brynhild enfolded within the dragon's coils, of Meleagros dying as the torch of doom is burnt out, of Baldur, the brave and pure, smitten by the fatal mistletoe, and of Chrishna and others being crucified.

In Egyptian mythology, Set, the destroyer, triumphs in the West. He is the personification of **Darkness and**

Winter, and the Sun-god whom he puts to death, is Horus the Savior (Renouf, Hibbert Lectures, pp. 112-115).

Throughout this tale, the Sun-god was but fulfilling his doom as seen in the heavens. This natural laws of the universe were interpreted by primitive man and later personified as we have seen into mythos of his culture. Everyone on the planet saw the same things and this explains the uncanny similarities of the Sun-Myths around the globe from thousands of years ago. The suffering of a violent death was a necessary part of the mythos; and, when his hour had come, he must meet his doom, as surely as the Sun, once risen, must go across the sky, and then sink down into his bread beneath the earth or sea. It was a fate from which there was no escaping.

THE DEVELOPING MYTHS OF THE NATIONS

Chrishna, the crucified Savior of the Hindus, is a personification of the Sun crucified in the heavens. **One of the names of the Sun in the Vedic hymns is "Vishnu" and it is very important to know that in the Rig-Veda the god Vishnu is often named a manifestation of Solar Energy, or rather as a form of the Sun** (Indian Wisdom, p. 322).

Chrishna is Vishnu is human form. Chrishna says: "I am Vishnu, Brahma, Indra, and the source as well as the destruction of things, the creator and the annihilator of the whole aggregate of existences (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii. p. 131).

In the hymns of the Rig-Veda the Sun is spoken of as "stretching out his arms," in the heavens, "to bless the world, and to rescue it from the terror of darkness." This reminds me of many of the examples of Isis with the Sun-disk on her head as she "stretches out her arms."

Indra, the crucified Savior worshipped in Nepal and Tibet, is identical with Chrishna, the Sun. Indra, who was represented as a crucified god, is also the Sun. No sooner is he born than he speaks to his mother. Like Apollo and all other Sun-gods he has "golden locks (reminiscent of the Sun rays of golden light," and like them he is possessed of an inscrutable wisdom. He is also born of a virgin...the Dawn. Chrishna and Indra are one (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. i. pp. 88, 341; vol. ii. p. 131).

The principal Phenician deity, **El**, which says Parkhurst, in his Hebrew Lexicon, "was the very name the heathens gave to their god Sol, their Lord or Ruler of the Hosts of Heaven," was called "The Preserver (Savior) of the World," for the benefit of which he offered a mystical sacrifice (Wake, Phallism, p. 55). **Notice again the connection between the Sun's (Sol's) sacrifice on behalf of mankind!**

The crucified **Iao** (Divine Love personified) is the crucified Adonis, the Sun. The Lord and Savior was called Iao (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii. p. 113).

Osiris, the Egyptian Savior, was crucified in the heavens. To the Egyptian the cross was a symbol of immortality, an emblem of the Sun, and the god himself was crucified to the tree, which denoted his fructifying power (Ibid. pp. 115, 125).

Horus was also crucified in the heavens. He was represented, like Chrishna and Christ Jesus, with outstretched arms in the vault of heaven (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 157).

The story of the crucifixion of **Prometheus** was allegorical, for Prometheus was only a title of the Sun, expressing providence or foresight, wherefore being crucified in the extremities of the earth, signified originally no more than the restriction of the power of the Sun during the winter months (Knight, Ancient Art and Mythology, p. 88).

Ixion, who was bound to the wheel (Sun wheel), was none other than the god Sol, crucified in the heavens. The Sun, as climbing the heights of heaven, was sometime interpreted by men as the Sun being "arrogant" since for himself he made exorbitant claims. He was punished by being bound to a "fiery cross." Stories were invented of the Sun revolving daily on a four-spoked cross (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii. p. 27). Whatever be the origin of

the name, Ixion is the **"Sun of noonday,"** crucified in the heavens, whose four-spoked wheel is seen whirling in the highest heaven. So was Ixion bound on the fiery wheel, and the sons of men see the flaming spokes day by day as it whirls in the big heaven. The "wheel" upon which Ixion and criminals were said to have been executed was a cross, the name of the thing was dissembled among Christians; it was a [St. Andrew's cross](#), of which two spokes confined the arms, and two the legs.

THE ALLEGORICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE GENERATIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE ATTRIBUTES OF THE SUN-GODS

Hercules is torn limb from limb; and in this catastrophe we see the **"blood-red sunset"** which closes the career of Hercules (Cox, Tales of Ancient Greece, p. xxxii). The Sun-god Hercules cannot rise to life of the blessed gods until he has been slain. The morning cannot come until Eos who closed the previous day has faded away and died in the black abyss of night.

Achilleus and Meleagros represent alike the **"short-lived Sun,"** whose course is one of toil for others, ending in an early death, after a series of wonderful victories alternating with periods of darkness and gloom (Ibid., p. xxxiii). In the tales of the Trojan war, it is related of Archilleus that he expires at the Skaian, or western gates of the evening. He is slain by Paris, who here appears as the Pani, or dark power, who blots out the light of the Sun from the heaven

We have the story of Adonis, born of a virgin, and known in the countries where he was worshipped as "The Savior of Mankind," killed by the wild boar, afterwards "rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven." This Adonis, Adonai in Hebrew or "My Lord," is simply the Sun. He is crucified in the heavens put to death by the wild boar (personified Winter). "Babylon called Typhon or Winter 'the boar;' they said he killed Adonis or the fertile Sun" (Muller, Science of Religion, p. 186).

The Crucified Dove worshipped by the ancients, was none other than the crucified Sun. Adonis was called the "Dove." At the ceremonies in honor of his resurrection from the dead, the devotees said, "Hail to the Dove! the Restorer of Light" (Calemt, Fragments, vol. ii. pp. 21-22). This Crucified Dove" is described by Pindar, the great lyric poet of Greece, born about 522 B.C.E.

"We read in Pindar of the venerable bird Iynx bound to the wheel, and of the pretended punishment of Ixion. But this rotation was really no punishment, being, but as Pindar relates, voluntary (compare to Jesus' death), and prepared by himself and for himself; or if it was, it was appointed in derision of his false pretensions, whereby he gave himself out as the crucified spirit of the world." "The four spokes represent St. Andrew's cross, adapted to the four limbs extended, and furnish perhaps the oldest illusion to the crucifixion. The same cross of St. Andrew was the Taw (T), which Ezekiel commands them to mark upon the foreheads of the faithful, as appears from all Israelitish coins whereon that letter is engraved. The same idea was familiar to Lucian, who calls T the letter of crucifixion. Certainly, the veneration of the cross is very ancient. Iynx, the bird of Mautic inspiration, bound to the four-legged wheel, given the notion of Divine Love crucified. The wheel denotes the world, of which she is the spirit, and the cross the sacrifice made for that world" (Pindar, Nimrod: vol. i. p. 278; Higgins, Anacalypsis, p. 503).

This "Divine Love," of whom Nimrod speaks, was "The First-begotten Son" of the Platonists. The crucifixion of "Divine Love" is often found among the Greeks. Ionah or Juno, according to the Iliad, was bound with fetters, and suspended in space, between heaven and earth. Ixion, Prometheus, Apollo of Miletus were all crucified. At Miletus was the crucified Apollo who overcomes the Serpent of evil and the evil principle in the world.

Semi-Ramis was both a queen of unrivaled celebrity, and also a goddess, worshipped under the form of a Dove. Her name signifies the "Supreme Dove." She is said to have been slain by the last survivor of her sons, while others say, she flew away as a dove. In both Grecian and Hindu histories this mystical queen Semiramis is said to have fought a battle on the banks of the Indus, with a king called Staurobates, in which she was defeated, and from which she flew away in the form of a Dove.

Of this Nimrod says:

"The name Staurobates, the king by whom Semiramis was finally overpowered, alluded to the cross on which she perished," and that, "the crucifixion was made into a glorious mystery by her infatuated adorers"

Make no mistake about it. This Oriental story has had unbelievable impact and influence in almost every nation of the world. These words apply to Christ Jesus, as well as Semiramis, according to Christian Father Ignatius.

Here we have the crucified Dove, the Sun, for it is well known that the ancients personified the Sun female as well as male.

We also have the fable of the Crucified Rose, illustrated in the jewel of the Rosicrucians. The jewel of the Rosicrucians is formed of a transparent red stone, with cross on one side and a red rose on the other thus forming a crucified rose. This idea stems from the fable of Adonis who was the Sun whom we have seen often crucified whereupon he was then changed into a red rose by Venus (The Rosicrucians, p. 260).

The emblem of the Templars is a red rose on a cross. This is usually surrounded with a glory, and placed on a calvary. This is the Naurutz, Natsir, or Rose of Isuren, of Tamul, or Sharon, or the Water Rose, the Lily Padma, Pena, Lotus, crucified in the heavens for the salvation of man (Ibid.).

Answer for yourself: Is it just coincidence that Jesus Christ was called the Rose, the Rose of Sharon?

Jesus was believed by his followers to be the incarnation of Divine Wisdom. He was the son of Mair or Maria. He was the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley, which bloweth in the month of his mother Maia. Thus, when the angel Gabriel gives the salutations to the Virgin, he presents her with the lotus or lily; as may be seen in hundreds of old pictures in Italy. We see therefore that Adonis, "the Lord," "the Virgin-born," "the Crucified," "the Resurrected Dove," "the Restorer of Light," is one and the same with the "Rose of Sharon," the crucified Christ Jesus.

Plato (429 B.C.E.) in his Pimaeus, philosophizing about the Son of God says:

"The next power to the Supreme God was decussated or figured in the shape of a cross on the universe."

This brings to recollection the doctrine of certain so-called Christian heretics, who maintained that Christ Jesus was crucified in the heavens.

The Chrestos was the Logos, the Sun was the manifestation of the Logos or Wisdom to men; or, as it was held by some, it was his peculiar habitation. The Sun being crucified at the time of the winter solstice was represented by the young man playing the **Bull (emblem of the Sun)** in the Mithraic ceremonies. The Chrest was the Logos, or Divine Wisdom, or a portion of divine wisdom incarnate; in this sense he is really the Sun or the solar power incarnate, and to him everything applicable to the Sun will apply.

Lund, in his Monumental Christianity, provides a great picture of the Christian Savior crucified in the heavens. The pattern of the illustrations can be traced to Chrishna who is also represented crucified in "space." This is exactly displayed in the form of a Romish crucifix, but not fixed to a piece of wood, though the legs and feet are put together in the usual way. There is a glory over the top of it, coming from above, not shining from the figure, as is generally seen in a Roman crucifix. It has a pointed Parthian coronet instead of a crown of thorns. All the avatars, or incarnations of Vishnu, are painted with Ethiopian or Parthian coronets. For these reasons the Christian author will not own that it is a representation of the "True Son of Justice," for he was not crucified in space; but whether it was intended to represent Chrishna, Wittoba, or Jesus, it tells a secret: it shows that someone was represented crucified in the heavens, and undoubtedly has something to do with "The

next power to the Supreme God," who, according to Plato, "was decussated or figured in the shape of a cross on the universe." The Sun-gods Apollo, Indra, Wittoba, or Chrishna, and Christ Jesus, are represented as having their feet pierced with nails (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii. p. 28).

Answer for yourself: Who was the crucified god whom the ancient Romans worshipped, and whom they, according to Justin Martyr, represented as a man on a cross?

Answer for yourself: Can we doubt, after what we have seen, that he was this same crucified Sol, whose birthday they annually celebrated on 25th of December?

In the poetical tales of the ancient Scandinavians, the same legend is found. Frey, the Deity of the Sun, was fabled to have been killed, at the time of the winter solstice, by the same boar who put the god Adonis to death, therefore a boar was annually offered to him at the great feast of Yule (Knight, Anct. Art and Myth, pp. 87-88). "Baldur the Good," son of the supreme god Odin, and the virgin-goddess Frigga, was also put to death by the sharp thorn of winter.

The ancient Mexicans crucified Savior, Quetzalcoatl, another personification of the Sun, was sometimes represented as crucified in space, in the heavens, in a circle of nineteen figures, the number of the metonic cycle. A serpent (emblem of evil, darkness, and winter) is depriving him of the organ of generation (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. ii. p. 32).

It is a well known fact that Christ Jesus, and many of the heathen saviors, healers, and preserving gods, were represented in the form of a Serpent. This is owing to the fact that, in one of its attributes, the Serpent was an emblem of the Sun (think of Moses and the serpent on the cross...the Sun crucified). It may, at first, appear strange that the Serpent should be an emblem of evil, and yet also an emblem of the beneficent divinity; but, as Prof. Renouf remarks, in his Hibbert Lectures, "The moment we understand the nature of a myth, all impossibilities, contradictions, and immoralities disappear."

The serpent is an emblem of evil when represented with his deadly sting; he is the emblem of eternity when represented casting off his skin; and an emblem of the Sun when represented with his tail in his mouth, thus forming a circle. This idea is quite consistent with the ideas entertained by the Phenicians as to the Serpent, which they supposed to have the quality of putting off its old age, and assuming a second youth (Sanchoniaton: quoted by Wake: Phallism, p. 43). This idea even existed in the Americas. The great century of the Aztecs was encircled by a serpent grasping its own tail, and the great calendar stone is entwined by serpents bearing human heads in their distended jaws. The annual passage of the Sun, through the signs of the zodiac, being in an oblique path, resembles, or at least the ancients thought so, the tortuous movements of the Serpent, and the facility possessed by this reptile of casting off his skin and producing out of itself a new covering every year, bore some analogy to the termination of the old year and the commencement of the new year. Accordingly, all the ancient spheres: Persians, Indian, Egyptian, Barbaric, Mexican, etc., were surrounded by the figure of a serpent holding its tail in its mouth (Squire: Serpent Symbol, p. 249).

Thus there came to be, not only good, but also bad, serpents, both of which are referred to in the narrative of the Hebrew exodus, but still more clearly in the struggle between good and the bad serpents of Persian mythology, which symbolized Ormuzd, or Mithra, and the evil spirit Ahriman (Wake, Phallism, p. 42).

As the Dove and the Rose, emblems of the Sun, were represented on the cross, so was the Serpent (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii. p. 128). The famous "Brazen Serpent," said to have been "set up: by Moses in the wilderness, is called in the Targum (the Aramaic versions of the Old Testament) the Savior! It was probably a serpentine crucifix, as is called a "cross" by Justin Martyr. The crucified serpent denoted the dormant Phallos, or the Sun after it had lost its power. It is the Sun in winter, crucified on a tree, which denoted its fructifying power. Being the most intimately connected with the reproduction of life on earth, the Linga became the symbol under which the Sun, invoked with a thousand names, has been worshipped throughout the world as the restorer of the powers of nature after the long sleep or death of Winter. In the brazen Serpent of the Pentateuch, the two emblems of the Cross and the Serpent, the quiescent and energizing Phallos, are united (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. ii. pp. 113-118). As Mr. Wake remarks, "There can be no doubt that both the Pillar (Phallus) and the

Serpent were associated with many of the Sun-gods of antiquity (Wake, Phallism, p. 60).

This is seen often when the serpent is represented with rays of glory surrounding its head.

The Ophrites, who venerated the serpent as an emblem of Christ Jesus, are said to have maintained that the serpent of Genesis, who brought wisdom into the world, was Christ Jesus. The brazen serpent was called the Word by the Chaldee paraphrast. The Word, or Logos, was Divine Wisdom, which was crucified; thus we have the cross, or Phallus, with the serpent upon it. Besides considering the serpent as the emblem of Christ Jesus, or of the Logos, the Ophites are said to have revered it as the cause of all the arts of civilized life. Several females have been believed to have been selected and impregnated by the Holy Ghost, and is was, in some cases, the form of a serpent which was the form the Holy Ghost chose to impregnate them. This was the incarnation of the Logos.

The serpent was held in great veneration by the ancients, who, considered it as the symbol of the beneficent Deity, and an emblem of eternity. As such it has been variously expressed on ancient sculptures and medals in various parts of the globe.

Although generally, it did not always, symbolize the god Sun, or the power of which the Sun is an emblem; but, invested with various meanings, it entered widely into the primitive mythologies. As Mr.. Squire observes:

"It typified wisdom, power, duration, the good and evil principles, life, reproduction; in short, in Egypt, Syria, Greece, India, China, Scandinavia, America, everywhere on the globe, it has been a prominent emblem" (Squire, Serpent Symbols, p. 155).

The serpent was the symbol of Vishnu, the preserving god, the Savior, the Sun (Wake, Phallism in Aent. Religs., p. 72). It was an emblem of the Sun-god Buddha, the Angel-Messiah (Ibid. p. 73; Squire, Serpent Symbol, p. 195). The Egyptian Sun-god Osiris, the Savior, is associated with the snake (Faber, Orig. Pagan Idol., in Squire, p. 158). The Persian Mithra, the Mediator, Redeemer, and Savior, was symbolized by the serpent (Ibid.). The Phenicians represented their beneficent Sun-god, Agathodemon, by a serpent (Kendrick, Egypt, vol. i. p. 375). The serpent was, among the Greeks and Romans, the emblem of a beneficent genius. Antipator of Sidon, calls the god of Ammon, the "Renowned Serpent" (Ibid.). The Grecian Hercules, the Sun-god, was symbolized as a serpent; and so was AEsculapius and Apollo. The Hebrews, at one time in their antiquity, worshipped the Sun-god Sol, and represented him in he form of a serpent. This the the "seraph" spoken of above as set up by Moses (Num. 21:3) and worshipped by the children of Israel. Seraph is the singular of seraphim, meaning Semilice (splendor, fire, light); emblematic of the fiery disk of the Sun, and which, under the name of Nehush-tan, "Serpent-dragon," was broken up by the reforming Hezekiah.

The principal god of the Aztecs was Tonac-actcoatl, which means the Serpent Sun (Squire, p. 161).

The Mexican virgin-born Lord and Savior, Quetzalcoatl, was represented in the form of a serpent. In fact, his names signifies "Feathered Serpent." Quetzaloatl was a personification of the Sun (Ibid. p. 185).

So we see it is relatively easy to connect the Serpent and the Sun, as corresponding symbols of the reproductive or creative powers.

The mysteries of Osiris, Isis, and Horus, in Egypt; Attis and Cybele, in Phrygia; Ceres and Proserpine, at Eleusis; of Venus and Adonis, in Phenicia; of Bona Dea and Priapus, in Rome, and all susceptible of one explanation. They all set forth and illustrated, by solemn and impressive rites, and mystical symbols, the grad phenomenon of nature, especially as connected with the creation of things and the perpetuation of life. In all, it is worthy of remark, the Serpent was more or less conspicuously introduced, and always as symbolical of the invigorating or active energy of nature, the Sun.

In early Christian art Christ Jesus was represented as a crucified lamb. The crucified lamb is "the Lamb of God taking away the sins of the world, and slain from the foundation of the world" (Lundy, Monumental Christianity, p. 185). In other words, the crucified lamb typifies the



crucified Sun, for the lamb was another symbol of the Sun and one of the signs of the Zodiac. This concept had been applied since the beginning to the crucified Sun-heroes of myth as seen in the example of Chrisha being connected with the constellation Aires and being called the "Lamb of God."

We find, then, that the stories of the crucifixion of the different so-called Saviors of mankind all melt into one, and that they are allegorical, for "Savior" was only a title of the "Sun," and his being put to death on the cross, signifies no more than the restruction of the power of the Sun in the winter quarter.

With Justin Martyr, then, we can say:

"There exists not a people, whether Greek or barbarian, or any other race of men, by whatsoever appellation or manners they may be distinguished, however ignorant of arts or agriculture, whether they dwell under the tents, or wander about in crowded wagons, among whom prayers are not offered up in the name of a CRUCIFIED SAVIOR to the Father and creator of all things" (Justin Martyr, Dialog. With Typho, quoted in Gibbons' Rome, vol. i. p. 582).

THE ROLE OF ST. PAUL AND FURTHER EXAMPLES OF CRUCIFIED SAVIORS DOWN THROUGH HISTORY

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DEATH ON A CROSS...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

EXAMPLES OF SAVIORS CRUCIFIED ON CROSSES FOR SALVATION

*I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and
him crucified,*

writes Paul in 1 Cor 2:2. The determination not to know anything but the crucifixion of Jesus Christ was narrowing down knowledge to rather a small compass. Evidently converts in Corinth were questioning, and Paul begins by establishing that questions are not allowed to Christians. Paul has to berate the wise and praise the foolish in this epistle. God chose the foolish things of the world not the wise. And so it has always remained—the most marvellous way of gulling the credulous. Anyway, already in the 50s of the first century some people were asking questions and one of the questions will have been whether Jesus was really crucified.

Irenaeus, one of the most frequently quoted Christian writers of the ancient bishops, declares upon the authority of the martyr Polycarp, who claimed to have got it from St John and all the elders of Asia, that Jesus Christ was **not crucified**, but lived to be about fifty years old. **There must have been a large margin for distrusting the fact of the crucifixion.**

Yet, if Jesus was a saviour, it is likely that he must have been crucified because other saviours of the same type were. *Sacrilege!* Paul's Christians, trained in foolishness, cry.

Jesus Christ was the only crucified saviour!

Sorry, many more saviours are suspected of crucifixion. Irenaeus might have felt it politic to deny it to distinguish the Christian saviour from the others!

Chrishna was depicted as if crucified. The Persian remembered only the atoning sufferings on the cross of Mithras the Mediator. Aztecs prayed for the return of their crucified saviour, Quexalcoatl, and were rewarded with Cortez. Caucasians chanted praises to their slain Divine Intercessor, Prometheus, for voluntarily offering himself upon the cross for the sins of a fallen race. Yet the Christian disciple hugs to his bosom the bloody cross of the murdered Jesus, confident that only one god ever died for the sins of man.

To retain their following, religions are based on unchangeable dogmas which disciples must accept to the exclusion of all knowledge adverse to their own creed. Whenever they are able they actually destroy contrary evidence for fear of rivalry. Then they magnify their own religion to a unique position above all others.

The earlier Christian saints, having determined like Paul, *to know only Jesus Christ and him crucified*, made

stern efforts to obliterate from the page of history facts damaging to their case.

A report on the Hindu religion, made out by a deputation from the British Parliament, sent to India to examine their sacred books and monuments, was left in the hands of a Christian bishop at Calcutta, with instructions to forward it to England. On its arrival in London, it was so horribly mutilated as to be scarcely recognizable. The account of the crucifixion was gone. The inference is patent.

The disciples of the Christian faith have burnt books, blotted out passages and altered testaments which suggested the opposite of their belief. Not only that, they have demolished monuments showing crucifixions of previous atoning gods so that they are now unknown. Hence, the disbelief of Christians when other cases are mentioned.

Kersey Graves, in a well known book written over a century ago, gives examples of sixteen crucified gods or saviours. Most are very ancient and arguable, depending upon the interpretation of pictures or scriptures since no original written sources now exist, often victims of Christians determined to preserve the memory of only one crucified god.

For the same reasons the dates of their occurrence are doubtful and because chronology before the time of Alexander the Great (330 BC) is far from certain, and the dating of icons, especially from distant or isolated cultures is uncertain. Even mainstream studies of the ancient Near East are involved in controversy over dates, Peter James for example claiming in a well argued case that several centuries have been mistakenly inserted into near Eastern chronologies. It is certain these crucifixions occurred before the time of Christ, but their exact date cannot be fixed.

These crucifixions are not presented as actual occurrences. The objective is not to prove them real events but simply that the **belief in the crucifixion of gods was prevalent long before the crucifixion of Christ**. To establish this point then six will prove it as well as sixteen. Indeed, one case is sufficient. The reader is left to decide.

Tammuz of Mesopotamia 1160 BC.

Tammuz was a god of Assyria, Babylonia and Sumeria where he was known as Dumuzi. He is commemorated in the name of the month of June, Du'uzu, the fourth month of a year which begins at the spring equinox. The fullest history extant of this saviour is probably that of Ctesias (400 BC), author of *Persika*. The poet has perpetuated his memory in rhyme.

Trust, ye saints, your Lord restored,
Trust ye in your risen Lord;
For the pains which Tammuz endured
Our salvation have procured.

Tammuz was crucified as an atonement offering: *Trust ye in God, for out of his loins salvation has come unto us*. Julius Firmicus speaks of this God rising from the dead for the salvation of the world. This saviour which long preceded the advent of Christ, filled the same role in sacred history.

Wittoba of the Telingonesic 552 BC.

Wittoba is represented in his story with nail-holes in his hands and the soles of his feet. Nails, hammers and pincers are constantly seen represented on his crucifixes and are objects of adoration among his followers, just as the iron crown of Lombardy has within it a nail claimed to be of *his true original cross*, and is much admired and venerated for that reason. The worship of this crucified God prevails chiefly in the Travancore and other southern states of India in the region of Madura.

Iao of Nepal 622 BC.

Iao was crucified on a tree in Nepal. The name of this incarnate god and oriental saviour occurs frequently in the holy bibles and sacred books of other countries. Some suppose that Iao is the root of the name of the Jewish God, Yehouah (Jehovah), often abbreviated to Yeho.

Hesus of the Celtic Druids 834 BC.

The Celtic Druids depict their god Hesus as having been crucified with a lamb on one side and an elephant on the other, and that this occurred long before the Christian era.

The elephant, being the largest animal known, was chosen to represent the magnitude of the sins of the world, while the lamb, from its proverbial innocent nature, was chosen to represent the innocence of the victim, the god offered as a propitiatory sacrifice. We have the Lamb of God taking away the sins of the world. The Lamb of God could therefore have been borrowed from the Druids. This legend was found in Gaul long before Jesus Christ was known to history.

Quezalcoatl of Mexico 587 BC.

Historical authority of the crucifixion of this Mexican god is explicit, unequivocal and ineffaceable. The evidence is tangible, and indelibly engraven upon metal plates. One of these plates represents him as having been crucified on a mountain. Another represents him as having been crucified in the heavens, as St Justin tells us Christ was. Sometimes he is represented as having been nailed to a cross, sometimes with two thieves hanging with him, and sometimes as hanging with a cross in his hand.

Quirinius of Rome 506 BC.

The crucifixion of this Roman saviour is remarkable for the parallel features to that of the Judaeian saviour, not only in the circumstances of his crucifixion, but also in much of his antecedent life.

He is represented, like Christ:

- As having been conceived and brought forth by a virgin.
- His life was sought by the reigning king, Amulius.
- He was of royal blood, his mother being of kingly descent.
- He was put to death by wicked hands or crucified.
- At his mortal exit the whole earth is said to have been enveloped in darkness, as in the case of Christ, Chrishna, and Prometheus.
- And finally he is resurrected, and ascends back to heaven.

Prometheus 547 B.C.

The crucifixion of Prometheus of Caucasus, described by Seneca, Hesiod, and other writers, states that he was nailed to an upright beam of timber, to which were affixed extended arms of wood, and that this cross was situated near the Caspian Straits. The modern story of this crucified God, which has him bound to a rock for thirty years, while vultures preyed upon his vitals, is a Christian fraud.

The poet, in portraying his propitiatory offering, says:

Lo! streaming from the fatal tree
His all atoning blood,
Is this the Infinite?—Yes, 'tis he,
Prometheus, and a god!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,

**And veil his glories in,
When God, the great Prometheus, died
For man the creature's sin.**

It is doubtful whether there is to be found in the whole range of Greek letters deeper pathos than that of the divine woe of the beneficent demigod Prometheus, crucified on his Scythian crags for his love to mortals. When he dies:

- That the whole frame of nature became convulsed.
- The earth shook, the rocks were rent, the graves were opened, and in a storm, which seemed to threaten the dissolution of the universe, the solemn scene forever closed, and Our Lord and saviour Prometheus gave up the ghost.

The cause for which he suffered was his love for the human race. The whole story of Prometheus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection was acted in pantomime in Athens five hundred years before Christ, which proves its great antiquity. Minutius Felix, one of the most popular Christian writers of the second century addresses the people of Rome:

Your victorious trophies not only represent a simple cross, but a cross with a man on it, and this man St. Jerome calls a god.

These coincidences are more proof that the tradition of the crucifixion of gods has been very long prevalent among the heathen.

Thulis of Egypt 1700 BC.

Thulis of Egypt, whence comes *Ultima Thule*, died the death of the cross about thirty-five hundred years ago.

Ultima Thule was the island which marked the ultimate bounds of the extensive empire of this legitimate descendant of the gods.

This Egyptian saviour appears also to have been known as Zulis. His history is curiously illustrated in the sculptures, made seventeen hundred years BC of a small, retired chamber lying nearly over the western section of the temple. Twenty-eight lotus plants near his grave indicate the number of years he lived on the earth. After suffering a violent death, he was buried, but rose again, ascended into heaven, and there became the judge of the dead, or of souls in a future state. He came down from heaven to benefit mankind, and that he was said to be full of grace and truth.

Indra of Tibet 725 BC.

This Tibetan saviour is shown nailed to the cross. There are five wounds, representing the nail-holes and the piercing of the side. The antiquity of the story is beyond dispute.

Marvellous stories are told of the birth of the Divine Redeemer. His mother was a virgin of black complexion, and hence his complexion was of the ebony hue, as in the case of Christ and some other sin-atoning saviours. He descended from heaven on a mission of benevolence, and ascended back to the heavenly mansion after his crucifixion. He led a life of strict celibacy, which, he taught, was essential to true holiness. He inculcated great tenderness toward all living beings. He could walk upon the water or upon the air; he could foretell future events with great accuracy. He practised the most devout contemplation, severe discipline of the body and mind, and completely subdued his passions. He was worshiped as a god who had existed as a spirit from all eternity, and his followers were called Heavenly Teachers.

Alcestos of Euripides 600 BC.

A less usual crucified God was Alcestos, who was female, the only example of a feminine God atoning for the sins of the world upon the cross. The doctrine of the trinity and atoning offering for sin was inculcated as a part of her religion.

Attis of Phrygia 1170 BC.

Speaking of this crucified Messiah, the Anacalypsis informs us that several histories are given of him, but all concur in representing him as having been an atoning offering for sin. And the Latin phrase *suspensus lingo*, found in his history, indicates the manner of his death. He was suspended on a tree, crucified, buried and rose again.

Crite of Chaldaea 1200 BC.

The Chaldeans have noted in their sacred books the crucifixion of a god with the above name. He was also known as the Redeemer, and was styled the Ever Blessed Son of God, the saviour of the Race, the Atoning Offering for an Angry God. When he was offered up, both heaven and earth were shaken to their foundations.

Bali of Orissa 725 BC.

In Orissa, in Asia, they have the story of a crucified God, known by several names, including the above, all of which, we are told, signify *Lord Second*, his being the second person or second member of the trinity. Most of the crucified gods occupied that position in a trinity of gods, the Son, in all cases, being the atoning offering. This God Bali was also called Baliu, and sometimes Bel. Monuments of this crucified God, bearing great age, may be found amid the ruins of the magnificent city of Mahabalipore, partially buried amongst the figures of the temple.

Mithras of Persia 600 BC.

This Persian God was slain upon the cross to make atonement for mankind, and to take away the sins of the world. He was born on the twenty-fifth day of December, and crucified on a tree. Christian writers both speak of his being slain, and yet both omit to speak of the manner in which he was put to death. And the same policy has been pursued with respect to other crucified gods of the pagans, as we have shown.

Devatat of Siam, Ixion of Rome, Apollonius of Tyana in Cappadocia, are all reported to have died on the cross."

Ixion, 400 BC, was crucified on a wheel, the rim representing the world, and the spokes constituting the cross. He bore the burden of the world, the sins of the world, on his back while suspended on the cross. He was therefore called the crucified spirit of the world.

It is curious that Christian writers will recount a long list of miracles and remarkable incidents in the life of Apollonius of Tyana, the Cappadocian saviour, forming a parallel to those of the Christian saviour, yet say not a word about his crucifixion.

Christian writers find it necessary to omit the crucifixion of these saviours fearing the telling would lessen the spiritual force of the crucifixion of Christ, which has to be unique. They thus exalted the tradition of the crucifixion into the most important dogma of the Christian faith. Hence, their efforts to conceal from the public the fact that it is of pagan origin.

Mackey's Lexicon of Freemasonry says that Freemasons secretly taught the doctrine of the crucifixion, atonement and resurrection preceded the Christian era, and that similar doctrines were taught in all the ancient mysteries.

To those who say the ancient crucifixions of gods were mere myths or fables, having no foundation in fact, but

added to their histories as mere romance, we reply that there is as much ground for suspecting the same thing as being true of Jesus Christ.

Many of the early Christians and contemporary Jews and Gentiles doubted it, and some openly disputed its ever having taken place. Others bestowed upon it a mere spiritual significance, and not a few considered it symbolical of a holy life. One circumstance, calculated to lead to the entire discredit of the story of the crucifixion of Christ, is the relation, in connection with it, of a violent convulsion of nature, and the resurrection of the long-buried saints, events not supported by any contemporaneous history, sacred or profane.

As these events must be set down as fabulous, they leave doubt about the crucifixion itself, especially when the many absurdities involved in the doctrine of the crucifixion are brought to view.

If the inhabitants of this planet required the murderous death of a god as an atonement, we must presume that all other inhabited worlds need a divine atonement. If there are millions of world inhabited by intelligent beings in the universe then they all need a saviour. Presumably there is only one Most High and it is he who has to be incarnated in each case. He begins to look a bit like a fetishist getting a kick out of slumming it in the worlds of the mortals. Or rather, it begins to make the whole concept look ludicrous.

The idea of gods coming down from heaven, being born of virgins and dying a violent death for the moral blunders of the people originated in an age of the world when mankind was savage and blood was the requisition for every offence. In those days no one had any idea of other possible worlds besides our own and the realms of the gods themselves. So the idea of the supreme god playing his tricks seemed reasonable. Today it does not to anyone with a remaining brain cell.

ORIGIN OF THE BELIEF OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF GODS

It has always been presumed that death, and especially death by crucifixion, involved the highest state of suffering possible to be endured by mortals. Hence, the gods must suffer in this way as an example of courage and fortitude which their followers must emulate. To do this they must be superior to their devotees. They must not merely die, but submit to the most ignominious mode of suffering death that could be devised—crucifixion. This gave the highest finishing touch to the drama.

And thus the legend of the crucifixion became the crowning chapter, the aggrandizing episode in the history of their lives. It was presumed that nothing less than a god could endure such excruciating tortures without complaining.

Hence, when the victim was reported to have submitted with such fortitude that no murmur was heard to issue from his lips, this circumstance of itself was deemed sufficient evidence of his godship. The story of the crucifixion, therefore, whether true or false, deified or helped deify many great men and exalt them to the rank of gods. Though some of the disciples of Buddhism, and some of the primitive professors of Christianity also (including, according to Christian history, Peter and his brother Andrew), voluntarily chose this mode of dying in imitation of their crucified Lord, without experiencing, however, the desired promotion to divine honours. They failed of an exaltation to the deityship, and hence are not now worshiped as gods.

The doctrine of salvation by crucifixion had, like most of the ancient forms of religious faith, an astronomical origin. People were saved by the sun's crucifixion or crossing over the equinoctial line into the season of spring, and thereby gave out a saving heat and light to the world and stimulated the generative organs of animal and vegetable life. The ancients would carve or paint organs of generation on the walls of their holy temples with this stimulation in mind. The blood of the grape, which was ripened by the heat of the sun, as he crossed over by resurrection into spring, i.e., was crucified, was symbolically *the blood of the cross, or the blood of the Lamb*.

Christian reader, what can you now make of the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ but a borrowed legend—at least the story of his being crucified as a god?

The Indian chief Red Jacket is reported to have replied to the Christian missionaries:

Brethren, if you white men murdered the son of the Great Spirit, we Indians have nothing to do with it, and it is none of our affair. If he had come among us, we would not have killed him. We would have treated him well. You must make amends for that crime yourselves.

This view of the crucifixion, from the viewpoint of a people regarded as savage, is more sensible and rational than that of Christians, who make it meritorious and a moral necessity. If the act were a moral necessity then Judas as well as Jesus was a saviour, because without him in the Christian story the act which saved the world could not have happened. If it was necessary for Christ to suffer death upon the cross as an atonement for sin, then the act of crucifixion was right, and a monument should be erected to the memory of Judas for bringing it about. Only Christian logic can find a flaw in this argument. They say that even though it was God's fore-ordained plan, Judas could only have played his part because he was wicked! So the Christians finish up believing that the means justify the end, because their own Father would use a wicked man to achieve the salvation of the world. It is hardly any surprise that the Christian world remains so wicked despite being saved.

For further study I suggest you read the ["crucifixion in the sky"](#) articles.

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THE RE-BIRTH OF THE **SUN** FROM THE DEAD AFTER 3 DAYS...THE WINTER SOLSTICE

The Winters Solstice is also know as Yule, Christmas, and Saturnalia and it occurs in mid-December.

It is a celebration of the new Solar year and the beginning of Winter. The Goddess manifest as the Great Mother and the God as the Sun Child. The God also appears as Santa Claus and the Old Man Winter. The Colors associated with it are Red, Green, and White. This is a festival of inner renewal.

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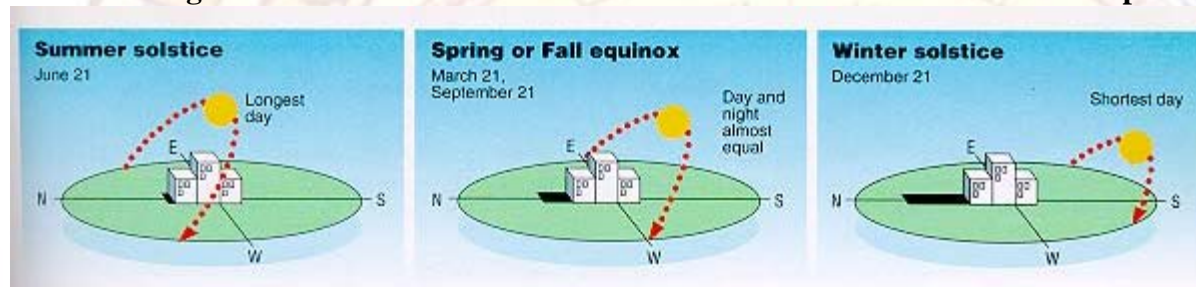
Most of the customs, lore, symbols, and rituals associated with "Christmas" actually are linked to Winter Solstice celebrations of ancient Pagan cultures. While Christian mythology is interwoven with contemporary observances of this holiday time, its Pagan nature is still strong and apparent.

Winter Solstice has been celebrated in cultures the world over for thousands of years. This start of the solar year is a **celebration of Light and the rebirth of the Sun.** In old Europe, it was known as Yule, from the Norse, Jul, meaning wheel.

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Answer for yourself: Do you know why this day and period of time of the year was held sacred? Simply because this is **Astro-theology at its best.** This is the time of the Winter Solstice. People have celebrated the middle of winter for centuries. Winter Solstice is the longest night of winter, after which each of the days grow progressively longer until the Summer Solstice. Many cultures celebrated this sign of winter's waning and traditions of the Solstice have continued into today's other Winter Festivals. The importance of agriculture in early societies made the seasons very important to their celebrations. Spring and Summer were times of new life and Fall was the time of the Harvest. Winter, cold and dark, was a time of little sunlight. The sun's light weakened towards Winter, and people feared that it might disappear completely. In order to honor the sun, people celebrated. If they honored the sun, they felt it would return quickly and completely. Music, bonfires, and feasts were used to honor the sun back to its full strength. The importance of the lights of Hanukkah and Christmas could be said to have Solstice origins. The ancient Romans celebrated Saturnalia, beginning December 17th. Saturnalia honored the god of agriculture, Saturn. This was a time of feasting, gift-giving, and visiting. Evergreen trees were covered with fruit and other decorations, and candles were popular gifts. Elements of Saturnalia can be seen in Winter Solstice and other Winter celebrations today.

But more to the point the Ancients noticed in very ancient times that during the solstice period, the sun which was travelling south into the cold of winter and would descend until it reached a point where it would stop. In



the winter the days are short and the Sun is low in the sky. The Winter Solstice is the day when the Sun is the lowest in the southern sky. During the short winter days

the Sun does not rise exactly in the east, but instead rises just south of east and it sets south of west. Each day after the winter solstice, which occurs on December 21st, the Sun's path becomes a little higher in the southern sky after having remained motionless in the sky for 3 days. The Sun also begins to rise closer to the east and set closer to the west until we reach the day when it rises exactly east and sets exactly west. This day is called the equinox. In fact this is what the word 'solstice' means, 'sun standing still.' This most southerly position of the sun is marked on all globes, as the tropic of Capricorn, for it is in that sign that this event takes place. Notice if you will that the Sun seems to sinking lower into the horizon as winter approaches and the days possess less daylight and heat. That means less photosynthesis and less harvests and food supplies diminishing. Ancient man feared the darkness for it was personified death to him. In the absence of light from the Sun then man was vulnerable to bad and evil things happening to him. In fact we get the term "the devil" from this concept as the Ancients connected the ideas of "evil" and "darkness" together. To the Ancients the dark was "evil" and they called it the "dark-evil" or the "d-evil" or the "devil". I hope you see this. Darkness brought the threat of attack from enemies he could not see, the capture of his women and family by invaders, the threat of attack by predator animals or poisonous snakes let alone the absence of light and heat that promised food for tomorrows. In such conditions as the Sun, the provider of light, security, safety, heat, and photosynthesis and the abundance of food stuffs was the Savior of the Ancients. So when we speak of the Winter Solstice it is rather easy knowing this that as the Sun sank deeper into the southern horizon on a daily basis and with less light every day to the point that the path of the Sun had moved further down the sky to where it had remained motionless for 3 days at the Winter Solstice then the ancients considered that the sun had actually died. In fact, the great orb, would remain standing still for three days neither moving north or south. Then, it was noticed, that on the third day, the sun would begin moving northward again.

Answer for yourself: Can you now see and understand why it was always said that the sun, the light of the world, would die for three days and then on the third day rise again?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that this was known thousands of years before Christianity came on the scene?

We must never forget that the primary, motivating factor that inspired early man to worship God, was his fear and dread of the potential fierceness of his environment. His (primitive man) major impetus for worshipping and sacrificing to the Sun God was to assure that the Sun God would continue protecting mankind from the ravages of the dreaded winter.

So for primitive man, the inception of winter, Dec. 22, was the worst day of every year for him. This day, Dec. 22 was the start of winter and marked the beginning of the worst stage of his yearly struggle for survival. This day, Dec. 22, is referred to by astronomers as the Winter Solstice. This word, Solstice, according to Webster's Dictionary means "to stand still, pause, a turning point." Primitive man even believed the Sun had died as he could detect no movement of the Sun in the sky for 3 days and these 3 days were days having the shortest daylight of the year. This day, Dec. 22, the start of winter, was the harbinger of his potential perdition.

On Dec. 22 of each year, the Sun reached its Winter Solstice, the lowest point of the trajectory (angle of rays) of

the entire year as depicted in the picture above. After Dec. 22 (the turning point), the Sun again rises northward, which is a sign that summer shall come again! God's salvation in the Sun was on its way to mankind!

Even though Dec. 22 marks the beginning of winter and the weather turns progressively worst from that point (Dec. 22) until the spring (March 21), all is not lost. Because the fact that the angle of the Sun's rays projecting on the earth, was moving progressively northward told early man that the warmth and comfort of the summer Sun would eventually prevail. His faith was renewed that he and his family would be "saved" by God who controlled the movement of the Sun and the Stars. God was speaking to the Ancients from Heaven through the movement of the Sun and the Stars and this was man's first salvation message.

But there was a period of doubt, for early primitive civilization. Primitive man did not understand our universe and solar system as we do today. We, today, know exactly what causes the four seasons of the year. But early man did not; at least not for awhile until we come to Egypt. He did not possess knowledge of our Solar System, the axis of the earth, its rotation and revolving around the Sun. He did not understand that these forces operated by a Natural, Providential Law, that would stay its course, no matter what. Early man only understood the result, not the cause. Because of this he would "reason" such events as best he could and these resulting "myths" would be handed down among mankind until Science would advance to replace such foolishness. The problem is that such foolishness would be later personified into acts of each nation's heroes and later "literalized" by Rome as they lifted this from the realm of allegory and in so doing was ascribed to Jesus by the Sun-worshipping Romans who had control over the New Testament.

Now you can better understand that each year, early society awaited the approach of Dec. 22, with foreboding. Dec. 22, the day of the Winter Solstice (definition is to stand still) was a day of reckoning for them. Because it seemed to them, as they observed and tracked the North to South movement of the Sun, that on this day Dec. 22, the sun entered its grave. The North to South progression of the Sun can be likened to a swinging pendulum. You know that when a pendulum reaches its solstice (the point where it swings back - its turning point), that for a slight imperceptible moment, it actually stands still. But in terms of our vast solar system, the point of solstice is not imperceptible. It lasts for days, three days to be exact. For three days, after the sun reaches its solstice, it appears to stand still. This period of pause, between the Sun's descent and Ascent, wrought paralyzing dread and fear into the hearts and minds of the early pre-Christians. Over time, they established rituals and traditions concerning this period (Dec. 22 to Dec. 25). They passed the word through oral tradition, and eventually, after their societies established writing, wrote it down, concerning their Sun God: the sun shall lay in a grave (point of solstice) for 3 days. But after 3 days the sun shall rise, be resurrected, (according to Webster's Dictionary, the word resurrect is linked to the word resurge, which means "To Rise Again", to revive), and ascend toward heaven, (progressively ascend northward to the position of the summer Sun).

Answer for yourself: Can you begin to see that when the Sun and its path through the Heavens was later personified and then later "literalized" by Rome that out comes the "Jesus Story"?

1 Cor 15:14 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Risen? As in Sun or the personified form of the Sun as the "Son of the Sun"?

And when the sun completes its ascent upward toward the point of its summer solstice, it will comfort us and bless us with warm weather and long days and will save us (be a savior) from the ravages of winter. So, this, that I have explained to you here, is the ORIGINAL, authentic, true CONCEPT of the resurrection. As the revelation of God would grow among Mankind, men could see how the God of the Universe has spoken such to them in the Cosmos. Egypt understood it best: God was speaking to them of His true salvation message through the path of the Sun which followed Universal and Cosmic Laws: birth, life, death,

and rebirth. God was speaking to mankind through the movement of the Heavens that all live must follow the Divine Order and Laws of God and when done then harmony is produced and the ultimate salvation of mankind is realized through his birth, life, death, and rebirth as seen the God's Heavens above, God's Nature around them as well as the internal workings of the body which follow these same Laws of God.

When the pre-Christians spoke and wrote of the resurrection of the Sun; they meant exactly that. It did not refer to a person, but to the SOLAR SUN. That would come later. We see the the culminating of it in the teachings of Jesus and Judaism.

Now understand I believe in the resurrection of the dead as well as "the Christ" but as a Divine Concept within all mankind. That is what Paul and his authentic 7 epistles taught:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

What you, the reader must be sharp enough to see, is that many "untruths" have been mixed with "truths" in the life of Jesus as portrayed in the New Testament and "cast out the leaven."

But, when the Gentile Church broke from their Jewish Roots the Gentile priesthood began to associated with the inherited traditions about Jesus their older "religious traditions" of the Sun-gods. Long ago their Gentile ancestors had changed the Sun to Son. The priesthood told the pagans that the SON (Christ) was born on Dec. 25, just like their SUN. They told them that the Son had been dead in a grave for three days and then was resurrected (revived) and ascended to heaven (upward) just like their Sun.

Answer for yourself: Looking at the astronomy and astrology down through recorded history let alone a comparison of comparative religions this seems rather unlikely. The religious texts we inherited from Rome are definitely questionable. Yet this is totally a matter of faith for you, the reader.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN...AND WOULD GOD WANT US TO?

Emperor Aurelian established December 25 as the birthday of the "Invincible Sun" in the third century as part of the Roman Winter Solstice celebrations. Shortly thereafter, in 273, the Christian church selected this day to represent the birthday of Jesus, and by 336, this Roman solar feast day was Christianized. January 6, celebrated as Epiphany in Christendom and linked with the visit of the Magi, was originally an Egyptian date for the Winter Solstice. If you have ever studied the Jewish Roots of Christianity you can easily see that Yeshua was conceived at Hanukkah (the Festival of Lights...light to the world) and was born at the High Holy Days (9 months later). This is why Bet Emet exists in hopes we can sanctify ourselves before our LORD and one day meet Him with truth and lives lived in this truth accordingly!

Most of the customs, lore, symbols, and rituals associated with "Christmas" actually are linked to Winter Solstice celebrations of ancient Pagan cultures. In closing "Pagan" does not always mean "evil or bad." But to attribute celestial events to Jesus, the assumed Messiah of many, and teach them as literal truth is not truthful!

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JESUS CHRIST'S DESCENT INTO HELL AS RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT...TRUTH... OR A SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

The doctrine of Christ Jesus' descent into hell is emphatically part of the Christian belief, although not alluded to by Christian divines excepting when unavoidable. In the first place, it is taught in the Creed of the Christian Church.

The Nicene Creed was created at the Synod at Nicea in 325 A.D. and set forth this Creed: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten of his Father, of the substance of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made, both which be in heaven and in earth. Who for us men and for our salvation came down [from heaven] and was incarnate and was made man. He suffered and [the third day he rose again](#), and ascended into heaven. And he shall come again to judge both the quick and the dead. And [we believe] in the Holy Ghost. And whosoever shall say that there was a time when the Son of God was not, or that before he was begotten he was not, or that he was made of things that were not, or that he is of a different substance or essence [from the Father] or that he is a creature, or subject to change or conversion--all that so say, the Catholic and Apostolic Church anathematizes them (From [The Seven Ecumenical Councils](#), ed. H. Percival, in the Library of Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers, 2nd series (New York: Charles Scribners, 1990), Vol XIV, 3).

Notice if you will the "third day" portion; this is a clear reference to the New Testament doctrine of Jesus' descent into hell prior to the resurrection.

The gospels pretend to be matter of fact stories of some events in the life of the Christian God. The various "Creeds" reflect such a story. They tell what people saw or heard. They claim they saw Jesus rise to heaven, but it is difficult to know how they could have known he descended to hell, unless they simply had the risen Jesus confessing it in one of his mysterious post mortem appearances. Anyway, it was not expressly written into the gospels. Nevertheless, it became and remains a firm belief among Christians that Jesus did descend to Hell. A Christian writer explains that the early Christians were united on the doctrine of Christ's underground mission. It was too well settled to admit of dispute

The Apostles' Creed teaches the doctrine explicitly and it was once thought of as equal in authority to the gospels, being supposedly written by the apostles themselves.

The New Testament attests to this as well: Peter ([1 Peter 3:18](#)) is thought to be referring to the descent into Hell when he writes: [being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit, by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison](#). Prison must mean Hell.

In Acts 2:31 we find that his soul was not left in hell. The writer plainly considered Jesus's soul had been there. The most positive declaration that Christ did descend into hell could not make it more certainly a scriptural

Christian doctrine.

WHERE DID SUCH A BELIEF ARISE?

Answer for yourself: Where then did such a belief arise?

You need to know that the most important event in the lives of Pagan Saviours, after their crucifixion, is that of their descent into the infernal regions. In the Hindu bible, written more than three thousand years ago, the Saviour Krishna:

...went down to hell to preach to the inmates of that dark and dreary prison, with the view of reforming them, and getting them back to heaven, and was willing himself to suffer to abridge the period of their torment.

Elsewhere we find that Krishna even descended into hell to teach souls in bondage. We have references to prison and to bondage. Hell is a prison and souls are in bondage. Souls are therefore in prison just as Peter says. The writers of the Gospel of Luke and the first epistle of Peter seem greatly indebted to the Hindu bible in these passages.

Another God who descended into hell was Quexalcoatl of Mexico (300 BC). The story will be found in the Codex Borgianus, wherein is related the account of his death, and burial after crucifixion, his descent into hell, and subsequent resurrection. After Adonis descended into hell, he rose again to life and immortality. Prometheus of Caucasus (600 BC) also suffered and descended into hell, rising again from the dead, and ascending to heaven. Horus first reigned a thousand years, then died, and was buried for three days, at the end of which time he triumphed over Typhon, the evil principle, and rose again to life evermore. And Osiris of Egypt also descended into hell and after a period of three days rose again. Homer and Virgil speak of Hercules, Ulysses and Aeneas descending into Hades. The Gods became incarnate, and descended into hell to teach humility and set an example of suffering. The story of their descent into hell was doubtless invented to occupy them during their three days in the tomb.

THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS TEACH THE SAME DOCTRINE ABOUT THE CHRIST

The doctrine was also taught by the Fathers of the Church. St. Chrysostom (born 347 A.D.) asks:

“Who but an infidel would deny that Christ was in hell?” (quoted by Bonwick; Egyptian Belief, p. 46).

And St. Clement of Alexandria, who flourished at the beginning of the third century, is equally clear and emphatic as to Jesus' descent into hell. He says:

“The Lord preached the gospel to those in Hades, as well as to all in earth, In order that all might believe and be saved, wherever they were. If, then, the Lord descended to Hades for no other end but to preach the gospel, as He did descend, it was either to preach the gospel to all, or to the Hebrews only. It accordingly to all, then all who believe shall be saved, although they may be of the Gentiles, on making their profession there”

Origen, who flourished during the latter part of the second, and beginning of the third centuries, also emphatically declares that Christ Jesus descended into hell (Origen, Contra Celsus, bk.ii. c. 48).

Ancient Christian works of art represent his descent into hell (Jameson, Hist. Of Our Lord in Art, vol. ii. pp. 364-365).

The apocryphal gospels teach the doctrine of Christ Jesus' descent into hell, the object of which was to preach to those in bondage there, and to liberate the Saints who had died before his advent on earth.

On account of the sin committed by Adam in the Garden of Eden, all mankind were doomed, all had gone to hell excepting those who had been translated to heaven—even those persons who were "after God's own heart," and who had belonged to his "chosen people." The coming of Christ Jesus into the world, however, made a change in the affairs of man. The saints were then liberated from their prison, and all those who believe in the efficacy of his name, shall escape hereafter the tortures of hell. This is the doctrine to be found in the apocryphal gospels, and was taught by the Fathers of the Church (Jameson, Hist. Of Our Lord in Art, vol. ii. pp. 250-251).

THE GOSPEL OF NICODEMUS

In the Gospel of Nicodemus (apoc.) is to be found the whole story of Christ Jesus' descent into hell, and of his liberating the saints. It goes like this:

Satan, and the Prince of Hell, having heard that Jesus of Nazareth was almost to descend to their domain, began to talk the matter over, as to what they should do, etc. While thus engaged, on a sudden, there was a voice as of thunder and the rushing of winds, saying: " Lift up your gates, O ye Princes, and be ye lifted up, O ye everlasting gates, and the King of Glory shall come in."

When the Prince of Hell heard this, he said to his impious officers: "Shut the brass gates . . . and make them fast with iron bare, and fight courageously."

The saint having heard what had been said on both sides, immediately spoke with aloud voice, saying: "Open thy gates, that the King of Glory may come in." The divine prophets, David and Isaiah, were particularly conspicuous in this protect against the intentions of the Prince of Hell.

Again the voice of Jesus was heard saying: " Lift up your gates, O Prince; and be ye lifted up, ye gates of hell, and the King of Glory will enter in." The Prince of Hell then cried out: " Who is the King of Glory" upon which the prophet David commenced to reply to him, but while he was speaking, the mighty Lord Jesus appeared in the form of a man, and broke asunder the fetters which before could not be broken, and crying aloud, said: " Come to me, all ye saints, who were created in my image, who were condemned by the tree of the forbidden fruit . . . live now by the word of my cross."

Then presently all the saints were joined together, hand in hand, and the Lord Jesus laid hold on Adam's hand, and ascended from hell, and all the saints of God followed him (Nicodemus; Apoc. Ch. xvi and xix).

When the saints arrived in paradise, two " very ancient men " met them, and were asked by the saints: " Who are ye, who have not been with us in hell, and have had your bodies placed in paradise?" One of these " very ancient men" answered and said: " I am Enoch, who was translated by the word of God, and this man who is with me is Elijah the Tishbite, who was translated in a fiery chariot" (Nicodemus; Apoc. Ch. xx).

THE NEW TESTAMENT'S WITNESS

The doctrine of the descent into hell may be found alluded to in the canonical books; thus, for instance, in I Peter:

"It is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also bath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit: by which he also went and preached unto the spirits in prison" (I Peter 3:17-19).

Again, in "Acts," where the writer is speaking of David as prophet, he says:

"He, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption" (Acts 2:31)

The reason why Christ Jesus has been made to descend into hell, is because it is a part of the universal mythos, even the three days' duration. The Saviors of mankind had all done so, he must therefore do likewise. The Gentile redactors and writers of the New Testament only "patterned" the life of Jesus after their own pagan beliefs. Events in the life of the pagan Sun-gods and Saviors were transposed into the life of Christ.

- Crishna, the Hindu Savior, descended into hell, for the purpose of raising the dead (the doomed), before he retired to his heavenly seat (Asiatic Researches, vol. i. p. 237; Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 168).
- Zoroaster, of the Persians, descended into hell (Monumental Christianity, p. 286).
- Osiris, the Egyptian Savior, descended into hell (Dupuis, Origin of Religious Belief, p. 256; Bonwick Egyptian Belief, pp. 125).
- Horus, the virgin-born Savior, descended into hell.
- Adonis, the virgin-born Savior, descended into hell (Bell, Pantheon, vol. i. p. 12).
- Bacchus, the virgin-born Savior, descended into hell (Higgins, Anacalypsis, vol. i. p. 322; Dupuis, Origin of Religious belief, p. 257; Dunlap, Mysteries Adoni, p. 33).
- Hercules, the virgin-born Savior descended into hell (Taylor, Mysteries, p. 40; Mysteries of Adoni, pp. 94-96).
- Mercury, the Word and Messenger of God, descended into hell (Bell, Pantheon, vol. ii. p. 72).
- Baldur, the Scandinavian god, being killed ,descended into hell (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 169).
- Quetzalcoatl, the Mexican crucified Savior, descended into hell (Mexican Antiquities, vol. i. vi. P. 166).

All these gods, and many others that might be mentioned remained in hell for the space of three days and three nights. "They descended into hell, and on the third day rose again."

SO WHY THE THREE DAY TIME PERIOD THAT THEY HAD TO REMAIN IN HELL?

One only need look at the stars to know the story. Also, this explains why nation after nation had the same story of the Sun-gods. They all studied the stars.

Thus the story of the three days' entombment has an astronomical explanation...the winter solstice. The sun lies still and apparently motionless, neither ascending nor descending, for nearly three days at the midwinter solstice. It was thought by primitive man that the sun was in a tomb for three days having descended to Hell, the lowest point of its annual cycle. In tracking the course of the sun man could detect the time when the sun shown least every year. For 3 days when the sun is the lowest in the horizon it appears to be motionless for 3 days then beings it northward ascent again. These 3 "shrorest" days of the year provided the least amount of light of the whole year. The sun was believed to have died. The prayer was that it would rise again and the prayer always worked, the sun was born-again each year at midwinter (raised from the dead) as it began it northward track in the sky. However the battle of light with darkness (temptation) continued until the vernal equinox and only when the days became longer than the nights were the ancient astrologer priests happy to celebrate the sun's rebirth. So, the birth of god was at the midwinter solstice but he was fully born again at the vernal equinox (spring). Hence, spring was chosen to represent this "three days' descent of the gods into hell and death because very shortly the days would get longer and spring would arrive with its new life and vegetation after the "death" of winter. The Persians had an astronomical figure representing the descent of a god into hell and returning at the time that Orsus, the goddess of spring, had conquered the god of winter. The author of Revelation describes the Lamb of God (Rev 12) as conquering the dragon, which is the Scorpion or Dragon of the first month of winter, October, being conquered by the Lamb of March or spring.

NOW FOR SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS

If you are a "thinking believer" then you can easily see that the above story concerning Jesus is pure fiction based upon the primitive fears and suspicions of mankind. Hopefully today we know better. But to the point.

We possess a document that is touted to be "inspired, infallible, and inerrant;" the New Testament. As you can see we have a sever problem here both in I Peter and Acts let alone the doctrines emanating from such a book as expressed in the "Creed" of the Church.

Answer for yourself: If I Peter can be shown to be in error, what other "errors" are contained within it let alone other books in the New Testament?

Answer for yourself: If the writer of I Peter got it wrong about the descent into hell, what about other doctrines within the same verse: atonement, redemption, etc? **Could he be wrong about these as well?**

Answer for yourself: What about the book of Acts as well as it represents the Pauline mission with its doctrines as well?

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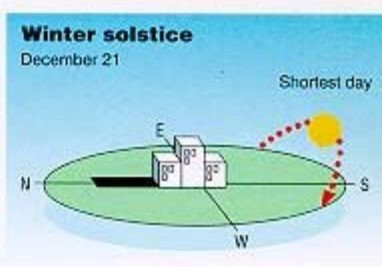
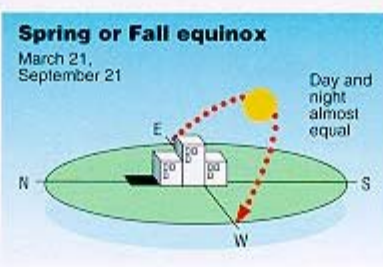
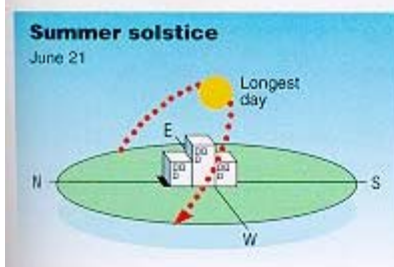
MARY WAS FIRST TO THE TOMB OF JESUS: TRUTH OR SUN MYTH RETOLD?

Matt 28:1 1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. (KJV)

Mark 16:1-2 1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. 2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that like Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene represents the sign of Virgo? Mary Magdalene, lover of the Lord, also embodies an essential aspect of Virgo. The constellation of Virgo is the Virgin Goddess, meaning "whole unto Herself."

But the stars of Virgo were seen physically in the sign of Pisces (directly opposite in the sky; one rising while one setting...6 months apart). **The constellation Virgo, the heavenly Virgin, was at the seen in the sky in the morning of the Passover, of Easter, at the first days of Spring, at the Vernal Equinox.** Thus the sign of the fish, being a symbol for "Jesus Christ", is related to the Virgin of Virgo. We see how the Virgin of Virgo rose on the Eastern horizon at the Vernal Equinox at the same time Pisces, the symbol for "Jesus Christ", was setting in the western horizon. Besides that we are interested in the appearance of both Marys at the tomb early in the morning following the Sabbath. As we have seen in our study of the [Winter Solstice](#) where we have seen the Sun die and be raised to now life, we now see the connection to "Jesus Christ" and the "Virgin" with the "tomb" at the Winter Solstice. The tomb relates to the winter seasons, the signs of the underworld where the sun is concealed and considered dead or asleep for 3 days. At the time of the Equinox and the rising of the Virgo Virgin, in the last days of the sign of Pisces (setting on the western horizon), the Sun of the Spring Vernal Equinoxes young new since having just been born again from the dead at the prior Winter Solstice. The Sun/Son had "risen." But we need to focus on the tomb in the above passage. We should expect and do find that the Marys arrive at the dawn at the site of Pisces (the age of Christ" and we should expect to find that they discover the stone rolled away from the door to the tomb. We know they do in the story and this actually relates to the earth itself, moving away from the "door" or the Equinox, allowing the 'bright angel,' or the light of the sun to show as it makes it northward passage into the Heavens and the sky and the length of light in the day increases. The angel guarding the door, is the sun which has risen. And the stars of Virgo are seen at the

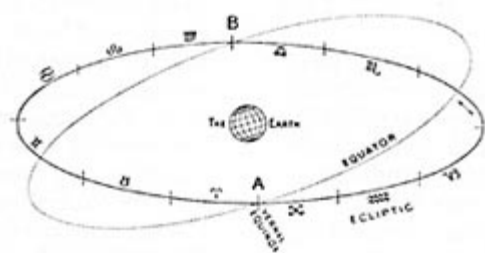


moment of the opening of the "tomb" when the Sun, now born anew, rises to its glory above in the Heavens above our heads. So it was written that "Mary" was present at the tomb

before all else and this simply refers to the Virgin/Virgo rising at the Spring Equinox following the death of the

Sun which it is found to be alive again and rising in the Heavens. Picture with me the rising sun at the Spring Equinox in the middle picture and picture as well that before the Sun rose and it became too bright to see the constellations that the Ancients saw on the Eastern horizon on the Spring Equinox Virgo and opposite that on the western horizon was Pisces. Knowing that the Sun had just rose from the dead from the Winter Solstice the new Sun was making its way across the Heavens once again and at this time Virgo, symbolic of the Virgin Mary and Mary Magdalene as well, appear as well in the sky to meet the raised Sun. The earth continues in its path around the Sun and was thought of as a round stone that had moved away from the Sun in its death and continued in its path around the Sun.

Symbolically the earth, as a stone, had been rolled away from the Cross of the Zodiac where the equinoxes are but where the earth's equator and the ecliptic orbit of the earth around the Sun intersect. This was called the Cross of the Zodiac as the Sun had been on the Cross and now was raised to be greeted by Virgo on the Eastern horizon. Seeing this as well as the other informative articles on this website then it appears to the "thinking believer" that the "Jesus Story" is little more but an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year as the Sun passages through the Heavens.



Answer for yourself: Don't you find it rather interesting that mention is made of the coming of the virgins to the tomb of the Christ at *"the rising of the Sun"*? That should make you think and think hard just what you are reading: a literal account or an allegory of the rising of the Sun from the dead of the Winter Solstice.

Answer for yourself: Could it be that the earliest Gospel, Mark, had this reference only to be taken out with the further "literalization" of the resurrection of the Sun as told through the "Son of the Sun"; Jesus Christ, and as found in the later Gospel of Matthew?



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"Hebrew for 'House of Truth'"

Craig Lyons M.Div.

The following is the recommended reading list for students of Bet Emet Ministries. Each of these following books is very important in your study of the origins of the Christian Faith for one or more reasons. If I had it to do all over again instead of the several hundred or so books collected and read over 20 yrs these would be the only books I needed to read to get the total picture of the corruption of "the faith once given the saints". From my viewpoint looking backward I consider each of these books mandatory for ones understanding of the difficult problems which confront us once we begin to study the origin and corruption of early Christianity. I make few promises but I will make an exception at this time: If one undertakes to read as many of these books in the following categories then there will be little that will escape him in his quest for truth concerning the Christian faith, the "Jesus Story", as well as Messianisms within Judaism which originated with Egypt in the beginning of time. This is all the more important when one gets down to the difficult task of trying to reconcile the Jewish Messiah as taught by Judaism and the blurred image of him as found in our depiction of the "Jesus Christ" in the Second New Testament which Rome gave us in refutation of the earliest Gnostic First New Testament which has been so tragically altered today and which so few tragically are aware. Blessings to all in your search for God's truth. These books will reveal to you the different "karast/Christ", or should I say "Jesus" which is found down throughout recorded history: the Mystical, the Mythical, and the Historical. Only two are "true" and one is an absolute falsity due to the tragic loss of the "gnosis" and knowledge of the previous two. Can you guess which one is false?

A Christian's religious belief system, when tested and exposed to contradictory facts from Biblical languages, Biblical history, Biblical culture, the study of Gnosticism as well as Comparative Religions, Astronomy and Astrology, and Archeology, must in the Spirit of Truth and Repentance, be flexible enough to change.

Blessings.....Craig Lyons M.Div. 2004

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- Bible Myths and Parallels In Other Religions by T. W. Doane **SIMPLY GREAT**
- Aryan Sun-Myths The Origin of Religion (1899) by Charles Morris **SIMPLY GREAT**
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- The Woman's Dictionary of Symbols and Sacred Objects by Barbara Walker **SIMPLY GREAT**
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- The Book Your Church Does Not Want You To Read by Tim C Leedom **SIMPLY GREAT**
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- Pagan Christs by J. M. Robertson

- **The Christ Myth** by Arthur Drews
- **The Astrological Foundation Of The Christ Myth** by Malik H. Jabbar
- **Jesus: Pagan Christ Or Jewish Messiah? A Skeptic's Search For The Historical Jesus** by Lawrence E. Dalton and Shirley S. Dalton
- **The Christ: A Critical Review And Analysis Of The Evidence Of His Existence** by John Remsberg
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- **Living Jewish Life: Jewish Traditions, Customs, and Values For Today's Families** by Anita Diamant and Howard Cooper

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- **Who Wrote The Bible** by Richard Friedman **SIMPLY GREAT**
- **Faith Strengthened** by Isaac Troki **SIMPLY GREAT**
- **Judaism's Truth Answers the Missionaries** by Beth Moshe **SIMPLY GREAT**
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- **You Take Jesus I'll Take God** by Samuel Levine
- **Is It God's Word** by George Wheless
- **Forgery In Christianity** by Joseph Wheless
- **The Canon Of The New Testament** by Bruce Metzger
- **Putting Away Childish Things** by Uta Ranke-Heinemann

THE ESSENE PROBLEM CULMINATING IN THEIR APOSTATE JUDAISM CALLED CHRISTIANITY TODAY

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- **Reclaiming the Dead Sea Scrolls** by L Schiffman
- **The Beginning Of Christianity** by Andrew Welburn
- **The Hidden Jesus** by Michael MaGee

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- Fragments of a Faith Forgotten by G. R. S. Mead **SIMPLY GREAT**
- The Gnostic Paul by Elaine Pagels
- Pistis Sophia, A Gnostic Gospel by G. R. S. Mead
- Did Jesus Live 100 B. C.?, by G. R. S. Mead, **SIMPLY GREAT**
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- Early Christian Heresies by Joan O'Grady
- Gnosticism, Judaism, and Egyptian Christianity by Birger Pearson
- The True Origins of Christianity and the Bible by Andrew Benson
- The Beginning Of Christianity by Andrew Welburn
- Jung And The Lost Gospels by Stephan Hoeller
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- Gnosis: The Nature & History Of Gnosticism by Kurt Rudolph
- The Gnostic Scriptures by Bentley Layton

GREAT JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON THE END OF THE AGE....FROM JEWISH EYES....GREAT SCHOLAR

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- The Essene Odyssey: The Mystery of the True Teacher and the Essene Impact on the Shaping of Human Destiny by Hugh Schonfield
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- The Mystery of the Messiah by Hugh Schonfield
- Proclaiming the Messiah: The Life and Letters of Paul of Tarsus, Envoy the Nations by Hugh Schonfield

EXAMINING PAUL FOR WHO HE REALLY IS (OR AT LEAST THE ROMAN "TRANSFIGURATION OF THE GNOSTIC PAUL")

- The Mythmaker: Paul and the Invention of Christianity by H. Maccoby **SIMPLY GREAT**
- The Rival Philosophies Of Jesus And Of Paul by Ignatius Singer
- The Gnostic Paul by Elaine Pagels
- Paul The Convert: The Apostolate And Apostasy Of Saul The Pharisee by Alan R. Segal
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- Jesus or Paul? by Dr. Arnold Meyer

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- The Messianic Idea In Israel by Joseph Klausner
- The Wolf Shall Lie With The Lamb by Rabbi S. Boteach
- Messiah Idea In Jewish History by Julius H. Greenstone

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- The Deeper Truth: Uncovering The Missing History Of Egypt by Richard Cassaro
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- Myth and Symbol in Ancient Egypt by Rundel Clark **SIMPLY GREAT**
- The Death Of The Gods In Ancient Egypt by Jane Sellers

Answer for yourself: What will these books teach me?

These books will help the reader confront the many challenges regarding the orthodox approach to the inherited "Jesus Story" and the history of Christianity and its true origins. These books point their critical finger at many of the rigid dogmas of Christianity as well as the LITERAL interpretation of the "Jesus Story" which has sadly created not only mental servitude with attendant idolatry but at the same time stifled the real understanding of the original Christian message that goes all the way back to the beginning of time in Egypt. If you read these books you will come to see beyond any doubt that the true meaning of Christianity is to be found in the Mystical and Mythological Teachings. These books will help you see through the false traditions inherited in our day and will show you the need for a revival of the effort to discover the esoteric significance of the Christian heritage, to understand the ALLEGORICAL method of Biblical interpretation, and to find behind the myths, legends, dramas, symbols, and allegories, the spiritual vision which they embody as understood by the Ancients. Only in this way will there ever be a new birth for Christianity and an new enlightenment which is no desperately needed in the Christian world comprising over 3 billion people in the world today.

I CONSIDER ALL OF THESE BOOKS A MUST....YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS EACH OF THEM OR AT LEAST REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CATEGORY.....IF YOU READ THESE BOOKS OR AS LEAST THE "GREAT ONES" THEN YOU WILL KNOW ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE KNOWN...(ALMOST)..BUT YOU GET THE POINT....MOST PROBLEMS WITH CHRISTIANITY ARE DEALT WITH IN THESE BOOKS AND FEW THINGS ESCAPE EXPOSURE IN THESE BOOKS...THEY COVER IT ALL..... needless to say I have many more books that I could recommend...but this is the best of crop.. you might can get some of them inexpensively at <http://www.bibliofind.com> under the "used" book searches.

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WHAT'S ALL THIS FUSS OVER LUCIFER?

This may be a surprise to you but the word "Lucifer" appears only one time in the King James translation of the Bible. Also surprising is the fact that in other translations it does not appear even one time! The verse in which the King James Bible uses the word "Lucifer" is Isa. 14:12, which states: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!"

Now if you spoke or studied in Hebrew (let us not forget that is the language originally used in the Bible) you would find that the Hebraic translation of the verse reads differently: "How you have fallen from the heavens, shining star, son of the morning! You who weakens the nations are cut down to the ground." Notice that the word "Lucifer" is not in the original text of the Bible at all!

In fact, Isa. 14:12 is the only place in the entire King James Bible that the word "Lucifer" appears. The word "Lucifer" never appears in the Hebrew text.

Answer for yourself: Then why is it in your and my Bible?

It should not be.

Answer for yourself: What about the inerrancy and infallibility question?

Answer for yourself: Are our Bibles correct or have then been tampered with?

Answer for yourself: And if we can prove that doctrines were "created" for selfish ends, then can we recognize them?

Answer for yourself: And after recognizing them will we continue to play into the hands of those who created these man-made doctrines by adhering to them in our churches?

I want you to read the context of the verses that surround these verses in Isaiah. After you have read them you should notice that the name "shining star, son of the morning" refers to the king of Babylon, and not the Devil.

Now I must ask you:

Answer for yourself: Why did the translators of the King James Bible of 1611 A.D. insert the word "Lucifer: in Isa. 14:12?

Answer for yourself: How did the words "Lucifer" and "Satan" become to mean the same individual?

Answer for yourself: If we can prove in this instance that words were added to our Bible to create or perpetuate a man-made doctrine, then has it occurred at other places in our Bibles and can we know where it occurs?

Answer for yourself: What are we currently practicing in our churches as part of our worship of God is directly attributed to "additions" to the text by men with "hidden agendas?"

Answer for yourself: When we locate such man-made traditions and doctrines, do we continue to follow such fables & false doctrines in our worship of God?

Answer for yourself: Are we truly worshipping our God in "Spirit and in truth?"

The word "Lucifer" is Latin for:

- **1) Phosphorous**
- **2) Venus as the morning star**
- **3) The light-bringer which announces the dawn of the Sun**

The name "Lucifer" is sometimes applied to the planet Venus as the evening star as well. Interestingly enough, the passage in Luke 10:18 ("I saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven") was thought by some to refer to the Isa. 14:12 passage in which the star was used metaphorically for the king of Babylon. According to the Funk and Wagnalls Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology, and Legends of 1984 this "Lucifer" would become the chief of fallen angels and the name for Satan before his rebellion. "Lucifer", as a name give to the devil, comes from this passage, which the early Catholic Church Fathers interpreted, without any corroborating evidence, as relating to the apostasy & punishment of angelic leaders. Such an application was tied to the King of Babel according to Keil & Delitzsch in their Commentary on the Old Testament. Thus we now find that the Devil is become the chief of the fallen angels or evil spirits. Thus we find in Christian theology today that his personal name was originally Lucifer or light-bearer (Isa. 14:12) and is the term applied for the king of Babylon. "Lucifer", in religion, is a name that was thus given to Satan by early Christians and was adopted without question in the middle ages because no one sought to study the Scriptures in Hebrew.

Let's summarize:

- **1) The words "Lucifer" and "Satan" have been connected by the erroneous association of Isa. 14:12 with Luke 10:18.**
- **2) This association was made by Roman Catholic Church Fathers after the deaths of the Apostles.**
- **3) The association of the "Devil" as "Satan" is a fabrication of Christian theology.**
- **4) This is not the only religious fabrication in the Christian faith today.**

Answer for yourself: Do you know the others?

One of the church fathers who was the leading proponent in creating this man-made theology which connected "Satan" with "Lucifer" was Origen. He is known for writing "The prophet says, 'How is Lucifer, who used to arise in the morning, fallen from heaven! He who assailed all nations is broken & beaten to the ground...' Most evidently by these words he is shown to have fallen from heaven, who formerly was Lucifer, and who used to arise in the morning...Nay, even the Saviour Himself teaches us, saying of the devil, 'Behold, I see Satan fallen from heaven like lightening...'"

It is Origin who established for us today the link between Isa. 14:12 & Luke 10:18. Origen took two verses completely out of their original context and created a new doctrine for the church. From the time of Origen onward Lucifer & Satan become synonymous.

Hebrew scholars of the Jewish faith never associated Satan with the verse found in Isaiah. It would be the early Greek Catholic Fathers who would re-define the meaning of these two scriptures and create a new identity for Satan. This error in Christian theology became part of Christian beliefs around 210-225 A.D. This concept has been in place for over 1700 years and is rarely questioned today. But it should be. I don't want to shock you but you better be seated for this. There are many who see in these verses materials derived from a Canaanite myth concerning Helal, the Day Star or Lightgiver, son of Shahar the Dawn. Many connect with this myth the ultimate conflict of good versus bad as manifested on earth. We know today that there was a god Shahar in Canaanite (Ugaritic) mythology who was the god of dawn or the morning star. Connected to this myth is Helal

the son of Shahar. Connected again to both is the mythological concept of the "mount of assembly of the gods in the far north" which is also the point around which all the constellations turned. It was here, also, where the summit of the heavenly mountain & throne of the Most High was located. The passage in Isa. 14:12 preserves for us the Canaanite for a nature myth, which tells of the attempt of the morning star to scale the heights of heaven, thus surpassing all other stars only to be cast down to the earth by the victorious sun. Thus we see in this myth the story of the aspiring of a minor deity to reach the highest heaven where the supreme god dwelt. The goal of such was to replace the supreme ruler with the minor ruler. Such later was borrowed to describe the king of Babylon and his ambition for prominence which tragically ended in his downfall.

Let me ask you:

Answer for yourself: Did early Christian theologians substitute the name of "God" in the place of "the Canaanite most High god"?

Answer for yourself: Did early Christian theologians substitute the name "Lucifer" or "Satan" in the place of "Helal, son of Shahar"?

Answer for yourself: Have you heard this Canaanite account preached in your churches before but with new characters and identities?

Think of the numerous commentaries that have been written, sermons that have been preached, and prayers that have been prayed, which assume that Lucifer and Satan are one and the same.

Answer for yourself: Why is this false-doctrine perpetuated by Protestant denominations, seminaries, pastors & teachers of churches, and the Catholic Church?

Answer for yourself: Why have few discovered this error? Do they not have the resources to discover this lie?

You may be surprised to find out that they are aware of the error because many of their books document it.

Answer for yourself: Then why don't they preach the truth about this addition to the scriptures?

This is not only a matter of ignorance, but deception. Once this false-doctrine became part of the Christian Belief System there was no limit to the innovative teachings which would be built around it.

According to the Bible, except for I Chron. 21:1, Satan is not a proper name referring to a particular being and a demoniac one who is the antagonist or rival of God. It is, in it's original application, understood as a common noun meaning an adversary who opposes and obstructs. It is applied to human adversaries in I Sam. 29:4 where the Philistine questioned David's loyalty to them in battle and were fearful that David would become a "satan" against them in battle. In II Sam. 19:22 David accused the sons of Zeruiah of beings "satans" to his restoration to the throne of Israel. In I Kings 11:14 the Lord raised up "a satan" against Solomon in the person of Hadad the Edomite who stood against Solomon in his idolatries. In I Kings 11:23 & 25 we see God raised up another "satan" against Solomon as an adversary to his rule.

Satan (meaning adversary) as a verb is used of prosecution in a law court (Psm. 109:6) and the role of an antagonist in general (Psm. 38:20-21; 109:4,20,29). The angel of the Lord who was sent to obstruct Baalam in Num. 22:31 was chosen by God to fulfill the role of "a satan" in order to oppose and obstruct Baalam. God sent "satan" to Baalam. This angel was accomplishing good for God but was a "satan". The will of God would be done because of the testing and trial of Baalam. There is nothing in the Hebrew to suggest that this "opposition" presented to Baalam was the permanent function of that or any other particular angel. "The Satan" as a role or function of a particular angel first appears around 520 B.C. in Zech. 3 and then in Job 1-2.

In I Chron. 21:1 it states that "Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel". Notice there is no article before the noun, thus more than likely Satan seems to be a real proper name. In Zech 3, Satan acts as a prosecutor in a celestial court. In Job 1-2 Satan questions Job's integrity and suggests to the Lord that Job

be tested to prove his love and commitment to God. In all these accounts "Satan" or "satans" are clearly in subjection & subordinate to God. In neither of the accounts listed are there "warfare" occurring between The God and His Satan or satans. The only warfare going on is between men's flesh in it's submission to the will and purposes of God. Satan, the angel, is clearly obedient to all of G-d's commands is unable to act of his own free will and cannot do anything without G-d's permission. Nowhere is he in any sense a rival of God. In I Chron. 21:1, it states that Satan is said to have incited David to take a census of Israel, which resulted in the death of 70,000 Israelites (21:14). If we contrast that with 2 Sam. 24:1 it states "the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel, and He (God) moved David against them to say, 'Go number Israel and Judah'". God caused David to take the census. Notice that one scripture blames the census on Satan and the other on God.

Answer for yourself: How do we reconcile?

It is rather simple. God is David's adversary (satan-small "s") since David is relying on the flesh for the defense and protection of Israel instead of God. God being angered in David's rejection of Him and His protection and provision, dispatched an adversary (satan) to David. It happens that the adversary (satan) dispatched happened to be "the" Satan, himself. Satan obeys G-d's wishes and judges David and Israel for the king's transgression and sin.

Answer for yourself: Did Satan fight God or David?

Answer for yourself: Who disobeyed God?

Answer for yourself: Who needed to repent here; Satan or David?

You be the judge. Next month, we will talk about Persian dualism and the concepts that have birthed the erroneous teachings concerning spiritual warfare in today's churches. God is not fighting Satan but the "satans" (men-as adversaries to the will of God in the earth) created in the image of God. You got it! God fights the flesh of men to submit to the Spirit of God, thus accomplishing His purposes, and not ours.

Answer for yourself: It's exciting to finally know the truth, isn't?

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WAS OSIRIS THE PROTOTYPE FOR THE JESUS OF THE "JESUS STORY" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

We have witnessed on other websites from Bet Emet Ministries the unbelievable parallels between the solar and lunar gods and the "Jesus Story". It is enough to make your head spin and wish you have never learned of this plagiarism in Christianity today.

Answer for yourself: Where did the dying-reborn God myth start?

Well we have seen that all roads lead to Egypt and pre-Egypt if that is possible to the pre-dynastic Egyptians. If we look past Egypt we find that Asia minor is also a source for the "Jesus Story". The ancient Greeks and Romans inherited and adapted Gods from ancient Asia Minor (Assyria, Babylon, Phrygia, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, places like that). These old-ancient religions were pretty basic Mother Earth, cycle-of-nature affairs. We have seen that observations by the Ancients of the Heavens above and Nature around them, often called Mother Earth religions, personified the forces and powers they observed and central to these observations was a pattern or cycle observed by them for thousands of years. From these observations these nations in toto reasoned and had Gods who personified the cycle-of-nature by dying in the autumn (Autumn equinox began the death and culminated at the Winter solstice) and being reborn in the spring. We don't know exactly when these dying-reborn Gods began -- they date back thousands of years, basically fading into prehistory. We do know their names, and some of their rituals. **And we can trace the evolution of their ideas from Egypt to Greece and Rome -- and on to the Christian church in your neighborhood which you attend this weekend.**



It all began with Osiris and Horus and from these arises others personifications of the Sun and Moon and their movements and various powers and forces taken from Nature fashioned in the same understandings; only the names changing from nation to nation down through time. By the time of Jesus of Nazareth as depicted in the New Testament, as it was thousands of years before, the Mediterranean world contained a great diversity of creeds and rituals surrounding these "personified sun gods" (Attis, Mithra, Dionysus, Buddha, Krishna, Hercules, Zoroaster, etc.). Of course as time would have it details varied according to location and culture, but the general outlines of these faiths were astonishingly similar. A pattern emerged and overlap was not uncommon but the general outline of them is as follows:

- **These personified sungods were born on or very near our Christmas Day at the Winter solstice**
- **These personified sungods were all born of a Virgin-Mother which was personified from observations of the constellation Virgo**
- **These personified sungods were born in a Cave or Underground Chamber which was the personification of the Sun rising at dawn as its rays (Ra) spread through the sky**
- **These personified sungods all led a life of labor for Mankind (as the personified Sun it struggles against the darkness in its path across the sky and through the solar year)**

- These personified sungods were all called by the names of Light-bringer, Healer, Mediator, Savior, Deliverer.
- These personified sungods were eventually vanquished by the Powers of Darkness or by characters who were themselves depictions of personified darkness (Set, Satan, Devil) following their glory at the Summer solstice from which they fell to their soon coming death following the Autumn equinox and the ultimate Winter solstice
- These personified sungods descended into Hell or the Underworld (the realm of darkness) for 3 days at the Winter solstice
- These personified sungods rose again from the dead, and became the pioneers of mankind to the Heavenly world on December 25th following the Winter solstice
- These personified sungods founded Communions of Saints, and Churches into which disciples were received by Baptism.
- These personified sungods were all commemorated by Eucharistic meals (partaking of the solar harvest)

Answer for yourself: Does any of this sound familiar and something you have learned in church about Jesus as well? What does this say about Jesus and certain teachings like:

John 14:6 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: How is the depiction of Jesus in the New Testament different from all the rest of these solar gods or is it? Is the "Jesus Story" a clone of prior "savior stories"?

Answer for yourself: Time does not allow nor space in just one article to compare all of these solar heroes with the "Jesus Story" but let me ask you something; are you aware that the "original" and first "Jesus Story" is the story of Osiris that originated in Egypt thousands of years before the supposed "historical Jesus"?

OSIRIS:

It is said of Osiris:

- He came to fulfill the law.
- Called "KRST," the "Anointed One."
- Born of the virgin Isis-Meri on December 25th in a cave / manger, with his birth announced by a star and attended by three wise men.
- Earthly father named "Seb" (translates to "Joseph.")
- At age 12 he was a child teacher in the Temple and at 30 he was baptized, having disappeared for 18 years.
- Baptized in the river Iarutana -- the river Jordan -- by "Anup the Baptizer," who was beheaded. (Anup translates to John.)
- Traveled widely, taught men and "tamed them by music and gentleness, not by force of arms" [Plutarch]
- Performed miracles, exorcised demons, raised El-Osiris from the dead.
- Walked on water.
- Betrayed by Typhon, crucified between two thieves on the 17th day of the month of Athyr.
- Buried in a tomb from which he arose on the third day (19th Athyr) and was resurrected.
- His suffering, death, and resurrection celebrated each year by His disciples on the Vernal Equinox -- Easter.
- Called "The Way, the Truth, the Light," "Messiah," "god's Anointed Son," the "Son of Man," the "Word made Flesh," the "word of truth."



Expected to reign a thousand years.

Answer for yourself: Does any of this sound familiar and something you have learned in church about Jesus as well? If you want other proof that the "Jesus Story" is but the retelling of earlier similar accounts from the myth of Osiris and Horus then follow the above [link](#).

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WAS HORUS THE PROTOTYPE FOR THE JESUS OF THE "JESUS STORY" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

The story of Horus, a major Egyptian God, is told in the Book of Vivifying the Soul Forever over 3,000 years before the birth of Christ. The Jesus story in the Bible is in many places a recycled version of the Horus story. The comparisons given below prove without a doubt that much in the New Testament is full of myths and stories recycled from earlier times and made to fit the various characters of the Bible.

- Horus is the Father seen in the son...Jesus said he was the way, the truth and the life.
- Horus claims to be the light of the world represented by the symbolic eye, the sign of salvation. Jesus stated that he is the light of the world.
- Horus said that he was the way, the truth, the life. Jesus said he was the way, the truth and the life.
- Horus was the plant, the shoot. Jesus says "I am the true vine."
- Horus says It is I who traverse the heavens, I go round the Elysian Fields. Eternity has been assigned to me without end, Lo! I am heir to endless time and my attribute is eternity. Jesus says I am come down from heaven, for this is the will of the Father, that everyone who beholdeth the Son and believeth in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.
- Horus...I open the Tuat that I may drive away the darkness. Jesus says I am come a light unto the world.
- Horus says I am equipped with thy words O Ra [Father in Heaven] and repeat them to those who are deprived of breath. These were the words of the Father in heaven. Jesus says The Father which sent me, he hath given me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak. Whatsoever I speak therefore even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me."
- Horus baptized with water by Anup. Jesus baptized with water by John the Baptist.
- Horus-Aan, the name of the divine scribe. Jesus-John the divine scribe.
- Horus born in Annu, the place of bread. Jesus Born in Bethlehem, the house of bread.
- Horus The good shepherd with the crook on his shoulders. Jesus The good shepherd with a lamb on his shoulders.
- Horus Seven on board the boat with him. Jesus Seven fishermen on board the boat with Jesus.
- Horus Depicted as the Lamb Jesus depicted as the lamb.
- Horus as the Lion. Jesus as the lion.
- Horus identified with the Tat or cross. Jesus identified with the cross.
- Horus of 12 years. Jesus of 12 years.
- Horus A man of 30 years. Jesus a man of 30 years at his baptism.
- Horus the KRST. Jesus the Christ.

- Horus the manifesting son of God. Jesus the manifesting son of God.
- Horus The trinity...Atum the Father, Horus the son, Ra the Holy Spirit. Jesus...God the Father, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Horus The first Horus as a child of the virgin, the second as son of Ra. Jesus as a child of the virgin, Christ as the son of the Father in heaven.
- Horus...Horus the sender and Set the destroyer in the harvest field. Jesus...Jesus the sender or the good seed, Satan the sender of tares.
- Horus carried off by Set to the summit of Mount Hetep. Jesus carried by Satan to an exceedingly high mountain.
- Horus and Set contending on the Mount. Jesus and Satan contending on the Mount.
- Horus...The star was the announcer of the child Horus. Jesus...The Star in the East indicated the birth-place of Jesus.
- Horus...the avenger. Jesus who brings the sword.
- Horus...as lu-em-hetep comes with peace...Jesus...the bringer of peace.
- Horus...the afflicted one. Jesus...the afflicted one.
- Horus...as the type of life eternal. Jesus...as the type of life eternal.
- Horus as lu-em-hetep the child teacher in the temple. Jesus as the child teacher in the temple.
- Horus The mummy bandage was woven without seam. Jesus The vesture of the Christ was without seam.
- Horus As Har-Khutti has twelve followers... Jesus has twelve disciples.
- Horus The revelation written down by divine scribe Aan (Tehuti). Jesus the Revelation written down by John the Divine.
- Horus Aani bears witness to the word of Ra. Jesus...John bears witness to the word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ.
- Horus The secret mysteries revealed by That-Aan. Jesus The secret mysteries made known by John.
- Horus The morning star. Jesus The morning star.
- Horus Who gives the morning star to his followers. Jesus who gives the morning star to his followers.
- Horus The name of Ra on the head of the deceased. Jesus The name of the father written on the forehead.
- Horus The paradise of the Pole star...Am-Khemmen. Jesus The Holy City lighted by one luminary that is neither the sun nor the moon.
- Horus Har-Seshu or servants of Horus. Jesus The servants of Jesus Christ.

Now it is up to the "thinking" believer to decide for himself if the above examples are plagiarism as applied to Jesus by the New Testament writers, coincidental, or Divine Revelation!

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ASTROTHEROLOGY AND THE "JESUS STORY" OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: DOES IT ORIGINATE WITH THE STARS?



My life has been one long arduous study of religion since graduating Southwestern Theological Seminary in 1988. After the first 7 years of such study I was forced to resign my Pastorate as a Christian Pastor having been thoroughly convinced that I was not teaching the truth concerning the "Jesus Story" nor "the Christ" but only reiterating an aberrant tradition that had strayed so distantly from the truths of the Ancients concerning this "Jewish Messiah" whom was believed to be "the Christ". After reading hundreds of books over those years and studying usually 5 hours a day, year after year, I have come to see without a doubt that all the world's religions, including Christianity, are nothing more than rewritten versions of an older story held dear by the earliest sages and priest of mankind that can be found on this planet; namely, the story of the birth, death, and rebirth of the Sun as it makes it circuit through the sky and the Zodiac once a year.

Please understand that I would not make such a statement unless I could prove it beyond any doubt to the interested reader

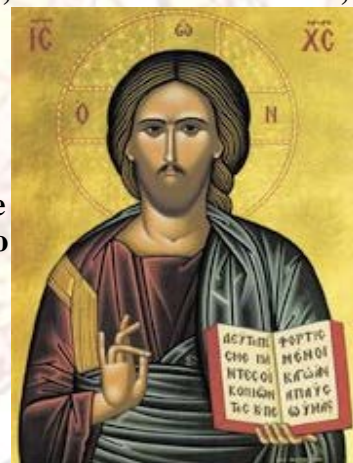
The summary of my studies these past twenty years can be summarized and categorized rather easily in 3 basic classifications which you will see yourself if you undertake similar studies. I found that there are three schools of thought down through history concerning the interpretation of just whom is this "Jesus Christ"!

- **The Historical Jesus Christ** (the presentation of "the Christ" as taught through the medium of a presumed historical person to serve as an example for all mankind to emulate and follow)
- **The Mythical Jesus Christ** (the personification of the Sun as it moves on its prescribed path through the Heavens where we find it moving through each house of the Zodiac which goes hand in hand with the changing seasons of the year [Spring Equinox, Summer Solstice, Autumn Equinox, Winter Solstice])
- **The Mystical Jesus Christ** (the allegorical expression of a hidden teaching, a secret doctrine, given under strict and exacting conditions to approved candidates by the Ancient Masters of Spiritual Wisdom regarding the descent of the Logos (God) into matter, ie., mankind). Believe it or not we find that Paul speaks of this in the New Testament:

Col 1:27 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (KJV)

On entering now on the study of the life of "the Christ", of the rites of Christianity, its sacraments, its doctrines, it would be disastrous to ignore the facts presented by comparative mythologists and religionists down through history. **These facts regarding the identity of "Jesus Christ", rightly understood, hold the "key" to answering the biggest question ever posed to mankind: "Who is Jesus Christ"?**

Over the many, many years of my religious studies following Seminary the puzzle pieces slowly came together and the answers to problematic questions came to ease my concern for the "swiss cheese" theology that I was taught there. It was in Seminary that I first discovered that many of the "Jesus Stories" were remarkable parallels with earlier "Sun god" stories from a host of Aryan nations. What I did not know then and what escapes the vast majority of Christianity in today's world is that many of the stories of these "solar gods" and "godmen" down through history which parallel the events in the life of the New Testament "Christ" as found in the New Testament and which **appear at first thought to be apparently historical were really purely allegorical**. This is why the stories of Osiris, Horus, Dionysus, Attis, Adonis, Mithra, and a host of others read like the New Testament "Jesus Story". Nowhere, perhaps, is it more necessary to understand this than when we are studying the story of Jesus (called in this website the "Jesus Story"), surnamed "the Christ", for when we fail to separate the allegory from the literal truth, and see where the symbols have been mistakenly taken and believed as "historical events, allegories as histories, we lose most of the instructiveness of the narrative and much of its "Eternal Truth" once given to the Ancient Spiritual Masters by the Creator. Men fear that Christianity will be weakened when one comes to this understanding, and that it is "dangerous" to admit that events thought to be "historical" have a deeper significance in both a "mythical" and "mystic meaning". That simply is not the case but those who advocate not delving into these deeper areas of understanding of "the Christ" keep others from recovering the truths concerning "the Christ" as the Ancients who gave us those concepts understood them and "him" in the first place. **Let us not forget that as Egypt taught in the beginning of recorded history mankind was made in the image of God and not God in the image of man!** The "halo", or nimbus, surrounding the picture of Jesus above should be a "tip off" that there is much about this "Jesus Christ" that escapes our simple understanding of him as presented by the typical "historical" understanding of him handed down in Roman Christianity today. Inquiring minds should want to know:



"Who really is this Jesus Christ of the New Testament and why can the chronological events of his life as written and recorded in the New Testament be shown to be a perfect parallel to the allegorical understanding of the path of the Sun through the houses of the Zodiac as well as the Equinoxes and Solstices as taught by the Ancients"?



Bet Emet Ministries has presented over the last several years the collective research and data gathered from our scholarly study of "the Christ" and have presented this presentation in various [websites](#) on the Internet. **But this presentation of the "Mythical Jesus Christ" is the most explosive revelation concerning "Jesus Christ" yet to date.**

It is not my desire to harm anyone or their "faith" but truth should matter to you and me; especially if we love God and desire to know as much about Him in our lives today. Much of what we at Bet Emet Ministries share with our readership will be new information to the vast majority of our readers mainly because Roman Christianity has chosen not to teach these truths and to a large extent down through history suppressed them. Just because you have never heard of some of what we write does not mean it is not true; it only means you have not seen it yet in your corner church house.

Prov 3:3-4 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. (KJV)

Prov 23:23 23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. (KJV)

What passages! Truth is not free today; it costs you sometime. First of all it costs you time and energy where you invest your life to confirm what you read from Bet Emet to be the "ultimate truth". We have done our homework for over 20 years well and unto the Lord. It is our gift to all mankind because of our love for God and all His children; many of which never dreamed like I once before I began serious study into my faith that I could have believed "lies" given me by Rome instead of "truth" in my relationship with God and His "Christ".

Prov 12:17 17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit. (KJV)

Let me warn you that as we study that you will see that we can approach the "Jesus Story" from a **"LITERAL" perspective** and draw from it patterns of conduct and behavior to be followed by all of mankind, and we have done just that; in fact that is where we started with our presentation of a "Jesus Christ" from a literal perspective in our ministry's earlier websites hoping to expose the "dejudiazation" of this "Jesus Christ" by Rome on the pages of the New Testament. In so doing we tried to expose how Rome replaced the concept of the Jewish Messiah with one of their own making as well as show how the Laws and Commandments of God are in effect today and are the very building blocks of our Covenants with God. A few years later I was able to construct and present a deeper understanding of "the Christ" and we were able to present the **"Mystical Jesus Christ"** whereby we showed how the earliest Christians (actually called Chrestians and not Christians in the beginning) and the **First New Testament from Marcion**, which Rome would later corrupt and destroy, understood "the Christ" as a Divine Allegory of a Divine Concept inherent within all of mankind and not exclusive to just one person. That is why this First New Testament of these earliest Gnostic "Christian/Chrestian" believer did not teach a "fleshly" or a "historical Jesus Christ". That is why the seven authentic epistles of Paul never taught a "fleshly Jesus" but only in the later forgeries do we find such ideas. **This Roman Second New Testament was the production of a radical reinterpretation of the earlier concept of "the Christ" as held by the earliest Gnostic Christians as handed down by the Ancient Spiritual Masters as far back as Egypt. This Roman Second New Testament was also a reinterpretation of "the Christ" from what both Jewish and Gentile Gnostics believed about "the Christ" in the first century.**

The Gnostic First New Testament, which today can be reconstructed by the study of the attacks of the early Church Fathers on Marcion and these Gnostic Chrestians, goes a long way in helping today's student see just what was believed about this "Christ" in the first century before the rise of Roman Christianity and the production of their Second New Testament. Understand your studies will show what I discovered; namely that **this earlier and Ancient understanding of "the Christ" (both Mystical and Mythical)** which we identify in this website as the "Gnostic" understanding of "the Christ" will be lost to the world by the fifth century and forced "underground" by Roman Christianity and their military might. These earlier Gnostic Spiritual Masters will be almost persecuted out of existence by Rome and the "Divine Allegory of the Christ Within" will be later "literalized" by Rome in their Second New Testament. Lost to the world will be the earliest understanding of "the Jesus Christ" as known since the beginning of recorded time. **This is where most of Christianity exists today believing in a "Literalized Jesus Christ" which has been presented as a historical person when the deeper truths of the "Christ Within" are seldom heard and that goes double for the "Mythical**

Christ".

LET US NARROW OUR FOCUS A BIT

Now we come to the most explosive presentation of "Jesus Christ" yet to date: **The Mythical Jesus Christ.**

Answer for yourself: Yes, I said it correctly. We speak of the "Mythical Jesus Christ" but don't think for a moment that there is not behind these "spiritual concepts" hidden and deeper truths that reveal our God like never before. God again is not a man and we need to get that straight in spite of what the Roman council at Nicea might say in the early 4th century.

Our focus on the "Mythical Christ" will take us back to the beginning of recorded history. In fact we go beyond recorded time to the oral traditions of pre-dynastic Egypt where they saw God and His message to all mankind in the Sky and Heavens. I call it today **"Theology in the Stars".** It is a known historical fact that Rome did burn the many libraries of the world to cover up their lies and falsification of "the Jesus Christ" but no man or no false religion can burn the stars above our heads or forge the sky as they do books like Rome's Second New Testament. God still writes on the blackboard of the nights His Divine Message to us. Sadly few of us know it is even there or how to read and interpret it. Truly you need "keys" to understand what God is saying on the Night's Blackboard and His Heavens and I will give them to you in this website if you so desire to study along with us. If you continue on this website be advised that what you will learn about "Jesus Christ" will be the most startling and upsetting information you may have ever heard yet to date but I cannot help that. I can only say you will survive it as I did when I so desired the truth that I would not stop my quest for God and His ultimate truth because it "went against what my church had taught me". Let us remember as demonstrated on so many of our other websites that we as Christians and followers of "the Christ" have a spiritual book given us by Rome that is "forged" in key places which hides these deeper truths from us. It is well past time we get new "keys" to understand our Creator and His true message to us. We in our studies will go to the very origin of what later becomes the whole of the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament, from start to finish and in-between, and we will show you that without a doubt that the **whole of the "Jesus Story" and the major events in it comes from Ancient allegories told about the Sun and its path through the sky, the Heavens, and its path through the Zodiac once a year as it moves through the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, the Autumn Equinox, and the Winter Solstice. It is in these movements of the Sun you will see as I did the exact "chronological story" of "Jesus Christ" as recorded in the New Testament.**

This statement will be backed up with copious presentations of astronomy and astrology which proves beyond any doubt that the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament is a parody and takeoff of the path of the Sun through the Heavens. **These facts about the Mythical Jesus Christ, and I mean facts, undeniable facts, address so many problems that exist today concerning Jesus Christ as depicted in the New Testament and settle all debates about him once and for all!!!** Once you see these facts for yourself then you will understand why there exists no unforged evidence for the existence of a "Historical Jesus Christ" in history outside of this one book that Rome gave the world in their presentation of a "Literal Jesus Christ". **These facts about the Mythical Jesus Christ will explain why the exploits of Jesus in the New Testament are but a recopying of the ancient lives of the Sungods and the Sungodmen.** These facts about the Mythical Jesus Christ will explain why all Sungods had a death on a cross and a resurrection 3 days later and it only begins there. **These facts concerning a Mythical Jesus Christ will explain why the Jewish sages and Rabbis down through history cannot accept the Christian Jesus Christ as their Messiah.** In fact all questions about "Jesus Christ" will have been answered for all time. Then we can focus on the Creator God, as we should have been all along, having dealt thoroughly with this "Jesus Christ" for the last time.

But again the good news is that in such a study you will see God and His true message for all mankind; not as we have it today from Rome where it is altered and adulterated almost beyond recognition in our New Testaments. The Ancients knew this God like few nations today every hope to and they recorded their

knowledge and in spite of Rome's purge of the world's libraries has surfaced today with the aid of archeology and it lays before us if we only desire to look. We truly live in a blessed age where such Divine Truths have been restored to all of mankind and the hope of a renewed brotherhood of man that moves beyond traditional religious walls lays at our grasp. For you see God and His message to all mankind is the same regardless of man's religious camps.

Words escape we when the magnitude of what I have discovered and what I will present to the reader rushes to the forefront of my mind. I am yet overwhelmed by what I have uncovered and have seen in my studies of the "Mystical" and "Mythical Christ". But understand that you, if reared a Christian, will need all the courage and fortitude you can muster to work through this website for it will touch all of your emotions and challenge the typical Christian to his utmost being and at times leave you breathless. But your final destination is "TRUTH" and let nothing in your life stop you from reaching this destination for God has never lied to us and never gave us a falsehood as large as the "Literal Jesus Story" which Rome has done and which we have been fed to us in the Western Hemisphere our whole lives. We embark to such a destination of undeniable truth right now.

In order to recover such truths regarding the question posed at the beginning of this article then 3 areas of study will be necessary. It is to these areas of study we now turn in order to see what we have to thoroughly consult to ever hope to arrive at the answer to the question posed at the beginning of this article "Whom is Jesus Christ" and resounds in the New Testament in Mark 8:27:

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? (KJV)

This will be a long and challenging study but before we begin I want to give inform the student and reader of what will be required of them if they every hope to come to terms with the "Jesus Puzzle" or the "Jesus Story" as I call it. This is a complicated weaving of different strands of theology mixed together over thousands of years and to make sense of it today, especially with our Western mindset, is no easy task and nigh impossible if we don't possess adequate knowledge and "keys" for proper interpretation of the "Jesus Story". After we "get our feet wet" by reading the article on the "4 areas of study necessary to understand correct 'Jesus Christ'" we will proceed to the meat of this study.

[4 Areas Of Study Necessary If You Every Hope To Come To An Accurate Understanding Of "Jesus Christ" and "the Christ"](#)

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Sun Worship, religious devotion paid to the sun either as a deity or as the symbol of a deity. Sun worship was practiced by the Iroquois, Plains, and Tsimshian peoples of North America and reached a high state of development among the Native Americans of Mexico and Peru. The sun was also a Hindu deity, regarded as maleficent by the Dravidians of southern India and as benevolent by the Munda of the central parts. The Babylonians were sun worshipers, and in ancient Persia worship of the sun was an integral part of the elaborate cult of Mithras. The ancient Egyptians worshiped the sun god Ra.

In ancient Greece the deities of the sun were Helios and Apollo. The worship of Helios was widespread; temples were built in Corinth, Árgos, Troezen (no longer in existence), and many other cities, but the principal seat was on the island of Rhodes, in the Dodecanese, where four white horses were sacrificed annually to the god. A similar sacrifice was offered on the summit of Mount Hagios Elias, in the Taiyetos Mountains, in Laconia. In time virtually all the functions of Helios were transferred to the god Apollo, in his identity as Phoebus. Sun worship persisted in Europe even after the introduction of Christianity, as is evidenced by its disguised survival in such traditional Christian practices as the Easter bonfire and the Yule log on Christmas.

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The Sun God from **Christianity Unadorned**

Christmas

Why was the *only true god* born on a Pagan date—25 December?

The Christian world had no chronology. There is no clue in the gospels to the time of the year when Jesus was born except that it cannot have been the rainy season, winter, for shepherds would not have been out at night. Mary forgot the date of a uniquely wonderful day or forgot to mention it in the story. Early Christians found themselves having to tell the world of the most tremendous birth there ever was on this planet not knowing when it happened. No event of their history was marked by justifiable dates for nearly four hundred years. Centuries later the year of Christ's birth was determined but was determined wrongly. Nobody now holds that Jesus was born in the year 1 AD.

For several hundred years various Churches celebrated the birthday of Jesus on different dates. The eastern Churches kept it on January 6th, now the Epiphany. Other Churches chose April 24th or 25th and some placed it in May. Only in 354 AD did the Church choose December 25th as the birth date of Christ. Rome was then the leading Church but Romans had celebrated this festival for centuries as Pagans.

Considering that an omnipotent God descended from heaven and performed astounding miracles to prove that people could now be saved in everlasting life, it seems odd that no one noted the year of his birth, even though many beings from shepherds to angels knew about it. This itself should be sufficient to banish all faith in Christianity.

The birth date of Jesus was unknown. Admittedly, poor and illiterate parents in undeveloped societies do not remember the dates when their children were born and often do not even remember the year—simple people are not ruled by clocks and calendars as we are. If, as *Acts* claims, Mary, Jesus's mother, lived with the disciples after the crucifixion, evidently she had forgotten when her son was born. But this *is* surprising even for a poor person considering the interest shown by kings, shepherds and angels at the time. Mary could not have experienced any of this because the gospels indicate that she had no recollection of it.

Nor had the first Christians ever heard of it, scholars of the first two centuries even differing over the year he was born, some believing that he was born fully twenty years before the currently accepted date. Most believed that Jesus's birth date was irrelevant—only his divine life was relevant and that began at his baptism. Sadly they did not know the date of the baptism either and arbitrarily chose 6 January.

Why? Because that date had long been associated with people bathing in blessed water. Followers of the god Osiris, the deity of the Nile, had held a festival, the "Festival of the Immersion", on the river on 6 January from time immemorial. Christian Copts celebrate it still. The Hierophant poured holy water into the river and blessed it, then people bathed in it. The Greeks identified Dionysos with Osiris and so on 6 January the sacred waters were blessed in both the religions of Osiris and Dionysos! Epiphany is a continuation of these Pagan rites.

The Egyptian Gnostics known as Basilidians, seeing the immersion ceremonies as a symbol of the baptism of Jesus, celebrated it on 6 January and gradually Christians elsewhere adopted this date as the anniversary of the Jesus's baptism. By 386 AD the two great Christian festivals were Easter, the festival of the crucifixion, and Epiphany when rivers and springs were blessed and water was drawn and saved for baptisms throughout the year. Aristides Rhetor in about 160 AD tells us that water drawn from the Nile at the "Festival of the Immersion" is at its purest. Stored in wine jars, he says, it improves with time just like wine. And so does the myth! Two centuries later Epiphanius writes that the stored water actually changes into wine! In Dionysos worship water turns to wine on 6 January. The miracle at Cana when Jesus turned water into wine is celebrated in the Christian calendar on 6 January!

Today the Epiphany celebration is most closely associated with the visit of the Magi at Jesus's birth and has been since the fourth century AD. Magi were Persian priests so it seems likely that the legend was introduced from Mithras worship, originally a Persian religion. The babe Mithras was adored by shepherds who brought gifts as in the *Luke* version of Jesus's birth. Rather than merely equalling a rival, the editor who inserted the birth narrative into *Matthew* took a more positive tack. He aimed to show the superiority of Christianity over the other eastern religions: the divine baby Jesus is superior to the divine baby Mithras whose priests bring gifts to the new god. So the three Zadokites who officiated at Jesus's rebirth were adapted into Magi from Persia appearing at his actual birth to prove that even the priests of Mithras worshipped the Christian God.

Cassian at about the beginning of the fifth century says the Egyptian provinces regarded Epiphany as being the birth date of Jesus. This was because Jesus was thought to be exactly 30 years old on his baptism. Note also that the Persian law-giver Zoroaster was exactly thirty when the spirit of god descended on him, and the Egyptian Pharaoh's held a celebration called *Sed* exactly 30 years after the day they had been chosen by their father as his successor, their spiritual birthday.

Toward the end of the fourth century, hoping to counteract the Manichaean heresy—that Jesus was never born at all but was a phantasm—church leaders decided to move the date

of Jesus's birth "after the flesh" from 6 January to 25 December, which since 274 AD under the emperor Aurelian, Rome had celebrated as *Natalis Solis Invicti*, the Birthday of the Unconquerable Sun. During the third and fourth centuries Mithraism had become the most important solar religion in the Empire, Mithras being called, "the Unconquerable Sun". Thus 25 December was celebrated as the "Birthday of the Unconquerable Sun" in the calendar of Philocalus in 336 AD, only a year before Constantine dies and a quarter of a century after he had supposedly made the empire Christian.

The solar celebration was so widespread and popular that the church could neither stop it, nor stop it being identified in the popular mind with Jesus's birth anyway. The importance of 25 December to Pagans made Christian converts think it must also be important to their newly adopted religion. They easily supposed it must have been the birthday of their messiah.

Every Roman was familiar from childhood with the great midwinter festival, and in the earliest days of the Christian era the religions of Persia and Egypt, with similar festivals, had spread over the Empire. The Romans later presided over the council of Nicea (325 AD) which lead to the official Christian recognition of the *Trinity* as the true nature of God. Since his birth date had been forgotten, when Jesus was made a god by Constantine, 25 December was selected as his birthday, because it was the birthday of other gods, and particularly that of the chief rivals to Christianity in the Roman Empire, Sol Invictus and Mithras. The Pagan emperor Constantine, who presided over the council of Nicea, was popularly considered the embodiment or incarnation of the this supreme Roman sun god. The bishops were typically opportunistic. By celebrating at the same time as Pagan religions they hoped to offer the same benefits and pull in some Pagan punters. Christmas remained the start of a new year up to the tenth century.

The Emperor Honorius (395 to 423) speaks of 25 December as being a "new" festival, and a text of about the same time says it is one of the three great Christian festivals so holy that theatres had to close by law. The churches of the Eastern Empire accused the Western Church of idolatry and sun worship. Jesus was identified with the sun by both Cyprian and Ambrose. Jesus and Mithras had become almost identical in the minds of the western populace. Saint Augustine was one who did not approve of this particular concession to Paganism.

Christmas festivals today incorporate many other Pagan customs, such as the use of holly, mistletoe, Yule logs, and wassail bowls. The Christmas tree itself is the most obvious aspect of ancient Pagan celebrations which were later incorporated into church rites. Scholars believe that the Christian celebration was originally derived in part from rites held by pre-Christian Germanic and Celtic peoples to celebrate the winter solstice. The Christmas tree, an evergreen trimmed with lights and other decorations, because it keeps its green needles throughout the winter months, was believed by pre-Christian Pagans to have special powers of protection against the forces of nature and evil spirits. The Christmas tree is derived from the so-called paradise tree, symbolizing Eden, of German mystery plays. The use of a Christmas tree began early in the 17th century, in Strasbourg, France, spreading from there through Germany, into northern Europe and Great Britain, and then on to the United States.

Christmas is not the only Christian festival which was borrowed from ancient Paganism and adapted to the Essenism of Jesus. There is also Easter, the Feast of St John, the Holy communion, the Annunciation of the virgin, the assumption of the virgin, and many others have their roots in ancient Pagan worship. Midsummer Day is the Feast of St John the Baptist and is dedicated also to Saints Philip and James. Saints Peter, James, Andrew and Paul were given unimportant days even though we are told they were Christ's Apostles.

Christians were never too keen on following the instructions of their holy texts though they usually made a great show of studying them. Had they taken notice they could not have taken these Pagan practices into the divine religion of Essenism. The scriptures warned against it quite explicitly:

Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. (Deut 12:30)

It was hard for the gentile Christian converts though. They had lately been celebrating these festivals and all their friends still were. So they thought: "What does it matter?" That has often been the enduring strength of Christianity. Its ministers have been so flexible in the face of serious rivalry as to be unprincipled. Yet in the face of weak or isolated rivals, it has applied the devil's own punishments as if they were the guardians of hell not heaven.

Christmas Before Christ

Long before Christianity, as mid-winter approached, Rome was lit up with joy. It was the festival of the old vegetation-god Saturn who, as a god, died or was displaced by Jupiter, the sky-god, but had a fine temple on the Capitol. His festival lasted seven days, from December 17th to 24th, and was the most joyous time of the joyous Roman year. For the whole week, no work was done, the one law being good cheer and good nature, but the 25th was the culmination of it all, the greatest festival in the Roman calendar—the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun...

There was great rejoicing, illuminations and public games, and all shops were closed. Presents were exchanged, and the slaves were indulged in special liberties—on this one day they were free. They donned the conical cap of the freedman—as frolickers continue at Christmas, and on other festive occasions today, to don caps of paper—and sit at table while masters wait on them.

On 25 December, crowds filled the streets and raised festive cries, and the women of Rome paraded, singing in a loud voice, *Unto us a child is born this day*. Stalls laden with presents lined the streets near the Forum, but the great present of the season was a doll, of wax or terracotta. Hundreds of thousands of these dolls were on sale on the stalls and held in the arms of passers by. Once human beings were sacrificed to Saturn, and, as human life grew more important than religion, the god or his priests had to be content with effigies of men or maids—dolls! It was a time of peace on earth, for by Roman law no war could begin during the Saturnalia, and of good-will toward all men.

The festival went back far into the mists of prehistoric times. It had been earlier a one-day festival, the feast of Saturn, an important magico-religious festival for insuring the harvest of the next year, rejoicing that the year's work was over, and helping and propitiating the god of fecundity by generous indulgence in wine and love. The mysterious winter dying of the sun was also arrested. When it was on the turn, it seemed to hover at the same altitude in the sky for three days, from the solstice, before observably beginning to rise on the 25th, the great day of the sun's rebirth.

Christians never think it strange that the birth date of Jesus is also the birth date of many of the incarnated gods of antiquity. They never think it curious that it was for ancient astronomers the last day of the year—when the year was re-born and a new sun began to climb again in the heavens. That Pagans venerated the birthday of Christ as the birthday of their gods is beyond coincidence .

At the first moment after midnight of 24 December the nations of the East would rise at midnight to celebrate the arrival of 25 December, the birthday of their gods. At midnight on the twenty-fifth of the month Savarana, which is our December, millions of Krishna's disciples celebrated his birthday by decorating their houses with garlands and gilt paper, and giving presents to friends. The people of China also traditionally celebrated this day, closing their shops. Buddha is said to have been born on this day after the Holy Ghost had descended on his virgin mother Maya. The god of the Persians, Mithras, was born on the 25th of December long before the coming of Jesus.

The Egyptians celebrated this day as the birth day of their great saviour Horus, the

Egyptian god of light and son of a virgin mother, the queen of the heaven, Isis. Osiris, god of the dead and the underworld in Egypt, another son of a holy virgin, was born on the 25th of December. Adonis, revered as a *dying and rising god* among the Phrygians then the Greeks, was born on the 25th of December. His worshipers held him a yearly festival representing his death and resurrection, in midsummer. Even the temple at Jerusalem was used to celebrate the birthday of the god Adonis in the years when Jesus might have been born, Herod being no Jew by conviction. The cave in Bethlehem which is said to have been the birth place of Jesus was also previously a place in which the birthday of Adonis was celebrated.

The Greeks celebrated the 25th of December as the birthday of Hercules, the son of their supreme god, Zeus, through the mortal woman Alcmene. Bacchus, the god of wine and revelry among the Romans, known among the Greeks as Dionysos, was born on this day.

The nations of the north also had their greatest festival of the year in midwinter. To these northern barbarians, shuddering in the snow laden forests beyond the Danube, the return of the sun was the most desired event of the year, and they soon learned the time—the winter solstice—when the "wheel" turned. The sun was figured as a fiery wheel, and as late as the nineteenth century there were parts of France where a straw wheel was set on fire and rolled down a hill, to give an augury of the next harvest.

Hence "Yule" (from the Teutonic word "hoel" or "wheel") was the outstanding festival of the ancestors of the French and Germans, the English and Scandinavians. The sun was born, and fires ("Yule logs," still traditionally symbols of Christmas, though usually in the form of a chocolate cake) flamed in the forest villages, the huts were decorated with holly and evergreens, Yule trees were laden with presents, and stores of solid food and strong drink were lavishly opened. This lasted until Twelfth Day, now Epiphany. The Scandinavians celebrated the 25th of December as the birth day of their god Freyr, the son of their supreme god of the heavens, Odin.

The entire known world of two thousand years ago had its "Christmas without Christ." The figure of Christ was drawn in all its chief features before a line of the gospels was written, unarguably in the details relevant to Christmas. The first symbol of the Christian religion, the manger or basket cradle of the divine child, the supposed unique exhortation to humility, was one of the most familiar religious emblems of the Pagan world. Had it been exhibited to a crowd in one of the cosmopolitan cities of the Empire, it would have been strange or new to few. One might pronounce it Horus, another Mithras, another Hermes, another Dionysos, but all would have shrugged their shoulders nonchalantly at the news that it was just another divine sun child in the great family of gods. The world flowed on. The names only were changed.

For Christians, Christ was the real sun that had risen upon the world. Why not boldly pinch the birthday of the unconquered sun? The masses could then be told they were celebrating Jesus—but the ribaldry, license and fooling were contrary to Essenic, now Christian, prudery, and despite attempts to stop it all, it thankfully persists until today.

Sun Gods

A prosperous Asiatic sun religion was housed on the Vatican hill before the Popes commandeered it for Christianity. Mithraism spread rapidly, was respected, and was strikingly like Christianity.

Mithras was an old Aryan sun god. The reform of the Persian religion by Zoroaster (Zarathustra) had put the ethical deity Ormuzd so high above the old nature gods that he was practically the one god. But Mithras stole upward, as gods do, and Persian kings of the fifth century BC put him on a level with Ormuzd.

The Persians conquered and blended with Babylon, and Mithras rose to the supreme position and became an intensely ethical deity. He was, like Aten and Christ, the sun of the

world. He sacrificed the pleasures of life, like Christ but unlike Zeus. Drastic asceticism and purity were demanded of his worshippers. They were baptized in blood. They practiced the most severe austerities and fasts. They had a communion supper of bread and wine. They worshiped Mithras in underground temples, artificial caves called grottos, which blazed with the light of candles and reeked with incense.

Every year they celebrated the birthday of this god, who had come to take away the sins of the world, and the day was December 25th. As that day approached, near midnight of the 24th, Christians might see the stern devotees of Mithras going to their temple on the Vatican, and at midnight it would shine with joy and light. The Saviour of the world was born. He had been born in a cave, like so many other sun-gods, and some of the apocryphal gospels put the birth of Christ in a cave. He had had no earthly father. He was born to free men from sin, to redeem them.

F Cumont, the great authority on Mithras, who it is now fashionable to disparage, has laboriously collected for us all these details about the Persian religion, and more than one of the Christian Fathers refers nervously to the close parallel of the two religions. The Saviour Mithras was in possession, had been in possession for ages, of December 25th as his birthday. He was the real "unconquered sun", a sun god transformed into a spiritual god, with light as his emblem and purity his supreme command. What could the Christians do? Nothing, until they had the ear of the emperors. Then they appropriated December 25th, and even bits of the Mithraic ritual, and they so zealously destroyed the traces of the Mithraic religion that one has to be a scholar to know anything about it.

There is more. A Roman writer of the fourth century, Macrobius, in a work called "Saturnalia" (1:18) discusses the practice of representing the gods in the temples as of different ages. He says:

These differences of age refer to the sun, which seems to be a babe at the winter solstice, as the Egyptians represent him in their temples on a certain day, that being the shortest day, he is then supposed to be small and an infant.

This is confirmed and elaborated by a Christian writer, the author of the "Paschal Chronicle," who says:

Jeremiah gave a sign to the Egyptian priests, saying that their idols would be destroyed by a child-Saviour, born of a virgin and lying in a manger. That is why they still worship as a goddess a virgin-mother, and adore an infant in a manger.

He wants to explain age old customs to which their god is indebted as imitations of their own much later god. Horus, the god in question, was an old sun god of the Egyptians. In the adjustment of the rival Egyptian gods, when the tribes were amalgamated in one kingdom, about 3000 years before Jesus was born, Horus was made the son of Osiris and Isis. The latter goddess was the sister and the spouse or lover of Osiris, but whether we should speak of her as "a virgin mother" is a matter of words. In one Egyptian myth she was fecundated by Osiris in their mother's womb, in another and more popular, she was miraculously impregnated by contact with the false phallus of the dead Osiris. Virginity in goddesses is a relative matter.

Whatever we make of the myths, Isis seems to have been originally a virgin goddess, and in the later period of Egyptian religion she was again considered a virgin goddess, demanding strict abstinence from her devotees. At this period, apparently the birthday of Horus was annually celebrated, about December 25th, in the temples. As both Macrobius and the Christian writer say, a figure of Horus as a baby was laid in a manger, in a scenic reconstruction of a stable, and a statue of Isis was placed beside it. Horus was, in a sense, the Saviour of mankind. He was their avenger against the powers of darkness, he was the light of the world. His birth festival was Christmas without Christ.

This spectacle is presented in every church in the world on December 25th. Catholic priests have taught their flocks to believe St Francis of Assisi invented this touching scene of the

humble birth of the redeemer. Francis of Assisi will never have read the obscure "Paschal Chronicle," but some other Christian writer had seen and reproduced it, and it had come to the knowledge of Francis. Christ's crib is an exact reproduction of the scene exhibited in Egyptian temples centuries before Christ, and the Egyptian legend itself is thousands of years older than Jeremiah. On the analogy of the Christian practice, the Egyptian legend must have described Isis as having given birth to her divine son in a stable. In Alexandria, there was a similar Greek celebration on December 25th of the birth of a divine son to Kore (the "virgin").

And this is not the end. The Greeks had a similar celebration. The idea of a divine son being born in a cave was common, or there were actually several scenic representations of the birth of these gods in their festivals. J M Robertson gives three in *Christianity and Mythology*. Hermes, the Logos (like Jesus in John), the messenger of the gods, son of Zeus and the virgin Maia, was born in a cave, and he performed extraordinary prodigies a few hours after birth. He was represented as a "child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Dionysos (or Bacchus) was similarly represented. The image of him as a babe was laid in a basket cradle in the cave in which he was born. There is good reason to think that Mithras was figured in the same way.

From end to end of the Roman Empire December 25th was the birthday of the unconquered sun, of the Saviour Mithras, and of the divine Horus and they and the others, whose festivals were in other seasons, were represented almost exactly as the birth of Christ was described in the gospels and is depicted in Catholic churches today.

Astronomical Origin

The tradition of divine saviours being born of undeflowered women has an astronomical aspect. It has been said, "the adventures of Jesus Christ are all depicted among the stars," and this is why the Romans saw him as a sun god like Mithras with whom he eventually became identified.

The myth of the Star of Bethlehem comes from the prophecy of *Numbers* 24:17:

There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Seth.

This is a text often quoted by Christian writers as having a prophetic reference to the Christian Messiah. The same text goes on to say, "It shall destroy the children of Seth," a prophecy which is plainly false if it is meant, like the rest of it, to apply to Jesus Christ. This prophecy is obviously a prophecy of a traditional victorious messiah of Israel, modelled on king David.

The star of Jacob or Judah, both being the same, is shown on astronomical maps as prominent in the constellation Virgo, the Virgin, called by the Hebrews, Ephraim. It was known in the Syrian, Arabian and Persian Systems of astronomy as Messaeil and was considered the ruling genius of the constellation. Messaeil is Messiah El (Son of God)—apparently the star, Spica. The star of Jacob was evidently a figure from astrology, in which the virgin is shown rising with an infant son of God in her arms.

The virgin, with her god-begotten child, the bright star, Spica, represented as an ear of corn (the meaning of the name of the star), was pictured in the heavens from time immemorial. They are present in the Hindu zodiac, at least three thousand years old, and in the ancient Egyptian one. Virgo commences rising at midnight, on the 25th of December, with this star in the east in her arms—the star which piloted the wise men.

According to Albertus Magnus, in his *Book on the Universe*:

The sign of the celestial virgin rises above the horizon, at the moment we find fixed for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sir William Drummond adds in *Ædipus Judaicus*:

The anointed of El, the male infant, who rises in the arms of Virgo, was called Jesus by the Hebrews... and was hailed as the anointed king or Messiah.

Now though the sun is annually reborn on the date chosen for Christ's birth, 25th of December, the midwinter solstice, for a period the sun was also born at the autumnal equinox as the infant son of God, the *bread of life*. This is the time of the original Jewish New Year, Rosh ha Shanah, 1 Tishri, the religious new year as opposed to the civil new year which began on 1 Nisan. Rosh ha Shanah was designated in Jewish religious law as a festival and a time of great rejoicing. Paradoxically it was also the Day of Judgement because it was an anniversary of the creation. This is the real date of the birth of Christ, if Christians want to celebrate it.

The reason is that in the centuries ending the first millenium BC the precession of the equinoxes led to a curious celestial event. The child of the cosmic virgin, Spica, rose on the Eastern horizon at the autumnal equinox at the same time as the sun. So after the constellation of the virgin had risen just before dawn in the east, the sun rose just when the bright star Spica was expected to rise. It seemed as if the son of the virgin, the ear of corn symbolising the bread of life (Rosh ha Shanah celebrated the beginning of the agricultural year), had risen as the glorious sun. The virgin had given birth to a god.

What was even more spectacular on some of these occasions was that the morning star, Venus, the Queen of Heaven, rose in the constellation of Virgo before the sun! So the sun rises as the child of the virgin Queen of Heaven over the eastern horizon, appearing out of the sea in many countries. In Latin sea is Mare whence Maria or Mary. The infant god arises as the light of the East in the arms of his mother, Mary or Venus, the morning star, which rises minutes before the child.

Also interesting is the fact that the Virgin in ancient zodiacs is associated with a tree, in which case the son would be an offshoot, a shoot or a branch, all of which were messianic names, and the word Nazarene comes from the word Naser meaning a branch. The messianic name, Shiloh, which puzzled scholars for a long time also means branch and therefore means the star Spica. When the branch or son of the virgin appears as the light of the east in all his glory then the messiah has been born. Whence:

We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him (Mt 2:8).

This phenomenon occurred in 11 BC and 3 BC and either might have been associated with Jesus, though the earlier one is the favourite. The Essenes who were astrologers trained in Babylonian exile would have seen all this. It later escaped into the empire as literal truth instead of the astrological signs it originally was.

The story of the slaughter of the innocents is also widespread because originally it was again part of the allegory of the sun's journey through the heavens. When the sun passed through the constellation of Gemini in May, he was imagined to have destroyed them. The Greek word to destroy is *anaireo* which literally means to pass through or withdraw from as well as to take away. The sun takes on the characteristics of each constellation it proceeds through so here Hercules is an infant twin. In myth that is, of course, what he was, his brother being Iphicles. So Hercules was a sun god who in his journey through the heavens threatens to kill himself as an infant of the constellation, Gemini. His earthly, adopted father had to flee with him and his mother to Galem for protection from threatening danger. Herod's name suggested a link with Hercules so he fitted appropriately into the legend. Jesus was, of course, supposed to have had a twin brother, Thomas.

Pharaoh's slaughter of the children, Christians believe, is referred to in the Bible when Rachel weeps for her children, a passage introduced by: "In Rama there was a voice heard."

Note that Rama is the Indian and Phoenician name for the zodiac, and that Rachel had two

children only—Joseph and Benjamin—equivalent to Castor and Pollux. Rachel then was the queen of heaven, Venus, because for the Assyrians and the Phoenicians she wept when the sun passed through the astronomical twins, the constellation of Gemini, doubtless fearing their destruction.

The stories of gods cohabiting with virgins, and begetting other gods, are of astronomical origin. Astronomy and religion were interwoven at an early period of time.

Jesus as a Sun God

The idea of a Son of God is amongst the oldest cults of the patriarchal god worshippers. The sun is the son of heaven in all primitive faiths. The firmament is personified as the Father on High and the sun becomes the Son of God. Then, because no wrongdoing is missed by the sun in its travels around the heavens, it becomes the Son of Righteousness. The sun in its annual course around the zodiac and its regular daily periodicity typified the ever present, everlasting, ever faithful qualities that reassured people.

For Christian clergy who are always scared that one of these days their flocks will catch on and be outraged at the confidence trick they have been subject to, the Jesus of the *New Testament* bears an uncomfortable resemblance to other mythical figures like Bacchus, the Phoenician Ies, the Hindu Krishna, the Persian Mithras, the Egyptian Horus and other sun gods.

Many of the patriarchs, prophets, priests and kings of the Bible are sun gods allegorized as men by ancient poets. They can be recognized because there is negligible historical evidence for them. Many scholars agree that the patriarchs of the Bible and even Saul, David, Solomon and Samson are ancient gods whose myths have been ludicrously accepted as history even by the most scholarly of men.

The ancients saw in the sun's annual course round the heavens an image of human experience—conception in June, birth into the world of fleshly life in the autumn, spiritual awakening or rebirth at Christmas, and glorious resurrection from the dead body of this life at Easter. In the dramas of the mystery religions the central character was the initiate in the role of the sun god.

Christians have confounded pre-Christian Persian and Hellenistic cosmic principles with Jesus, a historical human being, a national hero of the Jewish nation fighting repression. The Jesus of the gospels, whether he was a historical person or not, was given the characteristics of a solar god.

When the sun rose in the constellation of Virgo, the sun was born of a Virgin. Light imagery is widespread in descriptions of Jesus. He is the "Light of the World" (Jn 8:12) but the only proper Light of the World is the sun. He cometh on clouds, and every eye shall see him (Rev 1:7), a description of the sun. The sun, in the form of its reflexion as it rises and sets, walks on water. Jesus is the saviour of mankind, but truly the proper saviour of mankind and all life on earth is the sun—without it we should be unable to survive.

The sun's corona is traditionally depicted by a halo, a sunburst or a crown of thorns, and indeed the halo can be taken as an indication of a sun god in pre-Christian art. Sun gods such as Horus, Buddha and Krishna are shown with haloes before it became a Christian convention. Often Jesus is depicted surrounded by a sunburst of rays. The horns of the older deities and the rays of light radiating from the heads of Hindu and Pagan gods show that gods were often given the attributes of the sun. The halo, that originally indicated a solar god, was transferred to other divine people in Christian art. The halo became the symbol of a god and then a holy person because it is a characteristic of the holy sun.

The sun has 12 aspects being the 12 signs of the zodiac or constellations, through which it must pass in its yearly journey. It is born in the sign of the goat, the Augean stable of the Greeks, then has an adventure as it enters each different sign during the course of a year.

Finally it dies and is reborn or resurrected after three days on the twenty-fifth of December in the same sign of the celestial goat. From ancient times the year was partitioned into the 12 segments based on the constellation that the sun was in at the time, and from this the sun itself was given the aspects of the imagined signs in the heavens or friends or foes were given these imagined characteristics.

The magic number 12 is usually derived from this source and so it is with the twelve Labours of Hercules and the tribes of Israel. The rationalisation of the number twelve of the apostles is that they were to rule over the twelve tribes, but the origin of the twelve is then still solar. In fact, there were not twelve tribes and the number is only chosen to meet the requirements of a sun god.

People in agrarian societies appreciated the importance of the sun in agriculture. Farmers noted that the sun descended in altitude in the sky as it moved southwards until 21 or 22 December, the winter solstice, when it stopped declining for three days and thereafter started to ascend and move north again. The sun seemed to die for three days on 22 December when it ceased its heavenly motion and was born again on December 25th, when it resumes its heavenly motion. The punter worried that the sun might really die and not begin its annual ascent again, just as primitive peoples worried that the night might not end when the sun had set.

Ancient astronomer-priests knew of the annual cycles of the sun and told the punters that they could influence it in its journeys—if they were rewarded for their skills. Priests always were frauds—modern ones are no different in claiming they can help people get eternal life—and pretended they had rituals to revive the sun each winter. Each year on 25 December, when it was born again, people celebrated its birthday. Sons of god usually are born on December 25th. Jesus has no known birthdate but he was given the birthdate of the Unconquerable Sun because he was perceived by the Romans and the Greeks as a sun god.

The sun is hung on a cross or crucified when it passes through the equinoxes. At the vernal equinox at Easter, it is resurrected, rising above the celestial equator. Jesus' death was accompanied by the darkening of the sun. The date of his resurrection is the position of the sun at the time of the vernal equinox when the priests could declare that the rebirth was complete—the day was now longer than the night. March 25th was considered the end of the sun's passing through the vernal equinox, when the sun was resurrected.

Early Christians repudiated the cross because it was Pagan. The first images of Jesus show him as an androgynous youth, the Good Shepherd, carrying a lamb. The original occupant of the cross was this lamb. A man was not shown hanging on a cross until the 7th century AD.

That Christians worship on Sunday shows the origins of their god—Jesus is actually the sun, the Light of the world that every eye can see. The sun has been viewed consistently throughout history as the saviour of mankind for reasons that are obvious. Without the sun, life on the planet would die.

The ancients had no *only-begotten* son of the Christian type because the term they used was in Greek *monogenes*, and in Latin *unigenitus*, and did not mean *only-begotten*, but *that which was begotten of one parent*, the father, alone. The ancients meant by the term to designate the projection into matter by God of the force of life, not the sole and unique product of the union of spirit and matter, or a male god and a female human.

The Etymology of God's Names

The name Jesus is cognate with Jehovah, properly, Yehouah, who was apparently a fertility god. It is not the personal name of an historical being but a title. This illuminates the concept of the Messiah and the coming Son, or sun god.

Alvin Boyd Kuhn, in a lecture 100 years ago, explained that Jesus and Jehovah derive from the two letters—consonants not vowels—I (Yeh) and O (oo), which in the beginning of writing symbolized the two elements, spirit and matter, male and female, into which the primal One Life bifurcated. The I symbolises a phallus, the male or spirit, and the O symbolises the vagina or womb, the female or material universe. Together they represented the biune male-female deity, Yeho. We have, then, the letters IO.

The invention of written vowels was a great discovery which the priests kept secret for a long time just as they had kept writing secret. The name of god was also a secret never to be pronounced except by those authorised—the priests—on solemn occasions. So the expression of God's name in writing seems to have been rendered apparently unpronounceable by writing it as the set of vowel sounds discovered and currently expressed in symbolic form. The words actually were pronounceable because, paradoxically, some of the vowel symbols were pronounced as consonants.

Vowels never remain fixed. As the vowels changed, in ancient languages, expression of the different pronunciations of the sacred name caused it to be rendered as IO, IA, IE, or IU. All these forms are found. Meanwhile, when the symbol I began to be used as a pure vowel, it was replaced as a consonant by J (as it is in Latin), so that we find the names JO, JA, JE and JU.

That the priests were linking their secret discovery of the alphabet and writing with the gods is suggested by the use of the *Word* or *Logos* as the name of the Son. When the male and female which emerged from the Primal Creation had given birth to the Son or Logos, the first trinity was formed and the written name of the threefold god was expressed as three letters yielding names like IAO, JAH, IEO, JEU, ZUE. Observation of another vowel sound brought the number to four matching the four cardinal points, the square of four dimensions, and the four elements, so the holy name was spelled variously as IEOU, JOVE, ZEUS, JEVE, DIOS, (TH)EOS, HUHI, IHUH and others.

Finally, the early priestly linguistic discoveries were brought to a halt with the agreement that five vowel sounds sufficed. Thus we got IEQUA, pronounced as Yehouah, as the name of god. This is Jehovah, the V being properly a W, pronounced as a long O sound (OO) as it is in the alternative written form Yahweh. Later, some priests seemed to settle on the magic number seven, giving seven-lettered names for God. YEHOUAH, SABAOth, DEBORAH, DELILAH, SE(PH)IROT, SEPIRO(TH), MICHAEL and SOLOMON might reflect this phase.

The I also transmuted into L (el) and transposed, so that IE became LE and then EL, the Semitic name of God. The EL and the IAH (JAH), became the most frequent names of God among the Semites and were used in hosts of personal names. The Jews have names like Bethel, Emanuel, Michael, Israel, Gabriel, Samuel, Abdiel, Uriel, Muriel, Azazel and many others featuring the EL form. The IO form appears as JO and JEHO in many Hebrew names like Joseph, Joshua, John and Jehosephat, while the JAH form is equally seen in such names as Elijah and Abijah, and the IAH form comes in such names as Nehemiah, Jeremiah, Obediah, Hezekiah, Isaiah, Messiah and Alleluiah. These endings are usually written in the Greek Testaments in the Greek form IAS, which is the same as IES and IHS. IES was the Phoenician Bacchus, or the Sun personified. This name is found everywhere on Christian altars, both Protestant and Catholic.

This looks like a linguistic accident but the central S in Jesus's name curiously matches an Egyptian suffix written either SA, SE, SI, SU, or SAF, SEF, SIF or SUF—alternatively SAPH, SEPH, SIPH or SUPH. The F is an Egyptian ending for the masculine singular so the meaning of it is *the son, heir, prince* or masculine successor to the father. When the original symbol of divinity, IO or IE, JO or JE, was combined with the Egyptian suffix for the succeeding heir, SU or SA, the resultant was the name IUSA, IUSE, IUSU, or IOSE; or IESU, JESU, IUSEF, IOSEF, JOSEF. One of the many forms was JESU and another was JOSEF.

Jesus therefore means the *divine son*, and combined in the Egyptian IU the idea of the

coming one. Hence JESUS was the Messiah, the coming son of the divine life. Indeed *messiah* is a combination of the Egyptian word MS and the word for god, IAH. MS means *son* so the meaning of Messiah is precisely *son of God*. It is the same word as Rameses where Ra, the name of the sun god replaces Iah and the words are reversed in order. Scholars, Christian and Jewish alike, say Messiah means *the anointed one*, deriving Messiah from the word for anointing with oil. They have, of course, got the derivations back to front. The word for making someone a son of God by anointing them with oil was derived from the purpose of the ritual, not the other way round.

Startling as this etymology is, more amazing is the realisation that the Old Testament of the Bible itself has about twenty sun gods called Jesus or one of its cognate forms! Besides the variant forms of Jesus already noted, there are still others in the Jewish scriptures which most people do not suspect as being related to the name of the Christian saviour—Joshua, Hosea and Jesse are indisputably of the same root. Among Semitic people we also find other related names like Yusuf, Yehoshua and Yeshu. Isaac, Esau, Jacob, Jeshu, Joachim and Jonah might not seem so clearly the same.

Jonah and the whale is a story which refers to the Mesopotamian town of Nineveh, where in the earliest tradition Tiamat, the earth mother, and sea goddess, swallows the sun, Marduk, at the end of his journey across the heavens. The scriptural story depicts the messenger of God, Jonah, as Marduk and the monster, Tiamat, as the whale. Jonah who therefore represents the sun is saved by God from the Babylonian monster and goes on to convert the whole city of Nineveh. Noah's Ark is similarly an adaptation of the journey of the sun around the heavens, the animals being the constellations.

There are yet other sun god figures in the Old Testament under unrelated names. Samson or Sampson whose name means *solar* and whose hair (rays) was cut off by Delilah is perhaps the most obvious one, being a Semitic Hercules. Solomon and Saul both derive from the same root as soul and sol, the sun in Latin. David, Abraham, Moses, Gideon, Jephtha are also among those whose actions identify them as solar representatives. In 2 Kings 23:11 is clear evidence of Jewish sun worshipping, when king Josiah, removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun.

The Book of Joshua leads us to think that he had several attributes of the sun god, and that, like Samson and Moses, he was an ancient deity reduced to human status. He is the son of Nun, the primeval Egyptian god who created everything but then receded into the waters to lift up the sun each dawn. His symbol was a fish. Horus in Egypt had been a fish from time immemorial, and when the equinox entered the sign of Pisces, Horus, was portrayed as Ichthys with the fish sign of over his head. Joshua might originally have been Horus as Iusa, it being a cult of Horus which left Egypt and found a home in the promised land of Canaan when it was part of the Egyptian kingdom, its followers being called Israelites. Israel then means "Our God is the Son of Ra!" When the equinox entered Pisces, this perhaps signified to some Jews that Joshua was the messiah.

The historicity of the Exodus is undermined by the lack of archaeological evidence. By coincidence, it is celebrated at the festival of Passover at the vernal equinox, in spring when the Paschal supper is consumed. It is a well known principle that legends are often invented to explain ritual practices, the origins of which have been forgotten or have become inappropriate. It is clear then that the Passover really celebrates the passing over of the sun from being below the celestial horizon to being above it. Both the Book of Enoch and the Jewish Kaballah put the Exodus in the sky not in true history. The events of the Exodus are historically impossible, in any case. 600,000 men could not have been mobilized in a single night. Nor could three million people with their flocks and herds have drawn water from a single well.

Horus of Egypt

For millennia in Egypt the messianic idea was expressed in the name IUSA. A 19th Dynasty king list says that the pre-dynastic rulers of Egypt were followers of Horus. Later he was

the Iu-em-hotep, which means *the divine son is peace (hotep)*. Hotep also means seven. IU comes to complete the six elementary powers of natural evolution with the gift of divine knowledge. Love and intelligence supplant elementary chaos and bring peace. Jesus is the seventh cosmic principle announced in all religious lore as he who brings peace and good will to men. The Christian gospels announced him thus but Jesus or IUSA or IU was known before the coming of any historical Jesus. IUSA, IAO and IESU were alternative names of Horus, the Egyptian Son (of Ra or Osiris) who was himself a sun god.

The stories of Jesus and Horus are very similar. In the later Egyptian religion, Osiris, the father of Horus was essentially a supreme and transcendental god who had acquired the attributes of most other Egyptian gods. Among his many titles were Lord of Lords, King of Kings, God of Gods, the Resurrection and the Life, the Good Shepherd, Eternity and Everlastingness, the god who "made men and women to be born again." Even Horus and his Father, Osiris, were interchangeable, reminding us that Jesus said: "I and my Father are one."

Osiris was the god who suffered, died and rose again, to reign eternally over the souls of the righteous dead. His worshippers believed that, like their god, they would inherit eternal life. Osiris's coming was announced by the Three Kings or the Three Wise Men: the three stars Mintaka, Anilam and Alnitak in the belt of Orion, which point directly to Osiris's star in the east, Sirius (Sothis), the sign of his birth. Osiris typified the Christian idea of a messiah, a saviour god, rather than the Jewish idea of a conquering king. His flesh was also eaten in the form of communion cakes of wheat, the plant of Truth, just as Christians devour wafers which are the body of their saviour god.

In the Bible, the 23rd Psalm is an Egyptian appeal to Osiris. A hymn to Osiris as the Good Shepherd begs him to lead the deceased to the green pastures and still waters of Paradise, the nefer-nefer or beautiful, beautiful land, to restore the soul to the body and give protection in the valley of the shadow of death (the Tuat). The Lord's Prayer was prefigured by an Egyptian hymn to Osiris-Amun (Amen) beginning, "O Amen, O Amen, who art in heaven." Amen was also invoked at the end of every prayer.

Horus was born of the virgin Isis-Meri, Isis the Beloved, on December 25th, and like his father, his birth was announced by that star in the east (Sothis) and attended by the three wise men. When the birthplace was in the sign of the Bull, 6000 years ago (4000 BC), the constellation in the east that arose to attend the birth of the babe was Orion.

The identity of these old traditions with Christmas are no longer disputed by scholars. Only ignorant fundamentalist ministers and some barmy priests of other denominations deny it. The celebrations of the birthdays of Mithras and Horus are as certain as the Saturnalia. Legends of the miraculous birth of gods, demigods, and heroes in the ancient world were as certain as that the Chaldeans knew astronomy and the Romans built tenement buildings.

The whole story of Jesus cannot be reduced to solar mythology. Once the legend of the historic Jesus had been carried into the Pagan empire he came to be understood as a sun god. He collected bits of sun god mythology, but some people today, strain to explain every element of the biography of Jesus in the gospels in terms of sun mythology. There is plainly a genuine story of a living human at the core of the gospels, most clearly seen unadorned in Mark's gospel. This was its novelty—here was a sun god that had lived on earth recently!

The chief mythical constituents of the life of Jesus were known all over the cosmopolitan Græco-Roman world, most particularly in the overlapping fringe of the Græco-Roman and the Persian-Egyptian worlds—the eastern coast of the Mediterranean—where the gospels were certainly composed. Whatever city we may favour as the cradle of the gospels, Alexandria or Antioch, Smyrna or Ephesus, every myth and ritual representation mentioned was familiar there. Mithraism spread from Persia to Britain. Roman soldiers prayed to Mithras in the towers in which they guarded the north of England from the marauding Scots. The religion of Isis and Horus was even more familiar round the Mediterranean. The

legend and ritual of Dionysos were hardly less familiar.

The death and resurrection legends were just as widely diffused. Why should Pagan beliefs have to be used to explain the virgin birth myth? The Septuagint plainly, but in a false translation, said, "A virgin shall conceive", and this was taken to refer to the Messiah. Moreover, if Jesus despised conjugal relations, as early Christians believed, they could not accept that he, as a god, would have chosen such a vile union necessary to enter the world. The early Christians in whose circles the gospel stories developed, will have seen this as a reference to the popular Pagan legends of gods born to virgins.

In the catacombs at Rome are pictures of the baby Horus being held by the virgin mother Isis—the original Madonna and Child. The Gnostics said to the Christians:

You poor ignoramuses (idiotai), you have mistaken the mysteries of old for modern history, and accepted literally all that was only meant mystically.

Addition by Larry Wright

The worship of the Virgin Mary is, in all relevant details, the same as the worship of all the other Goddesses that were prevalent in the ancient world. Mary is Isis, or Venus, or Aphrodite, or Semiramis, et al... She is the "Queen of Heaven" or the "Mother of God", or the "Star of the Sea", or the "Immaculate Virgin". The Mother and Child were worshipped in Babylon, as were Isis and Horus in Egypt. In Greece there was Ceres as the Great Mother with a babe at her breast, or Irene with Plutus, and even in China there was Shing Moo, also with a babe. The ancient Etruscans and Italians worshipped the goddess Nutria, who also had a son in her arms, and the Virgin mother Devaki suckled the divine Krishna. Minerva was honoured by the title "Virgin Queen", as was Juno who was called the "Virgin queen of Heaven".

The Virgin Mary, the Grecian Venus, and the Egyptian Isis et al... are all Queens of the starry heavens, for they are all personifications of Virgo, the eternal virgin of the zodiac. The constellation Virgo is a Y shaped group, which the star at the foot is the well known *Spica*, a star of the first magnitude. The whole resembles more a *cup* than the human figure; but when we remember the symbolic meaning of the *cup*, that seems to be an obvious explanation of the name Virgo, which the constellation has borne since the earliest times. Virgo lies very nearly on the ecliptic, that is the imagined path of the sun.

In Egypt 3000 years ago, the birthday of the sun god was celebrated on the 25 December, the first day to noticeably lengthen after the day of the winter solstice—the 21 December. At the midnight hour on the first minutes of the 25 December the birthday of the sun was celebrated. The sun was then in the zodiacal sign of Capricorn, then known as the Stable of Augeus, so the infant sun god was said to have been born in a stable.

Brightly shining on the meridian was Sirius—the "Star from the East", while rising in the east was Virgo the Virgin of the zodiac, with the horizon passing through the centre of the constellation. It is this astronomical fact that is the basis of the many legends of virgin born world saviours. To the right of Sirius was the constellation Orion, "The Great Hunter", with three stars in his belt. These stars, in a straight line, point at Sirius and were anciently known as "The Three Kings". Depicted in the Zodiac of the temple Denderah, the constellation Virgo was pictured as a woman with a spike of corn in one hand, and on the adjacent margin the Virgin was denoted by a figure of Isis with Horus in her arms. Carpenter remarks:

But it is well known as a matter of history that the worship of Isis and Horus descended in the early Christian centuries to Alexandria, where it took the form of the worship of the Virgin Mary and the infant saviour, and so passed into the European ceremonial. We have therefore the Virgin Mary connected by linear succession and descent with that remote Zodiacal cluster in the sky! A curious confirmation of the same astrological connection is afforded by the Roman Catholic Calendar. For if this be consulted, it will be found that the festival of the Assumption of the Virgin is placed on the 15 August, while the festival of

the birth of the Virgin is dated the 8 September... At the present day, the Zodiacal signs—owing to the precession of the Equinoxes—have shifted some distance from the constellations of the same name. But at the time when the Zodiac was constituted and these names were given, the first date obviously would signalise the actual disappearance of the cluster Virgo in the sun's rays, i.e. the Assumption of the Virgin into the glory of the god, while the second date would signalise the reappearance of the constellation—or the birth of the Virgin.

The Jews held that the time of the messiah's advent was to be astrologically indicated by the conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn, in the constellation of the Fishes. The prophecy related to the entrance of the vernal equinox into the zodiacal sign of Pisces the Fishes—due to the precession of the equinoxes—in approximately 255 BC. Bethlehem means the "The house of the bread corn", in the mansions of the zodiac, Virgo is the place of the seed for sowing, and the opposite sign Pisces, is the mansion of the "Bringer forth in fruitfulness", first set in heaven in accordance with the seasons of Egypt. The Hebrew messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, because the birthplace above was localised in the city of Judea, the land of the solar birthplace in the sign of the Fishes.

The ancient starry drama was played out yet again. At midnight on the 24th of December Virgo rose in the east and a new infant saviour was stable born. All the sins committed on earth gradually drifted down to Capricorn, hence the filthy condition of the stable, whose cleansing was one of the twelve zodiacal labours of Hercules, himself a sun god. The second-century church father Justin Martyr remarked that Christ was born when the sun had its birth in the Augean stable, Jesus coming as a second Hercules to cleanse the foul world. There is another stable in the constellation Auriga on either side of which are Taurus the bull and Ursa Major, known in Egypt as the "Ass of Typhon". Here we have the ox and ass of the traditional nativity scene. It is also worth noting that the stars of the Great Bear were known to the Arabians as "Martha and Mary", and also the "Coffin of Lazarus".

"The Three Kings"—the stars of Orion— the Magi from the east mentioned in the Gospels (Mt 2:11), at the birth of the sun god, came to pay homage, and bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The reason for presenting these particular gifts is explained by the fact that of the seven metals dedicated to the genie of the planets, gold was the one consecrated to the sun god, and frankincense and myrrh were the gums burnt in censers, at his worship.

Despite their astral origins, Christians later "discovered" the bodies of Melchior, Gaspar and Balthassar; and placed them in their new cathedral in Constantinople. From Constantinople the bones of the three kings were, as a special favour to Milan, allowed to be moved to that city. When Milan was captured by Frederick Barbarossa in 1162 AD, the Archbishop of Cologne persuaded the Emperor to transfer these relics to his cathedral; and there for the last eight centuries the bones have rested. The shrine of the "Three Kings" thereafter became one of the greatest treasures of Cologne cathedral.

The Egyptian astrological elements in the stable myth are provided by Massey:

The manger is the celestial, zodiacal and the actual birthplace of the messiah in Egyptian mythology. The typical birthplace was designated Apt or Aptu, whence came the name of Abydus. Ap means to manifest and expose to view, also to guide; Apt is the place or person. Apt, as person, was the most ancient genitrix who first brought forth from the waters as the fish, dragon or hippopotamus, hence Aptu is the mythical fish. Apt as place was also the pool of two truths, the piscina of the beginning, which was made zodiacal at last in the sign of Pisces. The pool, fish, uterus and crib, are all types of the birthplace named apt, and the "apt" is also a manger. The manger, apt, is a sign of the birthplace in Thebes, as in Aptu (Abydus). Thus the hieroglyphics will explain why the divine child, as Ichthyus, was born in a manger. One position of the manger can be identified by the asterism called Proesepe, in the sign of Cancer, which was at one time the place of birth of the god at summer solstice. The manger at Bethlehem had been the birthplace of the divine babe in a far earlier cult. Hieronymus describes the Syrian Adonis, extant in his time

331-420 AD and says that in the place where the redeemer cried in the manger, the lament of the women mourning for Adonis had been heard even in later times, as it assuredly had been in the pre-Christian period.

According to the "*Chronicle Of Alexandria*", the Egyptians not only consecrated the nativity of the new-born babe and the virgin mother, they had the symbolic custom of exposing a child in a crib to the adoration of the people. When Ptolemy asked why this was done, he was informed that it was an ancient mystery—the crib or Apt being identical to the manger, thus being the same babe in the manger—that was born in the Apt above.

It is clear that the worship of the virgin mother was a common practice in the ancient world. In the sixth or seventh century the Roman Pagan festival of Diana celebrated by torch light on August 13th, was adopted by the Christian cult as the "Dormition" or "Falling asleep of the Mother of God". This later became known as the "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin", and was celebrated two days later than the Pagan festival—on August 15th.

The worship of the Virgin, the Queen of Heaven, became one of the grand features of the Christian religion. Mary the mother of Jesus, was pronounced Theotokos— "Mother of God"— by the Council of Ephesus 431 AD, and a church on the site was made sacred to her. Twenty years later in 451 AD at the council of Chalcedon Mary was further likened to the many virgin mothers that had preceded her by being pronounced a Virgin. Ephesus was chosen, because here had stood the great temple of Artemis, the great Virgin mother of Asia minor—of whom Isis was the prototype.

Artemis was to the Greeks what Diana was to the Romans (Acts 19:27). Her temple had been rebuilt for the fourth time under the patronage of the fabulously rich Croesus. It took 140 years to complete and was dedicated in 430 BC. It was destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt to even greater magnificence by about 356 BC, and became known as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It was finally destroyed by an edict of the Christian Emperor Theodosius in 381 AD. Her Assumption was decreed in 813 AD, her Immaculate Conception became dogma during the pontificate of Pope Pius IX in 1854. Although the former was not made official papal dogma until the pontificate of Pius XII in 1950 AD.

Regarding the elevation of Mary, Smith remarks:

Mary soon began to compete in popular affection with Isis, Cybele and Demeter. It required but slight and easy changes to transfer to her the stately ritual of the goddess Isis, with its shaven and tonsured priests, its matins and vespers, its tinkling music, its jewelled images of the mother of god; the ancient portrait of Isis and the child Horus was ultimately accepted not only in popular opinion, but by formal Episcopal sanction, as the portrait of the virgin and her child.

There can be little doubt that the Virgin Mary has been modelled directly upon the Egyptian Isis, for the two are virtually indistinguishable. The qualities which so endear Mary to the Catholics are the ones which made Isis so popular in Egypt. Both goddesses, gentle mothers that they were, could intercede with the all-powerful creator and stern judge far more effectively than their sons, and accordingly both have been styled Intercessor. Other titles of Isis include Saviour of Souls and Immaculate Virgin, all appropriated by her Christian counterpart. Like Isis before her, Mary is portrayed standing on a crescent moon with an arch of stars above her head.

Certain images of Isis were celebrated for their miraculous movements, or the shedding of tears, and she was even said to have appeared to her worshippers on rare but special occasion. This miraculous work of "Our Lady" was naturally continued by the Christian church which gradually took over the cult of Isis. In fourth-century Alexandria, the Temple of Isis and the Church of Saint Mary stood side by side, the devotees of the mother goddesses indifferently frequenting either. The end came in the sixth century, when the last remaining Temple of Isis, on the Nile island of Philae, became a Christian church at the point of a sword under an edict of Justinian.

In the foregoing it has been argued that Mary the virgin mother of Jesus, like her counterparts in the many saviour cults of antiquity, had their origin in the starry heavens, patterned on Virgo the celestial world virgin of the zodiac. This symbolism of the birth of a new sun god, with its attendant message of hope and redemption at the winter solstice, originated in Egypt with the infant Horus and his mother Isis, the Egyptian Madonna. The doctrine of the Mother of God was brought in along with the worship of the Madonna by Bishop Cyril, and the monks of Alexandria, in the 5th century AD. Figures of Isis nursing the infant Horus were taken from the temples to serve as the Madonna and Child. The name Madonna is no more than a contraction of *Mater Domina* or Great Mother—in Roman times a title of mother goddesses in general.

As we have noted, Isis was also represented like Mary standing on the crescent moon with twelve stars surrounding her head, and with the infant saviour in her arms enclosed in a framework of the flowers of the Egyptian bean or lotus. The Virgin Mary was often depicted in this manner in medieval art; and she was represented in statuary as being black or dark skinned; black Madonnas exist today in many of the cathedrals of Europe. The most ancient pictures and statues in Italy and other parts of Europe, of what are supposed to be representations of the Christian Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus are black. The infant god, is depicted in the arms of his black mother, his eyes and drapery white, but he is himself is perfectly black. The reason why these early representations of the Virgin Mary and Jesus are black, crowned, and covered with jewels, is that they are of pre-Christian origin; as Isis the Egyptian "Queen of Heaven" was worshipped in Europe for centuries before the Christian Era.

Temples and statues were erected to her at Bologna in Italy, and the church of Notre Dame in Paris is built on the original site of a Temple of Isis. On the entrance to the north cloister is figured the signs of the Zodiac, except that the sign Virgo is replaced by the figure of the Madonna and Child. Finally, in many parts of Italy can be seen pictures of the Virgin with her infant in her arms, inscribed with the words, "*Deo Soli*" (Sun God). This betrays their Pagan origin.

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from **Pre-game school prayer protest drowned out on field**

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"The loudspeakers are paid for with our tax dollars, so we should be able to use them as we wish. If other groups want to pray that way, let them put their Buddhas or their wooden statues up there and pray to their dead gods." (Jackie Nelson, Santa Fe resident, referring to the U.S. Supreme Court ban on school-sanctioned pre-game prayer)

from **"The Worship of the Sun among the Ancient Romans"**

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The imperial patronage thus accorded to Sun-worship for at least half a century before the establishment of Christianity was little more than an official recognition of a universal solar religion which had long been spreading in the empire under the combined influences of philosophic thought, astrological speculation, and Oriental mysteries. Among these mysteries none were more popular, none proved more dangerous rivals to Christianity, than the worship of the old Persian god Mithra, who was now definitely identified with the Sun-god under the title of the Unconquered Sun. About the beginning of our era Strabo affirms without hesitation or ambiguity that the Persian deity Mithra was the Sun. Yet in the opinion of some good modern scholars Mithra originally personified the light, not of the Sun, but of the luminous heaven in general. As to the mode, place, and date of the process which transformed him from a god of light in general into a god of the Sun in

particular we have no information. The change perhaps took place in Babylonia, where, under the powerful influence of Chaldean theology and astrology, the Iranian deities were assimilated to their nearest Semitic counterparts, the Supreme God Ahura Mazda being identified with the Sky-god Bel, while the goddess Anahita was confused with Ishtar (Astarte), the goddess of the planet Venus, and Mithra was equated with the Sun-god Shamash. But Babylonia was only a stage in the triumphal march of Mithra westward. Even under the early kings of the Achemenidian dynasty Persian colonists seem to have settled in Armenia, where, according to Strabo, all the Persian deities were worshipped. It is said that the governor of Armenia used to send no less than twenty thousand colts a year to the Persian king for use at the Mithrakana or festival of Mithra. Of the mode of celebrating the festival at the Persian court we know little or nothing except that the only day on which the king was allowed to be drunk was the day on which sacrifices were offered to Mithra, and on that day he also danced a Persian dance. But the wave of Persian colonization rolled westward beyond the boundaries of Armenia. In its climate, as in its natural products, the tableland of Anatolia resembles that of Iran, and lent itself particularly to the breeding of horses, and hence to the formation of a native cavalry, the arm in which the Persians always excelled. Under the sway of Persia the nobility who owned the land appear to have belonged to the conquering race in Cappadocia and Pontus as well as in Armenia, and despite all the changes of government which followed the death of Alexander these noble lords remained the real masters of the country, ruling each the particular canton in which his domains were situated and, on the borders of Armenia at least, preserving through all political vicissitudes down to the time of Justinian the hereditary title of satrap which recalled their Iranian origin. This military and feudal aristocracy furnished Mithridates Eupator with many of the officers, by whose help he was so long able to set the power of Rome at defiance, and still later it offered a stout resistance to the efforts of the Roman emperors to subjugate Armenia. Now these warlike grandees worshipped Mithra as the patron-saint of chivalry; hence it was natural enough that even in the Latin world Mithra always passed for the "Invincible," the guardian of armies, the soldier's god. In the time of Strabo the Magians were still to be found in large numbers, scattered over Cappadocia, where they maintained the perpetual fires in their chapels, intoning the liturgy with the regular Persian ritual. A century and a half later the same sacred fires still blazed to the drone of the same liturgy in certain cities in Lydia: for Pausanias tells us that:

The Lydians have sanctuaries of the Persian goddess, as she is called, in the cities of Hierocaesarea and Hypaepa, and in each of the sanctuaries is a chapel, and in the chapel there are ashes on an altar, but the colour of the ashes is not that of ordinary ashes. A magician, after entering the chapel and piling dry wood on the altar, first claps a tiara on his head, and next chants an invocation of some god in a barbarous and, to a Greek, utterly unintelligible tongue: he chants the words from a book. Then without the application of fire the wood must needs kindle and a bright blaze shoot up from it.

Outside of the Anatolian tableland the first to observe the rites of Mithra are said to have been the Cilician pirates. During the civil wars which distracted the attention and absorbed the energies of the Romans in the first century [B.C.], these daring rovers seized the opportunity to issue from the secret creeks and winding rivers of Cilicia and scour the seas, landing from time to time, harrying islands, holding cities to ransom, and carrying off from some of the most famous sanctuaries the wealth which had been accumulated there by the piety of ages. Gorged with plunder and elated by the impunity which they long enjoyed, the corsairs rose to an extraordinary pitch of audacity and effrontery, marching up the highroads of Italy, plundering villas, and abducting Roman magistrates in their robes of office; while at sea they displayed a pomp and pageantry proportioned to the riches which they had amassed by their successful forays. Their galleys flaunted gilded sails and purple awnings, and glided along to the measured plash of silver oars, while the sounds of music and revelry, wafted across the water, told to the trembling inhabitants of the neighbouring coasts the riot and debauchery of the buccaneers. The worship of Mithra, which these sanctified ruffians practised in their fastnesses among the wild Cilician mountains, may have been learned by them from Mithridates Eupator, King of Pontus, whom they assisted in his wars with the Romans.

By the end of the first century of our era the worship of Mithra and his identification with the Sun appear to have been familiar to the Romans; for in an address to Apollo the poet Statius, enumerating the titles by which that deity was called, suggests that the god might prefer to be known as "Mithra, who under the rocks of the Persian cave twists the bull's struggling horns." The allusion is plainly to the most widespread and familiar monument of Mithraism, the sculpture which represents Mithra in a cave, kneeling on the back of a bull and twisting its head back with one hand, while with the other he plunges a knife into its flank. The ancient scholiast Lactantius Placidus, commenting on this passage of Statius, not only explains Mithra as the Sun whom the Persians worshipped in caves, but completes the solar interpretation by adding that the horned bull is the horned Moon, and that the scene is laid in a cave to signify an eclipse of the sun by the interposition of the moon. In the group of Mithra and the bull, as the scholiast correctly observes, Mithra is regularly portrayed in Persian costume wearing the usual tiara or peaked Phrygian cap; but the scholiast proceeds to say that Mithra was also represented with the head of a lion, and he explains this representation either with reference to the constellation of the Lion which the Sun enters in his course through the zodiac, or as a symbol of the superiority of the Sun-god over all the other gods, like the superiority of the lion over all the other beasts. In this interpretation the scholiast appears to have erred. The figure of a lion-headed god, standing with a serpent twined round his body and holding one or two keys in his hands, is explained with greater probability as a personification of Time, answering to the Persian divinity Zervan Akarana, Infinite Time, which from the period of the Achemenides was deemed by a Magian sect to be the origin of all things and the begetter both of Ormuzd and Ahriman.

Compared to the other Oriental deities, such as the Phrygian Great Mother, the Carthaginian Astarte, and the Egyptian Isis and Serapis, the Phrygian god Mithra was a late arrival in Rome. The nature of the Anatolian plateau explains in some measure the long seclusion of the deity from the western world. It is a bleak upland region of steppes and forests and precipices, which offers few attractions to the stranger; and there, in the solitude of the mountains or the dreary expanse of the unending plains, Mithra remained for ages isolated amid natural surroundings which formed a not unsuitable setting for his stern and soldierly religion. Even during the Alexandrian age, after the victorious Greek armies had swept over the country, Mithra never descended from his highland home to the soft skies and blue seas of Ionia. A single late dedication to the Sun Mithra, found at the Piraeus, is the only monument of his worship on the coasts of the Aegean. The Greeks never welcomed this god of their ancient enemies to their hospitable pantheon.

But no sooner was the Anatolian tableland overrun by Roman armies and annexed to the Roman empire than the worship of Mithra spread like wildfire to the remotest regions of the west and south. The soldiers adopted it with enthusiasm, and from about the end of the first century of our era they carried it with them to their distant camps on the Danube and the Rhine, on the coast of France, among the mountains of Wales and Scotland, in the valleys of the Asturias, and even on the edge of the Sahara, where a line of military posts guarded the southern frontier of the empire. In all these widely separated quarters of the globe they left memorials of their devotion to Mithra in the shape of monuments dedicated to his worship. At the same time merchants of Asia introduced the religion into the ports of the Mediterranean and carried it far into the interior by waterways or roadways to all the important trading cities and marts of commerce. In our own country Mithraic monuments have been found in London, York and Chester. Finally, among the apostles of the new faith must be reckoned the Oriental slaves, who were everywhere and had a hand in everything, being employed in the public service as well as in private families, whether they toiled as labourers in the fields and the mines, or as clerks and bookkeepers in counting-houses and government offices, where their number was legion.

At last the foreign deity wormed his way into the favour of the high officials and even of the emperor. Towards the close of the second century of our era an immense impulse was given to the propagation of the religion by the attention bestowed on it by the Emperor Commodus, who, in keeping with his brutal and cruel character, is said to have polluted the rites by human sacrifice. The dedications, "to The Unconquered Sun Mithra for the safety of Commodus Antoninus Augustus, our Lord," and numerous other Mithraic

dedications dating from the reign of Commodus, attest the popularity which the worship attained in the sunshine of imperial favour. From the early years of the third century the religion was served by a domestic chaplain in the palace of the Caesars, and inscriptions record the vows and offerings of its devotees for the prosperity of the Emperors Septimius and Alexander Severus, and afterwards of Philip. Still later the Emperor Aurelian, who, as we have seen, established an official cult of the Sun at Rome, could not but sympathize with Mithra, the god who was himself now regularly identified with the Sun.

By the beginning of the fourth century the Mithraic faith had spread so widely and struck its roots so deep, that for a moment it seemed as if it would overshadow all its rivals and dominate the Roman world from end to end. In the year 307 A. D., Diocletian, Galerius, and Licinius had a solemn meeting at Carnuntum on the Danube, and there consecrated together a sanctuary "to the Unconquered Sun-god Mithra, the favourer of their empire." So near did Mithra come to being the Supreme God of the Roman empire. Yet a few years later and that same empire bowed its neck to the yoke of another Oriental god, and the Sun, the unconquered Sun, of Mithra set forever.

The popular identification of Mithra with the Sun in the later times of classical antiquity is placed beyond the reach of doubt by a multitude of inscriptions, found in all parts of the Roman empire, which directly qualify Mithra as the Sun or more usually as Mithra the Unconquered Sun. Nevertheless on many monuments of the worship Mithra and the Sun are represented by separate figures as if they were distinct deities. In one scene we see Mithra standing in his usual Oriental costume opposite a young man, naked or clad in a simple cloak, who is either standing or kneeling at the feet of Mithra. In some reliefs Mithra is putting on his companion's head or removing from it a large curved object which sometimes resembles a horn or a deflated leathern bottle. The kneeling personage is usually passive, but sometimes he lifts his arms, whether in supplication or to put aside or retain the mysterious object which is being placed on his head or removed from it. In some reliefs the scene is more complicated: Mithra is displacing the enigmatical object with his right hand, while with his left he places on his companion's head a radiant crown. In one scene of a great relief found at Osterburken we see Mithra holding the same object over the head of the kneeling figure with his right hand, while he puts his left hand to the hilt of his sword at his belt, and the radiant crown lies on the ground between them. The exact significance of the scene is uncertain, but the standing or kneeling figure who receives or loses the radiant crown is interpreted as the Sun, towards whom Mithra seems to adopt an attitude of superiority by conferring upon him or removing from him the crown of rays which is the emblem of his solar character. Perhaps the scene refers to a contest between the two deities in which Mithra remained the victor. It has also been suggested that Mithra is pouring oil or other liquid from a horn on the head of the Sun as a solemn form of baptism or investiture in sign of the powers which that deity will wield when he is crowned with the diadem of rays. In another scene of a great relief found at Hedderheim we see Mithra holding out his hand to the kneeling Sun as if helping him to rise: the head of the Sun is surrounded by a nimbus. On several monuments the two gods are represented standing opposite each other and shaking hands. Mithra wears his usual costume: the Sun is either naked with a nimbus round his head, or he wears a cloak and the radiant crown and carries a whip. The meaning of the scene is obvious. The two deities have concluded a treaty of alliance, and peace and harmony will henceforth reign between them. In the relief at Osterburken, as if to give a religious consecration to the union of the two gods, they are represented shaking hands over an altar. Further, the peace between Mithra and the Sun is sealed by a banquet, at which they are portrayed reclining side by side at the festive board and holding up goblets in their right hands, while about the table are gathered a number of guests as partakers of the sacred feast. The importance attached to this divine banquet is attested both by the number of the monuments on which it is figured and by the important place assigned to it in the series of subsidiary scenes arranged around the central piece, the sacrifice of the bull by Mithra. Often, especially in the great sculptured reliefs which have been found in the valley of the Rhine, the relief representing the banquet is the last of the whole series, as if it formed the concluding act in the history of the god's exploits, the Last Supper of which he partook before quitting the scene of his earthly labours.

Remembering that according to the Christian Fathers a sort of communion was celebrated in the Mithraic mysteries, we can understand why the devotees of the religion set so high a value on this last feast of Mithra and his companions, or should we say his disciples? The sacramental act which the liturgy appears to have prescribed was accomplished in memory of the example set by the Divine Master. This relation between a legend and the ritual is established by a fragmentary relief discovered in Bosnia. It represents two devotees reclining at a table on which loaves are set out: one of them holds a drinking horn: both are in the attitude in which Mithra and the Sun are regularly represented on the other monuments. Round about the two devotees, or rather communicants, are grouped the initiated of various grades in the mystic hierarchy, including the Raven, the Persian, the Soldier, and the Lion, wearing the masks which are appropriate to their names and which they are known from other sources to have worn in the sacred rites. A text of St. Jerome, confirmed by a series of inscriptions, informs us that there were seven degrees of initiation in the Mithraic mysteries, and that the initiated took successively the names of the Raven, the Occult, the Soldier, the Lion, the Persian, the Courier of the Sun (heliodromus), and the Father. These strange names were not simply honorary titles. On certain occasions the officiants disguised themselves in costumes appropriate to the names they bore. These sacred masquerades were variously interpreted by the ancients with reference either to the signs of the zodiac or to the theory of transmigration. Such differences of opinion only prove that the original meaning of the disguises was forgotten. Probably the masquerade was a survival from a time when the gods were supposed to wear or assume the form of animals, and when the worshipper attempted to identify himself with his deity by dressing in the skin and other trappings of the divine creature. Similar survivals in ritual are common in many religions.

To complete the history of Mithra we must notice the monuments on which the Sun is represented driving his chariot, which is drawn by four horses at full gallop. With the left hand he grasps the reins, while he holds out his right hand to Mithra, who approaches to take his place beside the Sun in the chariot: sometimes, indeed, Mithra clings to the arm of the Sun-god as if preparing to leap into the whirling car. Sometimes the Ocean, into which the Sun's chariot descends at night, is indicated by the figure of a bearded man reclining on the ground and leaning on an urn or holding a reed. Yet the daily disappearance of the Sun setting in the sea does not suffice to explain this scene nor the part which Mithra plays in it. To understand it we must compare the scenes carved on some Christian sarcophaguses, which present so striking a resemblance to the Mithraic sculptures that the two series can hardly be independent of each other. On the Christian sarcophaguses it is the prophet Elijah who stands erect in his car drawn by four galloping steeds. He grasps the reins with his left hand, while with his right he holds out his mantle to the prophet Elisha, who stands on the ground behind the car. In front of the car, and beneath the rearing steeds, the figure of a bearded man is stretched, leaning with his left arm on an urn from which water is flowing. The reclining figure represents the Jordan, from whose banks the prophet Elijah was swept away to heaven on the chariot and horses of fire. In the light of this parallel we may suppose that Mithra, like the prophet of Israel, his earthly labours over, was believed to have ascended up to heaven in the Sun's bright chariot, though doubtless he was thought still to look down upon and protect the faithful worshippers whom he left behind him on earth. *Sic itur ad astra.*

It remains to mention among the Mithraic sculptures two figures which are commonly supposed to be connected with the solar character of Mithra. The great scene of the sacrifice of the bull, which occupied the central place in Mithraic art and probably in Mithraic religion, is regularly flanked by two youthful male figures dressed like Mithra and wearing the usual peaked Phrygian cap. Each of them grasps a burning torch, but one of them holds the burning end of the torch up, while the other turns it down towards the earth. Though they are most commonly represented in the scene of the sacrifice, where they are in a sense the acolytes or satellites of Mithra, yet they also occur in large numbers as detached sculptures. For example, they are found in couples as votive offerings in the usual subterranean sanctuaries. In the scene of the sacrifice they are portrayed as smaller than Mithra, but not disproportionately so, and they are always dressed exactly like him. For the most part they take no part in the sacrifice, but stand motionless as statues, gazing into space or absorbed in the contemplation of the flame of their torch. Sometimes,

however, the torch-bearer who stands behind the bull grips the animal's tale below the bunch of ears of corn in which the tail terminates: the gesture seems to indicate that he is about to detach the bunch of ears from the tail. Two pairs of statues of these torch-bearers are accompanied by inscriptions, from which we learn that the one who held up his torch was called Cautes, and that the one who held down his torch was called Cautopates. Elsewhere the same names have been found on inscribed pairs of pedestals, though the statues which stood on the pedestals are lost. The addition of the words "deus" ("god") to the names in some of the inscriptions proves that both Cautes and Cautopates were regarded as divine.

The meaning and etymology of these two barbarous names are uncertain, attempts to derive them from the Persian appear to have hitherto failed; but from some of the inscriptions in which they occur it seems indubitable that both names are merely epithets of Mithra himself. One of these inscriptions reads, "d(eo) i(nvicto) M(ithrae) Cautopati," that is, "To the Unconquered god Mithra Cautopates," and a certain number of dedications ought to be read similarly. Another inscription runs, "deo M(ithrae) C(autopati) S(oli) i(nvicto)," that is, "To the god Mithra Cautopates, the Unconquered Sun." Hence it would seem that in the great scene of the sacrifice of the bull, which occurs so often in Mithraic art, Mithra is represented thrice over. Now we are told by the Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite that the Magians celebrated a festival of the Triple Mithra; and this statement, which has been much discussed, is illustrated by the monuments in question, which represent Mithra in three distinct forms, namely, the central figure of Mithra slaying the bull, flanked by two torch-bearers Cautes and Cautopates. Hence apparently we are driven to conclude that the sculptor meant to portray a triune god or a single deity at three different moments of his existence.

This Mithraic trinity has nothing to correspond to it in the religion of Zoroaster, but it may well be of Babylonian origin. Now according to Semitic astrology Mithra is a solar god; hence the two torch-bearers must also be the Sun, but they must represent him under different aspects or at different moments of his course. Perhaps the two youths stand for the brightening or the fading glow of the morning or evening twilight, while the god stabbing the bull between them may represent the splendour of noon. Long ago the learned French antiquary Montfaucon interpreted the three figures of these reliefs as the rising sun, the mid-day sun, and the setting sun. This would explain why in many reliefs the figure of Cautes, who holds up his torch, is accompanied by a cock, the herald of the dawn. So in Greek mythology the cock was regarded as the herald of the Sun and was accounted sacred to him; and Plutarch speaks of an image of Apollo holding a cock in his hand, which he naturally interprets as a symbol of the dawn and sunrise. Similarly in two Mithraic monuments the torch-bearer who holds up his torch in one hand supports a cock on the other. Hence we infer that this youth, named Cautes, was regarded as an emblem of the rising sun, and we may suppose that in the daily liturgy Cautes was invoked at sunrise, the bull-slaying god at noon, and Cautopates at sunset.

A more recondite theory would explain the two torch-bearers as symbols of the vernal and the autumnal sun respectively, the one waxing and the other waning in power and splendour. In favour of this interpretation it is pointed out that Cautes and Cautopates are sometimes represented holding in their hands, the one the head of a bull, and the other a scorpion; or a bull is seen browsing or resting beside Cautes, while a scorpion crawls at the feet of Cautopates. Now at a very remote date the Bull and the Scorpion were the signs of the zodiac which the sun occupied at the vernal and the autumnal equinoxes respectively, although in classical times, as a consequence of the precession of the equinoxes, the sun had long retrograded to the signs of the Ram and the Balance. It is tempting to conjecture that the traditional emblems of the constellations which once marked the beginning of spring and the beginning of autumn were transmitted from Chaldea to the west and preserved in the symbolism of the mysteries long after they had ceased to correspond with the facts of astronomy.

Be that as it may, we may be fairly certain as to the general significance of the two torch-bearers in Mithraic art. The one who lifts his torch is a personification either of the matutinal or of the vernal sun which mounts higher and higher in the sky and by its

growing light and strength imparts fertility to the earth. The other who depresses his torch personifies the declining sun, whether the great luminary appears to haste at evening to his setting, or to sink day by day lower and lower in the autumnal and wintry sky.

Far more obscure and difficult to interpret is the scene of the sacrifice of the bull, which, as we have seen, occupies the central place in Mithraic art, as the sacrifice itself doubtless formed the supreme act in the Mithraic religion. In the crypts, which constituted the Mithraic temples, a sculptured group representing Mithra in the act of slaying the bull was regularly placed at the far end, facing the entrance, in a position corresponding to that which is occupied by the altar in Christian churches. Not only so, but reduced copies of the group were placed, like crucifixes with Christians, in domestic oratories and no doubt in the private apartments of the faithful. The number of reproductions of it which have come down to us is enormous, comparable to the number of crucifixes which would be found in the ruins of Europe by the hordes of infidel and iconoclastic invaders which may one day lay the whole fabric of western civilization in the dust.

A possible clue to the meaning of the mysterious sacrifice is furnished by certain curious details of the sculptures which represent it. On almost all the monuments the tail of the dying bull ends in a bunch of ears of corn, and on the most ancient of the Italian monuments three ears of corn are distinctly represented issuing instead of blood from the wound in the bull's side. The inference seems inevitable that the bull was supposed to contain in itself certain powers of vegetable fertility, which were liberated by its death.

Now according to the ancient Avestan system of cosmogony the primeval ox, created by the Supreme God Ahura Mazda, contained in itself the seeds of all plants and of all animals except man; it was slain by the evil demon Ahriman, but in its death it gave birth to the whole vegetable and animal creation, always with the exception of the human species, which was supposed to have had a different origin. Thus in the *Bundahish*, an ancient Pahlavi work on cosmology, mythology, and legendary history, we read:

On the nature of the five classes of animals it says in revelation that, when the primeval ox passed away, there where the marrow came out grain grew up of fifty and five species, and twelve species of medicinal plants grew; as it says that out of the marrow is every separate creature, every single thing whose lodgment is in the marrow. From the horns arose peas, from the nose the leek, from the blood the grape-vine from which they make wine -- on this account wine abounds with blood -- from the lungs the rue-like herbs, from the middle of the heart thyme for keeping away stench, and every one of the others as revealed in the Avesta. The seed of the ox was carried up to the moon station; there it was thoroughly purified, and produced the manifold species of animals. First, two oxen, one male and one female, and, afterwards, one pair of every single species was let go into the earth.

Again, in another passage of the same treatise we read:

As it (the primeval ox) passed away, owing to the vegetable principle proceeding from every limb of the ox, fifty and five species of grain and twelve species of medicinal plants grew forth from the earth, and their splendour and strength were the seminal energy of the ox. Delivered to the moon station, that seed was thoroughly purified by the light of the moon, fully prepared in every way, and produced life in a body. Thence arose two oxen, one male and one female; and, afterwards, two hundred and eighty-two species of each kind became manifest upon the earth.

Hence it seems highly probable that the Mithraic sculpture of the sacrifice of the bull represents the slaughter of the primeval ox, which in dying produced from the various parts of its body the whole vegetable and animal creation, always with the exception of mankind. We can now understand why, in the Mithraic group of the slaughter of the bull, the animal is always represented fallen with its head to the right, never to the left. The reason is given in the *Bundahish*, which tells us that "when the primeval ox passed away it fell to the right hand." Thus we may fairly conclude that in the belief of the Mithraic devotees the slaughter of the primeval ox was a creative act to which plants and animals

alike owed their origin. We can therefore understand why the priests should have transferred that beneficent, though painful, act from Ahriman, the evil spirit, to Mithra, the good and beneficent god. In this way Mithra apparently came to be deemed the creator and source of life, as indeed he is described in a passage of Porphyry. Thus the sad and solemn scene which always met the eyes of Mithraic worshippers in the apse at the far end of their temples commemorated the consummation of the great sacrifice which in ages gone by had given life and fertility to the world.

But perhaps the sight of the tragic group in the religious gloom of the vaulted temple awakened in the minds of the worshippers other thoughts which moved them still more deeply. For it is possible, we are told, that in the Mithraic religion the cosmogonic myths were correlated with the ideas entertained by the Magians as to the end of the world. In fact, the two sets of beliefs present a resemblance which is naturally explained by the identity of their origin, if we suppose that both narratives are variants of a single primitive theme. We know, both from Greek writers and the Mazdean scriptures, that the ancient Persians believed in a resurrection of the dead at the end of this present world. Thus the Greek historian Theopompus recorded that according to the Magians men would come to life again and be immortal. According to Aeneas of Gaza, in his treatise on the immortality of the soul, "Zoroaster predicts that a time will come in which there will be a resurrection of all the dead." The statements of these Greek writers are amply confirmed by the sacred books of the ancient Persian religion, which explicitly teach the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, good and bad alike, at the end of the present dispensation. They predict that in these last days there will rise a Redeemer or Saviour named Soshyans or Saoshyant, who will be the agent of the resurrection. He it is, we are told, "who makes the evil spirit impotent, and causes the resurrection and future existence." In the task of bringing the dead to life the Redeemer will be assisted by fifteen men and fifteen damsels, and their labours will last for seven and fifty years. Now the way in which they will bring about the resurrection is this. They will slay an ox called Hadhayos, and from the fat of that ox and the sacred white "hom" or "haoma" (the equivalent of the Sanscrit "soma") they will prepare ambrosia ("hush"), and they will give it to all the men, and all men will drink of it and become immortal forever and ever. Then will all men stand up, the righteous and the wicked alike. Every human creature will arise, each on the spot where he died. The souls of the dead will resume their former bodies and they will gather in one place, and they will know those whom they knew formerly in life. They will say, "This is my father, and this is mother, and this is my brother, and this is my wife, and these are some other of my nearest relations." They will come together with the greatest affection, father and son and brother and friend, and they will ask one another, saying, "Where hast thou been these many years? and what was the judgment upon thy soul? hast thou been righteous or wicked?" And all will join with one voice and praise aloud the Lord God Almighty (Ahura Mazda) and the archangels. There in that assembly, which no man can number, all men will stand together, and every man will see his own good deeds and his own evil deeds, and in that assembly a wicked man will be as plain to see as a white sheep among black. In that day the wicked man who was a friend of a righteous man will make his moan, saying, "Why, when he was in the world, did he not make me acquainted with the good deeds which he practised himself?" Afterwards they will separate the righteous from the wicked, and the righteous will be carried up to heaven, but the wicked will be cast down into hell. For at the bidding of the Lord God Almighty (Ahura Mazda), the Redeemer and his assistants will give to every man the reward and recompense of his deeds.

Hence it would seem that Mithra succeeded to the place which in the old Persian religion had been occupied by Soshyans or Saoshyant, the Redeemer or Saviour. Thus in the belief of his worshippers "the sacrifice of the divine bull was in truth the great event in the history of the world, the event which stands alike at the beginning of the ages and at the consummation of time, the event which is the source at once of the earthly life and of the life eternal. We can therefore understand why among all the sacred imagery of the mysteries the place of honour was reserved for the representation of this supreme sacrifice, and why always and everywhere it was exposed in the apse of the temples to the adoration of the worshippers." [F. Cumont, "Textes et Monuments," i. 188.] On the minds of worshippers, seated in the religious gloom of the subterranean temple, the mournful scene of the slaughter of the bull, dimly discerned at the far end of the sanctuary, was

doubtless well fitted to impress solemn thoughts, not only of the great sacrifice which in days long gone by had been the source of life on earth, but also of that other great sacrifice, still to come, on which depended all their hopes of a blissful immortality.

A rite which presents a superficial resemblance to the sacrifice of the bull in the Mithraic religion was the ceremony known as a "taurobolium." This strange sacrament consisted essentially in a baptism or bath of bull's blood, which was believed to wash away sin, and from which the devotee was supposed to emerge born again to eternal life. Crowned with gold and wreathed with fillets, the candidates for the new birth descended into a pit, the mouth of which was covered with a wooden grating. A bull, adorned with garlands of flowers, its forehead plastered with gold leaf, was then driven on to the grating and there slaughtered with a sacred spear. Its hot reeking blood poured through the grating on the worshipper in the pit, who received it with devout eagerness on every part of his person and garments, till at last he emerged gory from head to foot, and received the homage, nay, the adoration, of his fellows as one who had been born again to eternal life and had washed away his sins in the blood of the bull. It does not appear that this baptism of blood ever formed part of the regular Mithraic ritual. The many inscriptions which mention it, with the exception of one which appears to be forged, explicitly refer the rite to the worship of the Great Mother and Attis. Yet worshippers of Mithra are known to have sometimes submitted to the repulsive rite; for we possess the dedication of an altar to the Mother of the Gods and Attis by a certain Sextilius Agesilaus Aedesius, who describes himself as Father of Fathers in the religion of the Unconquered Sun-god Mithra, and at the same time claims to have been "born again to eternal life by the sacrifices of a bull and a ram." But the Father of Fathers ranked as the highest dignitary, a sort of little pope, in the Mithraic hierarchy; accordingly we can hardly doubt that the example set by so exalted a prelate was often followed by the inferior clergy. In fact, we hear of another Father of Fathers who boasted, with honest pride, that not only he himself but his wife also, with whom he lived for forty years, had been washed in the blood of the bull. Another high dignitary of the Mithraic church was the Father of the Sacred Rites, though presumably he ranked below the supreme pontiff, the Father of Fathers. Two of these Fathers of Sacred Rites similarly bragged of having been regenerated by the application of bull's blood. Again, one of the inferior clergy, a simple Father and Sacred Herald of the Unconquered Sun-god Mithra, records that he too had partaken of the sacrament of the bull. This last prelate would seem to have mixed up his religions in a very liberal spirit, for, apart from the preferments which he held in the Mithraic communion, he informs us that he was priest of Isis, hierophant of Hecate, and arch-cowkeeper of the god Liber, who apparently laid himself out for cattle-breeding. And far from being ashamed of having been drenched with the blood of the slaughtered bull, this reverend pluralist prayed that he might live to repeat the performance twenty years later; for though in theory the blood was supposed to regenerate the votary forever, it seems that in practice its saving efficacy could not safely be trusted to last longer than twenty years at the most, after which the sacrament had to be repeated. Thus we may conclude that the worshippers of Mithra were often glad to practise a barbarous rite which, though it formed no part of their own religious service, yet served to remind them of that supreme sacrifice to which they attached the deepest importance as being nothing less than the great central fact in the history of the world.

The striking similarities which may be traced in certain points between Mithraism and Christianity were clearly perceived by the Christian Fathers; indeed we are indebted to their writings for our knowledge of some of the parallels which otherwise might have been forgotten. In accordance with their general theory of the world, they explained the resemblances as wiles of the devil, who sought to beguile poor souls by a spurious imitation of the true faith. Thus Justin Martyr tells us that in the mysteries of Mithra the evil spirits mimicked the eucharist by setting before the initiates a loaf of bread and a cup of water with certain forms of words. But the Father who appears to have possessed the most intimate knowledge of Satan and the greatest skill in unmasking him under all his disguises, was Tertullian, and to his ruthless exposure of the great Enemy of Mankind we are indebted for certain particulars which, but for his scathing denunciation, might long have been consigned to the peaceful limbo of oblivion. Thus in his essay on "The Soldier's Crown" he reveals some points in the curious ritual observed when a Mithraic votary was promoted to the rank of soldier in the sacred hierarchy, for Mithraism had its Salvation

Army. The ceremony took place in one of the crypts which formed the regular Mithraic temples. There a crown was offered to the candidate on the point of a sword, and a pretence was made of placing it on his head; but he was instructed to wave it aside and to say that his crown was Mithra. Thus was his constancy put to the proof, and he was counted a true soldier of Mithra if he cast down the crown and said that his crown was his god. This, according to Tertullian, was a diabolic counterfeit of the conduct of a true Christian who should learn to despise the glories of this frail fleeting world in the prospect of a better world that will last forever. "What hast thou to do," asks the Father in a glow of religious emotion, "what hast thou to do with flowers that fade? Thou hast a flower from the rod of Jesse, a flower on which hath rested the whole grace of the Holy Spirit, a flower incorruptible, unfading, eternal." He reminds the Christian soldier of the Spirit's promise: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life"; and he recalls the boast of the great Apostle of the Gentiles uttered when the time of his departure was at hand: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Further, we learn from Tertullian that among the Mithraic rites there was a species of baptism at which remission of sins was promised to the initiate at the baptismal font. This also, according to Tertullian, was a device of Satan, whose cue it is to invert the truth by aping the holy sacraments in the mysteries of idols. In further proof of the craft and subtlety of the devil Tertullian adds: "And if I remember aright, Mithra marks his soldiers on their foreheads: he celebrates the offering of bread: he enacts a parody of the resurrection; and he redeems the crown at the point of the sword. Nay more, he enacts that his high priest shall marry but once, and he has his virgins and celibates." Here "the offering of bread" obviously refers to the same sacrament of bread and water which Justin Martyr stigmatizes as a diabolic imitation of the eucharist. The virgins and celibates of Mithra appear to have anticipated the nuns and monks of Christianity. It is not so certain what "the parody of the resurrection" alludes to. But from the words which Lampridius uses in describing the profanation of the mysteries by Commodus, it seems clearly to follow that the death of a man by violence was dramatically represented in the mysteries. For the historian says that Commodus "polluted the Mithraic rites with real homicide, whereas the custom in them is only to say or to pretend something that creates an appearance of fright." Again, Zacharias the Scholiast, in a life of the Patriarch Severus of Antioch, which must have been written about 514 A.D., asks, "Why in the mysteries of the Sun do the pretended gods reveal themselves to the initiates only at the moment when the priest produces a sword stained with the blood of a man who has died by violence? It is because they only consent to impart their revelations when they see a man violently put to death by their machinations." The mysteries of the Sun here referred to are probably those of Mithra, but the writer appears to be mistaken in supposing that human sacrifices ever formed part of the Mithraic ritual. All that we can safely infer from his testimony, confirmed by that of Lampridius, is that one of the scenes acted in the mysteries was the pretended killing of a man, and that a bloody sword was produced in proof that the slaughter had actually been perpetrated. We may conjecture that the supposed dead man was afterwards brought to life, and that this was the parody of the resurrection which Tertullian denounced as a device of the devil.

If the Mithraic mysteries were indeed a Satanic copy of a divine original, we are driven to conclude that Christianity took a leaf out of the devil's book when it fixed the birth of the Saviour on the twenty-fifth of December; for there can be no doubt that the day in question was celebrated as the birthday of the Sun by the heathen before the Church, by an afterthought, arbitrarily transferred the Nativity of its Founder from the sixth of January to the twenty-fifth of December. From the calendar of Philocalus, which was drawn up at Rome about 354 A.D., we learn that the twenty-fifth of December was celebrated as the birthday of the Unconquered Sun by games in the circus. These games are mentioned by the Emperor Julian, who tells us that they were performed with great magnificence in honour of the Unconquered Sun immediately after the end of the Saturnalia in December. The motives which induced the ecclesiastical authorities to transfer the festival of Christmas from the sixth of January to the twenty-fifth of December are explained with great frankness by a Syrian scholiast on Bar Salibi. He says:

The reason why the fathers transferred the celebration of the sixth of January to the twenty-fifth of December was this. It was a custom of the heathen to celebrate on the same twenty-fifth of December the birthday of the Sun, at which they kindled lights in token of festivity. In these solemnities and festivals the Christians also took part. Accordingly when the doctors of the Church perceived that the Christians had a leaning to this festival, they took counsel and resolved that the true Nativity should be solemnized on that day and the festival of the Epiphany on the sixth of January. Accordingly, along with this custom, the practice has prevailed of kindling fires until the sixth.

The custom of holding a festival of the Sun on the twenty-fifth of December persisted in Syria among the pagans down at least to the first half of the sixth century, for a Syriac writer of that period, Thomas of Edessa, in a treatise on the Nativity of Christ, informs us that at the winter solstice "the heathen, the worshippers of the elements, to this day everywhere celebrate annually a great festival, for the reason that then the sun begins to conquer and to extend his kingdom." But the pious writer adds that, though the power of the Sun waxes from that day, it will afterwards wane again; whereas, "Holy Church celebrates the festival of the Nativity of Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, who begins to conquer error and Satan, and will never wane." This opposition between the natural Sun of the heathen and the metaphorical Sun of Righteousness of the Christians is a rhetorical commonplace of ecclesiastical writers, who make use of it particularly with reference to the Nativity. The pagan origin of Christmas is plainly hinted at, if not exactly admitted by St. Augustine in a sermon wherein he exhorts his Christian brethren not to solemnize that day like the heathen on account of the sun, but on account of Him who made the sun. Similarly Leo the Great rebuked the pestilent belief of those who thought that Christmas was to be observed for the sake of the birth of the new sun, as it was called, and not for the sake of the Nativity of Christ.

The last stand for the worship of the Sun in antiquity was made by the Emperor Julian. In a rhapsody addressed to the orb of day, the grave and philosophic emperor professes himself a follower of King Sun. He declares that the Sun is the common Father of all men, since he begat us and feeds us and gives us all good things; there is no single blessing in our lives which we do not receive from him alone, or at the hand of the other gods perfected by him. And Julian concludes his enthusiastic panegyric with a prayer that the Sun, the King of the Universe, would be gracious to him, granting him, as a reward for his pious zeal, a virtuous life and more perfect wisdom, and in due time an easy and peaceful departure from this life, that he might ascend to his God in heaven, there to dwell with him for ever. However the deity to whom he prayed may have granted him a virtuous life, he withheld from his worshipper the boon of an easy and peaceful end. It was in the press of battle that this last imperial votary of the Sun received his mortal wound and met a most painful death with the fortitude of a hero and the serenity of a saint. With him the sun of pagan and imperial Rome set not ingloriously.

- Sir James G. Frazer, *The worship of the Sun Among the Aryan Peoples of Antiquity* (Chapter XII of *The Worship of Nature*); 1925;
<http://members.aol.com/zoticus/bathlib/helios/index.htm>

Astro-Theology: Retelling an Ancient Story from Jordan Maxwell's [BBC of America](#)

The Judaic-Christian Bible tells a wonderful story. It is, in fact, often referred to as "The Greatest Story Ever Told". And so it is! You are now about to find out why!

In the New Testament of Christian Bible, a provocative and most serious challenge is laid on the whole of Christianity. Since it bears directly on our subject, we will quote it: "...if Christ be not risen, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is also in vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God ... And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." (I Cor 15:14, 15, 17)

In the New Testament there is a warning given to all who would build a house. Namely, before you lay the foundation, find out what the foundation itself will rest on - solid rock, or sand? The reason is obvious...
or said another way; "You need to *stand under* the foundation to get a true *understanding!*"

THE FOUNDATIONS

Let's closely examine the original, conceptual foundations of the faith, and then decide "...if Christ be not risen. " But in order to do that, we must go back, not 2,000 years to the birth of Christ, but 8 to 10,000 years to the birth of modern man. For when one seeks to establish foundations, one must begin at the beginning.

Many thousands of years ago in what we refer to as the the "primordial world" of the ancients, human life was a far different experience to that which we enjoy today. While it is true that we have less documentation on that prehistoric world than we have on our own age, ample enough is known from the ancient writings to paint a rather clear picture of our primitive ancestry. If we have learned anything at all, it is this: The more we change, the more we stay the same. And nowhere is this more clearly demonstrated than in the history of man's quest for "God", and the ancient religion we still keep holy today.

According to the best understanding we have gleaned from the available records, life for our ancient forefathers was a mixture of wonder and fear. Each day, just finding food for one's family without becoming a meal yourself for the roaming predatory animals, was a life and death struggle. (If you have ever ventured out on a cold night with insufficient clothing, and without friend or family near, you could quickly see how fearful the dark, cold primordial nights could be) *And then came winter!*

It was from these meager, distressful conditions of the human race that our long history of the search for God and meaning has come. Any evolution, at it's most accelerated rate, is always agonisingly slow. But from the beginning, man's' profound questions demanded answers. When no clear answers were forthcoming from the universe, man turned inward, and developed his own. Keep in mind that all the theological teachings of the Western World were developed in the Northern Hemisphere. The study of this subject is properly called
- "Astro-Theology" or, "The Worship of the Heavens".

ASTRO-THEOLOGY

This is the first, original, and therefore the oldest, and most respected story on Earth! It did not take ancient man very long to decide that in this world the single greatest enemy to be feared was the darkness of night, and all the unknown dangers that came with it. Simply stated, man's first enemy was darkness.

Understanding this one fact alone, people can readily see why the greatest and most trustworthy friend the human race could ever have was by far, heaven's greatest gift to the world ... that Glorious Rising Orb of Day ...
the SUN.

With this simple truth understood, we can now begin to unravel an ancient and wonderful story. Today, as in all mankind's history, it has once again been told anew.

Modern-day Christianity has often belittled our ancient ancestors who are not here to defend themselves. They falsely accuse that they were nothing more than ignorant worshippers of the sun. Therefore we can, with assurance, summarily dismiss thousands of years of human spirituality as ignominious myth, believed by well-meaning, but gullible primitives. Too much of this kind of spiritual arrogance and religious pride has continued without challenge. The time has come to set matters straight.

THE CHALLENGE

First. no people of the ancient world believed the "Sun" to be "God". That belongs in the "disinformation file".

In point of fact, every Ancient culture and nation on Earth have all used the Sun as the most logically appropriate symbol to represent the Glory of the unseen Creator of the heavens. Here it is important to remember two points.

First, with the exception of Japan, the ancient world mythologies always understood the Sun to be masculine in qualities, and the moon feminine. Second, the English language is derived from the German. In the Germanic, the word 'Sun' is spelled 'Sonne'. The two words can (and have been) used interchangeably.

Old Testament:

"The heavens are declaring the Glory of God." (Ps. 19: 1)

New Testament:

"Jesus is the Glory of God." (2 Cor 4:6)

Old Testament:

"The SUN of Righteousness will arise with healings in His wings." (Mal 4:2)

New Testament:

"God's Son/Sun...he is risen!" (Matt 4:16)

Saying. "How, often I wanted to gather you under my wing. "

The "Ancient Story" went something like this ...

1. The ancient peoples reasoned that no one on Earth could ever lay claim of ownership to the Great Orb of Day. It must belong to the unseen Creator of the Universe. It was, figuratively speaking, not man's, but "GOD'S SUN". Truly, "God's Sun/Son was ... THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

2. As stated before, in the dark cold of night man realised his utter vulnerability to the elements. Each night, mankind was forced to wait for the " Risen Sun" to chase away the physical and mental insecurity brought on by the darkness. Therefore, the morning Sun focused man's attention on heavenly dependents for his frail, short existence on Earth, and in doing so, it became the appropriate symbol of divine benevolence from heaven.

3. So just as small fire brought limited light into man's own little world of darkness, likewise the "Great Fire of Day" served the whole Earth with its heavenly presence. For this reason, it was said at Deut 4:24, and Heb 12:29 that the God of the Bible was a "Consuming Fire" in heaven. And so He is!

4. It was accepted by all that man was bound to a life on Earth, but the sky was God the Father's abode - His dwelling place. Naturally, God's Son/Sun would also reside with his Father "up in HEAVEN".

5. Ancient man saw in his male offspring his own image and likeness, and his own existence as a father was proved by the person of his son. It was assumed that God's 'Sun' was but a visible representative of the unseen Creator in heaven. So it was said, "When you have seen the Sun, you have seen the Father"; or "the Father is glorified in his Sun."

6. Ancient man had no problem understanding that all life on Earth depended directly on life-giving energy from the Sun. Consequently, all life was lost without the Sun. It followed that God's "Sun" was nothing less than "Our very Saviour". If you don't think so, wait 'till it don't come up!

7. Since life is energy, and energy from the Sun gave life, and we sustained our very

existence by taking energy in from our food (which came directly from God's Sun), the Sun must give up its life supporting energy so that we may continue to live. "God's Sun gives his life for us to live."

8. While it was plainly true that our life came from and was sustained each day by "Our Saviour... God's Sun", it was and would be true only as long as the Sun would return each morning. Our hope of salvation would be secure only in a "RISEN saviour". For if he did not rise from his grave of darkness, all would be lost. All the world waited patiently for His 'imminent return'. The Divine Father would never leave us at the mercy of this world of darkness. His Heavenly promise concerning his Sun was surely that..."He would come again"...to light our path, and save those lost in the darkness ... And He still does ... every morning about 5:30 am.

9. Logically, even if man himself died, as long as the Sun comes up each day, life on Earth will continue forever. Therefore, it was said in the ancient texts that everlasting life was "the gift" that the Father gives through his Sun. For..."God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten SUN that we may have life everlasting"....on Earth! Not for you personally - but ON EARTH... everlasting life!

10. Since evil and harm lurked at every turn in the fearful dark of night, all evil or harmful deeds were naturally, the..."works of darkness."

11. With the return of the Sun each morning, man felt more secure in his world and therefore, was at peace. Therefore, God's 'Sun' was with his warm rays of life and hope...The Great "Prince of Peace".

12. And of course the reverse was equally true. The dark evil of night was ruled by none other than..."Prince of Darkness"... The EVIL/DEVIL.

13. Our English words 'Good' and 'God' we get from the German word 'Goth' as in 'Gothic'. Now we see God is Good, and Devil is Evil.

14. It was only a short step to see "The Light of God's Sun" equated with the light of truth - and evil equated with darkness. From then on, it was simple to understand ... "LIGHT was GOOD - DARK was BAD."

15. That being true, then the Great Orb of Day (God's Sun) could rightly say of itself, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, and no man comes to the Father except through me," or one comes to God Only by the Light of Truth.

16. We should all "give thanks" to the Father for sending us His "Sun". For the peace and tranquillity he brings to our life is even called 'Solace' - from "Solar" = Sun.

17. We now have before us two (2) cosmic brothers - one very good, and one very evil. One brings the "truth to light" with the "light of truth". The other is the opposite, or in opposition to the light - "The Opposer" ... Prince of this World of Darkness - The "Devil".

18. It is at this point that we come to Egypt. More than 3,000 years before Christianity began, the early morning "Sun/ Saviour" was pictured in Egypt as the "New Born Babe". The infant saviour's name was "HORUS".

19. The early morning Sun or "New Born Babe", was pictured in two ways.

- A) The Dove - Bringer of Peace
- B) The Hawk - God of War (who punishes the enemies of God!).

20. At daybreak. this wonderful, newborn child, God's 'Sun', is ... 'Born Again' Horus is Risen. Even today, when the Sun comes up, we see it on the "Horus-Risen", or "Horizon". His life was also divided into 12 parts or steps across Heaven each day: 12 HORUS = 12 HOURS. This is the origin of the modern "12 Step Program". Horus is the (new-born) Sun, or the Bringer of the Light. In Latin, Light Bringer is Lucis, or Lucifer, or Luke.

21. But now, what about the evil brother of God's Sun, that old rascally "Prince of Darkness" himself? In the Egyptian, he was called "SET". We are told in the Bible that when God's Sun died, He left the world in the hands of the Evil Prince of Darkness. This evil prince took over the world at "SON-SET".

22. It was generally observed that 'God's Sun' could be depended upon to return in the same manner that he left, namely, "On a Cloud"...and that "Every eye will see Him"... Every evening, go out and watch the Sun leave this world "on a cloud". And next morning, watch to see Him return on a cloud. And every eye will see him come again! ... Unless you're blind!

23. Keep in mind 'God's Sun' symbolically represented the light of truth, but was condemned by His enemies who could not endure the light of truth in their life. The ancients taught that the very act of opposing or denying the light of truth to the point of killing it, happened in one's own mind! When we are confronted with the harsh realities of life, the light of truth, which we do not wish to face, and which runs counter to our views, such truth is judged in your mind, or judged "in the temple area" of your brain, and put to death in your head ! Therefore, 'God's Sun - The Truth and The Light - is put to death at "GOLGOTHA" , or "PLACE OF THE SKULL " , located somewhere between your ears! This putting to death of the light of truth in your mind is always accompanied by two thieves: Regret for the past and Fear of the future.

24. And of course God's 'Sun' goes to His death wearing a "corona" - Latin for "Crown of Thorns" . Remember the Statue of Liberty? To this day, Kings still wear a round crown of thorns, symbolising the rays of the Sun!

25. God's 'Sun' brought His wonderful light to the world, and distributed it over 12 months. So it was said, God's 'Sun' had 12 companions, or helpers, that assisted His life-saving work. So it was, God's 'Sun' had 12 apostles (or months) that followed Him religiously through His life. Incidentally, now you know why the American jury system has 12 jurors who help bring the truth to light, with the "Light of Truth".

26. As far back as we can go into the ancient world, we find that all known cultures had a "Three-in-one" Triune God. The very first trinity was simply the three stages of the life of the Sun.

A) New Born Savior at dawn.

B) Mature, full-grown (The Most High) at 12 (High) noon.

C) Old and dying, at the end of day (going back to The Father).

All three were of course One Divinity - The Sun. Three different phases, but one God! The Trinity is truly a mystery ... like electricity, radio, TV, and jumbo-jets are all a mystery to the unenlightened mind!

27. The Egyptians knew that the Sun was at its highest point in the sky (at *high* noon). At that point, one offered prayers to the "Most High" God! To the ancients, the sky was the abode, or heavenly temple, of the "Most High". Therefore, God's 'Sun' was doing His heavenly Father's work of enlightening all in the temple at 12 ...not 12 years old, but 12 noon!

28. The world of ancient man kept track of times and seasons by the movement of the Sun daily, monthly, and yearly. For this, the sundial and sun calendars were devised. Not only the daily movement of the Sun was tracked on the round dial, but also the whole year was charted on a round Sun calendar dial. Examples: Ancient Mexican, Mayan, Inca, Aztec, Sumerian, Babylonian, Assyrian, Egyptian, Celtic, Aryan, etc. With this method, certain new concepts emerged in the mind of ancient man.

29. Since the Earth experienced 4 different seasons, all the same and equal (in time) each year, the round Sun calendar was divided into 4 equal parts. This is also why we have, in the Bible, only 4 Gospels. Of this point, there can be no doubt. The 4 Gospels represent the four 4 seasons which collectively tell the entire story of the life of God's 'Sun'. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John are Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. This is why the

famous painting of "The Last Supper" pictures the 12 followers of the Sun in four groups (of three) ... the seasons!

30. On the round surface of the yearly calendar, you can draw a straight line directly across the middle, cutting the circle in half... one end being the point of the winter solstice; the other end being the point of the summer solstice. Then you can draw another straight line (crossing the first one); one end of the new line being the spring equinox; the other end being the autumn equinox. You now have the starting points for each of the 4 seasons. This is referred to by all major encyclopedias and reference works, both ancient and modern, as "The Cross of the Zodiac". Thus, the life of God's 'Sun' is on "the Cross". This is why we see the round circle of the Sun on the crosses of Christian churches. The next time you pass a Christian church, look for the circle (God's Sun) on the cross.

The Sun, since the first day of summer, has each day been moving southward, and stops when it reaches its lowest point in the Northern Hemispheric sky (December 22nd - our winter solstice). At this lowest point, the Sun stops its journey southward. For three days, December 22nd, 23rd , and 24th, the Sun rises on the exact same latitudinal (declination) degree.

This is the only time in the year that the Sun actually stops its movement Northward or Southward in our sky. On the morning of December 25th the Sun moves one degree northward beginning its annual journey back to us in the Northern Hemisphere, ultimately bringing our spring. Anything steadily moving all year long that suddenly stops moving for three days was considered to have died. Therefore, God's Sun who was dead for three days, moves one-degree Northward on December 25th beginning its annual journey back to the Northern Hemisphere. The Sun is symbolically ... BORN AGAIN. And to this day, His worshippers still celebrate His BIRTHDAY!.... Merry Christmas.

31. Today we use expressions when someone dies. We say things like, "They Passed", or "They Passed On", or "They Passed Away". The ancients said "They Passed Over" (from one life to another), And so it was with the coming of spring, as God's Sun is "Resurrected" from the Death of Winter to His New Life (in spring). In the ancient world, long before the Hebrews ever existed, the celebration of spring was called "The Pass Over"; The Sun, which was dead in winter, has passed over to His new life in spring. This is the origin of the modern Passover celebration. This is why Christians also celebrate "The Resurrection", or His return, in spring with a "Sunrise service" ... He kept His Promise, and has returned to us with the Promise of New Life... "HAPPY EASTER-PASSOVER!"

- Jordan Maxwell, <http://www.bbcoa.com/astro.html>





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JESUS HAD TWELVE APOSTLES...TRUTH...OR SUN-MYTH RETOLD?

It really matters not to me if Jesus had 12 or 10 to 100 disciples or apostles. Not wanting to spend too much time on this I will present just the facts and let them speak to you themselves. Let us not forget what we have already seen however. You be the judge.

Throughout the whole of the legends we have seen, Christ Jesus is the toiling Sun (being made equal with God) laboring for the benefit of others, not his own, and doing hard service for a mean and cruel generation. Watch his sun-like career of brilliant conquest, checked with intervals of storm, and declining to a death clouded with sorrow and derision. He is in constant company with twelve apostles, the twelve signs of the zodiac. The number twelve appears in many Sun-Myths.

Jesus is said to have twelve disciples.

Answer for yourself: Is it just a coincidence that the year has twelve months and that the Zodiac is divided into twelve "houses," representing the twelve divisions of the year (Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius.)?

There are twelve cycles of the moon in a year. The Jewish calendar is actually a Lunar calendar, with twelve months following the twelve cycles of the moon (Nisan, Iyyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Ab, Elul, Tishri, Cheshvan, Kislev, Tebeth, Shebat, Adar.) Occasionally it is necessary to throw in an extra month, Adar2, to keep the Jewish Lunar calendar in sync with the solar year, just as we occasionally throw in an extra day (Feb. 29) to keep our calendar in sync with the solar year. **The prominence of the number 12 is always a strong sign that the story is an astrological allegory for the passage of the year.**



Modern scholarship tells us that the number "12" that we find in the New Testament concerning the number of Jesus' disciples refers to the twelve hours of the day or night, or the twelve moons of the lunar year (Cox, Aryan Mythology, vol. i. p. 165; Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 175).

Answer for yourself: Is it just a coincidence that Osiris, the Egyptian Savior, had twelve apostles (Bonwick, Egyptian Belief, p. 175).

In all religions of antiquity the number twelve, which applies to the twelve signs of the zodiac, are reproduced in all kinds and sorts of forms. For instance, such are the twelve great gods; the twelve apostles or Osiris; the twelve apostles of Jesus; the twelve sons of Jacob; the twelve tribes; the twelve altars of James; the twelve labors of Mars; the twelve brothers of Arvaux; the twelve gods Consents; the twelve governors in the

Manichean System; the adectyas of the East Indies; the twelve asses of the Scandinavians; the city of the twelve gates in the Apocalypse; the twelve wards of the city; the twelve sacred cushions, on which the Creator sits in the cosmogony of the Japanese; the twelve precious stones of the rational, or the ornament worn by the high priest of the Jews, etc. (Dupuis, Origin of Religious Belief, pp. 39-40).

Answer for yourself: Now is there any doubt that the account of Jesus' having 12 Apostles might be again a further development from the influence of Gentile Sun-Myths?

A Christian's religious belief system, when tested and exposed to contradictory facts from Archeology, Biblical languages, Biblical history, Biblical culture, Comparative religion, Astronomy and Astrology must in the Spirit of Truth and Repentance, be flexible enough to change.

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THE HISTORICAL MEANING OF “BEING BORN AGAIN” AS CONTRASTED WITH WHAT CHRISTIANITY TEACHES TODAY: WHAT ARE WE TO BELIEVE? #1

Let me say up front the interpretation used concerning "Jesus" in this article is from an assumed "literal-historical" perspective and is done so in emphasizing the spiritual concepts contained with these articles.

- **Answer for yourself:** Are you “born again” according to what a Jew like Jesus taught or according to what your Gentile Pastor teaches?
- **Answer for yourself:** Is there the remotest possibility that you might not be “born again” according to the Hebrew Scriptures and what it meant to a Jew like Jesus, but "born" again according to Gentile theology?

Before you say "no way" you better get seated and read the whole of these two article for I promise you an eye opening experience if you do.

- **Answer for yourself:** Do you know the difference alluded to in the above two questions when the concept of "born again" is viewed in its Jewish context and later in its Gentile context?
- **Answer for yourself:** If we today in the Christian Church attach a different meaning to the Hebrew concept of “being born again” which is all together foreign and different from what it meant to a Jew like Jesus when he spoke about it to Nicodemus, then what does a Jew like Jesus think about our misinterpretation of such an important concept, or even more, what is the result of such a misunderstanding when we are judged in the world to come (Heaven)?

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)

- **Answer for yourself:** Are you a “new creation” as taught by Paul, or are you just “another creature”?
- **Answer for yourself:** If you call yourself a “new creation” and your Pastor or those on TV call you a “new creature,” does calling yourself a “new creature” **make you one**, and do you know what being “one” actually **entails**?
- **Answer for yourself:** Have you fulfilled the requirements in the Bible to actually be a “new creature” according to Paul in II Cor. 5:17, and do you know what they are?
- **Answer for yourself:** What are you to do when most of you find out that you have not been taught correctly about what is required to be a “new creation in Messiah?”

Those are thought-provoking questions to say the least. I know most of you who are reading this article are tempted to put it down and consider what I have asked you to consider as absolute folly. I can only plead with you to read these two articles in full, and understand for yourself what I discovered over fifteen years of in-depth Bible study which was never taught to me by the Christian Church or even Seminary.

In order to peak you curiosity to read this article in full, I will expose at this time the real meaning Paul intended his Gentile hearers to have when he taught them about being a “new creation in Christ.” Let us

examine the passage in II Cor. in detail from resources like a Christian Greek Lexicon.

2 Cor 5:17

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new **creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)*

First of all it is mandatory we understand correctly what the word “creature” means in the original language in which Paul spoke and later was recorded in Greek.

The Thayer’s Greek Lexicon [a Christian book no less] defines “creature” in II Cor. 5:17 as follows: 2937 Strong’s Numbers: ktisis- the act of founding, establishing, building, etc.

- a) the act of creating, creation
- b) creation, that is, a thing created; used of individual things, beings, a creature, a creation
 - 1) anything created
 - **2) after a rabbinical usage (by which a man converted from idolatry to Judaism was called)**
 - 3) the sum or aggregate of things created
 - 4) an institution, an ordinance
- **Answer for yourself:** Don’t you find it almost startling that the concept accompanying the idea of being “new creature” carries with the intended meaning of turning from idols and idolatry to Judaism and not a religion like Christianity which is full of idolatry and considers itself a replacement for Judaism?
- **Answer for yourself:** Don’t you find it almost startling that the concept accompanying the idea of being “new creature” carries with the intended meaning of turning from idols and idolatry to Judaism where Biblical Feasts and Festivals are observed instead on pagan holidays to which the early Catholic Church attached the name of Jesus centuries ago?
- **Answer for yourself:** Don’t you find it almost startling that the concept accompanying the idea of being “new creature” carries with the intended meaning of turning from idols and idolatry to Judaism where the Sabbath is both observed and remembered instead of replacing it with the day already set aside by the pagans for sun worship?
- **Answer for yourself:** If your church does not teach and model for you the correct interpretation of the Bible by promoting the interpretation of these Hebrew Scriptures from a Jewish perspective since it is a Hebrew document, then how comfortable should you feel considering your faith and the practice of your faith since it probably contains very little that is Jewish; especially in light that you most likely have been taught to reject the Sabbath and the Seven Biblical Festivals?
- **Answer for yourself:** If your church does not teach and model for you the correct interpretation of the Bible by promoting the correct interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures from a Jewish perspective [especially since it is a Jewish book] then how comfortable should you feel considering your Gentile Christian faith and the practice of your faith when it finally dawns upon you that you have been following a religious belief system that deviates drastically from what a Jew like Jesus believed?

WHERE WE MUST BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY “BEING BORN AGAIN”

I guess I could just dive right in and tell you that we as Christians and followers of Jesus has completely misunderstood the Jewish concept of being "born again" but it would serve us well to first understand the historical context of such passages in order to fully appreciate the Jewish concept of being "born again" and the discourse between Nicodemus and Jesus as found in John chapter 3.

The **Noahide Commandments** are the Commandments given by the Torah (the Old Testament) to the Gentiles of the world (first given to Adam and later given to Noah), which according to Rabbinic tradition and the **First Church Council in Acts 15:17-19 and Acts 15:28-29 (which was headed up by James, the**

Lord's brother and head of the Jerusalem church) were given by God to Gentiles like Adam and Noah. It is these commandments which if obeyed by the non-Jews of the world will be rewarded with eternal life! According to Rabbinic teaching & Acts 15 (which a Jew like Jesus believed and taught himself along with his followers), those Gentiles who observe these precepts are assured their share in the World to Come, regardless of what fanciful interpretations were later to be invented by both the Catholic & Protestant churches and most probably heard in your modern churches today. The Jesus of the New Testament was a Jew. He never ascribed to Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Assembly of God, Church of Christ, or Mormon church doctrine. He believed and taught the truth as received from his Father in Heaven. The Christian must come to an understanding that the religion of a Jew like Jesus (Biblical Judaism and not Rabbinic Judaism) has always recognized two different religious codes:

- 1) the 613 Laws and precepts given to the Jews following their liberation from Egypt [the Laws of Moses were added upon the existing Noahide revelation and commandments]
- 2) the earlier Noahide system of legislation for all mankind predated the Laws of Moses

DID JESUS INTEND TO REPLACE OR ABOLISH HIS RELIGION?

The eighteenth century Talmudist Rabbi Jacob Emden wrote a letter that has been discovered by archeologists which states: *"Jesus (Yeshua) never intended to abolish Judaism, but only to establish a new religion for the Gentiles based upon the ancient Noahide Commandments transmitted by Moses on Mount Sinai."* Let me say that Emden more correctly should have said "RE-ESTABLISH" for the Gentiles the religious foundations that had previously been given by God to the Gentiles since the Garden of Eden and later renewed at Sinai. Emden stressed in his letter that Jesus brought about a "double blessing" to the world, by strengthening the Torah of Moses and at the same time removing idolatry from the midst of the Gentiles. Unfortunately, Emden's thesis in the letter never gained a substantial following by fellow Jews. The most obvious reason would seem to be the frequent harsh statements made by Jesus against the rabbis and Jews of his time (Matt. 23). This chapter has seldom been correctly interpreted by the Christian Church because the church, for the most part, lacks the facts & information concerning the historical, religious, and political background surrounding Yeshua's statements which are necessary to correctly understand such a chastisement of a particular "sect" within the Pharisees, and not the Pharisees as a whole! Yeshua was not condemning the Pharisee movement, for he was proud to be one, especially a Pharisee belonging to the School of Hillel. Yeshua was not replacing Judaism with Christianity!

Emden helps us understand the original intentions of Yeshua and Paul as he analyzes the beginnings of Christianity. According to the Jewish rabbi, Yeshua and his Apostles, which were later sent by Yeshua to the Gentiles of the world, acted entirely within the Halakhah (correct and accepted Jewish law) in re-creating and re-establishing the religion God had previously given to the Gentiles which was based on the Noahide Commandments (the basic seven Noahide Laws consist of prohibitions against idolatry, blasphemy, killing, stealing, sexual sins, eating the limb of a living animal (cruelty to animals), and the imperative to establish courts of justice). According to the Jewish Talmud and Tosefta, those Gentiles who observe these statutes are considered to be of the Hasidim (pious ones) of the Nations and merit a share in the World to Come. Even within the *Alenu* prayer which is prayed by Jews and "God-Fearers" every Sabbath, it states "May all inhabitants of the earth recognize and know....". This means the Gentiles. This prayer for Gentiles is another proof that the will of God is for Gentiles not to perish but have everlasting life. In the Mishnah (the Oral Law), in Pirke Avot 4.1 it states: *"Every assembly that is for the sake of Heaven will in the end be established."* Christian assemblies are for the sake of Heaven, yet I must sadly inform you that they have accepted "IN PART" the Noahide Commandments, but not totally! God had given them all to the Gentiles and we are not told today about them in our Christian Churches!

THE FIRST GREAT COMMISSION...20 BC? YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING? NO; I AM NOT!

Yeshua and Paul were acquainted with the Essene authors and their Scrolls. Many passages in the New Testament bear striking similarity to the Scrolls (see my previous newsletter about Yeshua and the Secret of the Dead Sea Scrolls). A comprehensive overview of the writings and materials available to us today reveal the Essenes to have been extremely pious Jews who scrupulously followed the Torah (the instruction and teaching of God, more commonly called the "Law"), whereas Yeshua and Paul are by many portrayed incorrectly as having forsaken their Jewish origins and replaced the Torah with a new religion-Christianity. Such a study also reveals many problems with Essene theology but this is a study done elsewhere and is too extensive for this article. **This portrayal of Yeshua forsaking his Jewish faith never happened; sadly I cannot say that for Paul [see Acts 21 where Paul was known to forsake Moses {commandments} and teach Jews to quit circumcising their children]!** At least this is the general picture one is presented with in the majority of churches today; and one will not be able to see through it without diligent study. But this premise goes against Emden's letter. A Christian should know that the Talmud records for us that **Moses commanded the Jews to spread the knowledge of the Noahide commandments to all mankind!**

Answer for yourself: Did you hear that?

God commanded Moses to spread the knowledge of the Covenant with Noah and its requirements to all Gentiles in the world. **Judaism acknowledges this "Gentile Covenant for Salvation"** as from God since the time of Mount at Sinai. The questions we have to ask ourselves is this:

- **Answer for yourself:** Does history record for us such an ambitious attempt to bring the Noahide Laws to Gentiles, and if so, who was behind it and when did it occur?"
- **Answer for yourself:** Were the pious Essenes the ones who attempted such a mission to the Gentiles in the generation preceding Yeshua's birth?
- **Answer for yourself:** Did Yeshua and Paul, through their ministries, follow in the Essene's footsteps and try to bring to fruition what the Essenes began in the generation before their birth?
- **Answer for yourself:** Where do the Gentiles correctly fit into the teachings of Jesus and Paul?

As Christians and followers of Yeshua, we must constantly search for the correct interpretations of such an event if we are to correctly understand the Bible and it's message to the Gentile and his salvation.

LET US LEARN FROM HISTORY

A passage in the Jerusalem Talmud records for us: **"Menahem the Essene and 160 Essene disciples left the Jewish community"** (remember not all Essenes lived in & around the Dead Sea) **"about 20 B.C. on a mission to the Gentiles to take the "world" the Noahide Covenant, thus assuring obedient and observant Gentiles a place in the World to Come."** This Menahem served as a vice-president of the Sanhedrin under the sage Hillel who was the Nassi (President of the Sanhedrin) some **thirty years before Jesus' birth**. The Mishnah makes quite clear that Menahem subjected himself totally to Hillel's authority (who loved the Gentiles), thus establishing a link between the Essenes and Hillel (who was a conservative Pharisee). Also of importance is the link between the two camps (Essenes & Pharisees) in that they were both known as "Hasidim." Menahem the Essene left Hillel's Sanhedrin for his mission to the world and was then replaced by the sage **Shammai (who did not like the Gentiles). Shammai succeeded him as vice-president, probably about 20 B.C., and the influences of Hillel began to be replaced with those of Shammai [who was strongly anti-Gentile and deemed no Gentile worthy that the message of God's salvation be taken to them].**

QUESTIONS NEEDING ANSWERS

- **Answer for yourself:** Was Menahem forced out by Shammai and his followers? Yes.
- **Answer for yourself:** Did Hillel's disciples join Menahem in his mission to the Gentiles? Yes.
- **Answer for yourself:** Did later rabbis approve of Menahem's mission to the Gentiles? Yes and No, depending on the particular school of Pharisees to which we refer.
- **Answer for yourself:** Did Shammai lend his support to the Gentile mission or did he discourage the Jews from being a light to Gentiles? He strongly discouraged it.
- **Answer for yourself:** In the time of Yeshua did the teachings of Hillel or Shammai have influence over the people of Israel and direct the course of the nation? Shammai was in ascendancy.
- **Answer for yourself:** Which of these two Pharisee schools supported Yeshua and which did Yeshua rebuke in Matt. 23? The School of Hillel supported Yeshua and the School of Shammai was rebuked by Yeshua.
- **Answer for yourself:** Was Yeshua against all the Pharisees? No, not at all, for he would say only two days before his death that the Pharisees (no longer the Sadducees) are the religious leaders of Israel, for from now on they sit in Moses' seat!

THE STORMY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HILLEL AND SHAMMAI

The first disputes regarding the Oral law (that was passed down for some 1700 years from Moses at Sinai) took place at this time between the sages and students of Hillel and Shammai (beginning about 20 years prior to Yeshua's birth). Their respective schools (Bet Hillel and Bet Shammai) were to clash over 350 times on issues of the Oral Law during the next hundred years. Nor were these always minor disputes for even once the Zealots connected with Shammai massacred and killed many of the Pharisees. The issues between Bet Hillel and Bet Shammai went to the very core of what Judaism stood for (and what a Jew like Jesus stood for). One of the major areas of contention was Judaism's attitude toward salvation of the Gentiles.

Answer for yourself: What side would Yeshua agree with?

The Schools of Shammai and Hillel both accepted all of the commandments contained in the five "written" books of the Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). But the written law of Moses is too brief to be applied to practical issues of everyday life, and it was accepted that God also gave an oral and more detailed tradition was originally given to Adam, then to Noah, and finally handed down to Moses at Sinai. The debates of Bet Hillel and Bet Shammai centered on this oral tradition.

This oral tradition was passed down by Moses and it was forbidden to be set to writing. It was this Oral Law that later caused controversy among the rabbis; especially Bet Shammai and Bet Hillel. Finally, out of fear it would be forgotten due to all the persecution of Judaism and the deaths of its leaders at the hands of Gentiles, the sages permitted it to be committed to writing. The first major works were the Mishnah (200 A.D.) and the Tosefta (4th century), followed by two Talmuds; the Babylonian Talmud and the Jerusalem Talmud (5th century). The Babylonian version is more popular than the Jerusalem Talmud. Also at this time, books of homilies known as Midrash began to appear. The two major commentaries to the Babylonian Talmud are those of Rashi and the Tosefta. Why did I mention these works? The Mishnah, Talmud and Tosefta are the works of primary interest and authority when researching the Jewish law and tradition that surrounded Jesus and the teachings from the school of Judaism which is reflected in his teachings in the first century.

GOD CHOSE HILLEL'S INTERPRETATION FOR ALL TIME..IT CAME THROUGH A VOICE FROM HEAVEN

The School of Shammai [anti-Gentiles] came upon the Jewish scene 20 years before Jesus' birth, and flourished for around 100 years. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., the seat of the Sanhedrin was relocated to Yavneh, where the Halakhah (accepted interpretation of Jewish Law) of the School of Bet Hillel became once again the established Halakhah (accepted interpretation for all issues of Jewish law). Also at this time, God spoke from Heaven and a Heavenly Voice was heard declaring the Law was to be from that time

forward decided in favor of the interpretations of the School of Bet Hillel. Since that time all Jewry has accepted the teachings of Bet Hillel. But this was too late to save Israel from the judgment of God for violating the commandments of the Second Tablet of the Law....the Commandments affecting relationships between man and men [Jew/Jew; Jew/Gentile].

HOW COULD YESHUA REPLACE WHAT HIS FATHER APPROVED?

Now listen closely. **The "Jesus" debates with the Pharisees** recorded in the New Testament were actually disputes with the Pharisees representing the **School of Shammai and NOT the School of Hillel.** Every Christian needs to set down and think hard upon what I just said; especially in light of the teaching of anti-Semitic Gentile Christianity that all Pharisees opposed Jesus. Such a teaching is simply not true and a tragic misrepresentation of history. The Jesus of the New Testament adopts the views of Hillel and the School of Hillel on "all" matters of Halakhah (interpretation) except on the matter of divorce, where he sides with the School of Shammai (which held a more strict interpretation). **At the time of the Jesus of the New Testament the interpretations and teachings Bet Shammai were influencing Jewish life and institutions more than Hillel's, and it was this way for almost 100 years. Through Shammai's teachings Israel was "loosing her way." It would be primarily the influence of Shammai and his hatred of the non-Jew by which Israel will fail to "merit" the Kingdom of Heaven and her King and the day of her visitation. The prophecies would not be fulfilled and the Messiah would not be revealed to a nation of Priests which hated those to whom she was called to go.** Hillel had died when the Jesus of the New Testament was 13-14 years old, and Hillel's influence in Israel was rapidly being replaced with the contemporary teachings of Shammai. **The Jesus of the New Testament (who accepted and agreed with Hillel) is shown to clash with Shammai (and Shammai's many students) and this clash was rather continually!** The Shammai Pharisees (and not the Hillel Pharisees) were responsible for handing over Jesus to the Chief Priest, and Sadducees and Romans for crucifixion, and this was a violation of Jewish Law. Couple this with the relationship the Shammaites had with the **Sadducean Zealots in the priesthood,** little wonder that the Chief Priests (Sadducees) capture Jesus and hand him over to the Romans to be crucified. Notice that the **Hillel Pharisees (whom the majority of the people supported and followed) had nothing to do with Yeshua's crucifixion** (it was they who warned Jesus to flee for his life in Luke 13:31). When you read Matt. 23 you cannot help but see **Yeshua chastising the Pharisees; but what we fail to notice is that there were many sects under the umbrella of the Pharisees and Jesus says "Pharisees who"....indicating that many were not to be included in his rebuke of the insincere Pharisees. Yeshua took odds with the Shammaite Pharisees, not the Hillel Pharisees!**

The Christian Church's failure to understand this has led them to erroneously believe that the Jesus of the New Testament was rejecting his own religion by chastising the pharisees rather than calling for repentance within it by whose "who" had departed from God's will!

WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE TIMES AND THE TEXTS

Now let us learn something that Christianity has never taught you.

The Jewish people knew from ancient prophecy that their Temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Gentiles (Dan. 9 describes 490 yrs that are allotted to the Jewish people to either usher in the Messianic Kingdom or else suffer destruction). Bet Hillel believed that reaching out to the Gentiles (since historically Israel had failed to be "a light unto the Gentiles") was the correct approach to possibly avoiding the coming destruction. I cannot stress the importance of the above consideration in the minds of the Jews like Hillel in the

times of the Jesus of the New Testament. Hillel and his students [School of Hillel Pharisees] maintained that righteous Gentiles merit salvation just as Jews do (Hillel, like Yeshua, accepted the teachings connected with the Laws of Noah), and it was their hope that a mission to the Gentiles could avert the destruction of their land and win God's approval, thus influencing God to repent of the destruction prophesied. Bet Shammai however looked down upon the Gentile world, holding that NOT even the most righteous Gentile could merit a share in the World to Come. Shammai believed the Gentiles deserved "hell" and no attempts should be made to alter their destiny. The Jewish people and their teachers have since declared Bet Shammai's views to be null and void, as did the Heavenly Voice toward the close of the first century (just the way God spoke at Jesus' immersion). Shammai and the Bet Shammai were indeed the Pharisees and priests that Jesus of Nazareth and Paul of Tarsus had to contend with within the pages of our Bibles, and not the Hillel Pharisees. Paul the Apostle's insistence that Gentiles be admitted into the early Messianic Jewish Church was based on Bet Hillel's position that righteous Gentiles merit salvation. Let us not forget that Paul had studied under Rabban Gamaliel the Elder, a grandson of Hillel where he received such instruction! Now you can better understand that the anti-Jewish passages contained in the New Testament were directed against the Shammaites, and not the Judaism which followed Bet Hillel, or even today which follows the instruction and interpretations of Hillel.

UNDERSTANDING YESHUA'S MESSAGE

Yeshua and his disciples warned all men everywhere not to "destroy" the Torah of Israel. Understand that is Paul's theology early in his life; sadly we have letters later in his life that teach the opposite. It is not my wish to get into the "Paul Problem" in this article but let it suffice that the truth about Paul has not often found the light day; especially in light of Gentile tradition that as overtaken historical truth.

Answer for yourself: Did Paul change his religious beliefs during his life or did the Gentile church create theology and put it in Paul's mouth? You might be surprised at the answer to that question.

A Jew is not permitted to leave his Torah, for Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians Chapter 5 (remember Galatians was written to Gentiles) *"I, Paul, say to you that if you (writing to Gentiles) receive circumcision (along with immersion that makes you a Jew...ie., conversion), the Messiah will do you no good at all."*

Answer for yourself: What did Paul mean by the above comment?

I will deal with the meaning of that last phrase in a future newsletter but the core of truth related to this statement by Paul is that the death of Yeshua caused a movement within a Gentile hating Judaism taking God and the Gentile's Covenant to the nations to the world; no longer was forced circumcision of the Gentile and full conversion the only option for the non-Jew to be taken the salvation of the Jews and fellowship with other Jews. Enforced circumcision was the tactic of the Shammai Pharisees to keep Gentiles apart from them. This is not love but rather hatred of the Gentiles. Acts 15 is the turning point on this. Paul goes on to say "You can take it from me that every man (Gentile) who receives circumcision [prior to Acts 15 circumcision was understood as necessary for the Gentile coming to God thereby converting to Judaism]. It was the belief of the early church that Yeshua was the Messiah and because of this belief and his death and expected return that James and the Jerusalem church repented of their bigotry toward the non-Jew and no longer could enforce circumcision upon the non-Jew as had been done previously. This major step by Jews occurs in Acts 15 and letters were written to strengthen the Gentile churches thereby enforcing this decision for all Gentiles (Acts 15 and 16). A Jew by birth of course was circumcised and is obligated to keep the "entire Torah" but a converted Gentile was also expected to be circumcised and immersed and likewise under obligation to keep the 'entire' Torah " (613). But this was to change with Acts 15 and the repentance of James and the Jerusalem Church in regards to enforced circumcision of the non-Jew. A "converted" Gentile was considered "Jewish" and obligated to keep the 613 mitzvot as were other natural born Jews. Paul is teaching us that a Gentile (like you and me) who is immersed [traditional way of receiving non-Jews into faith with God] and who is

circumcised [again part of the conversion process] is obligated to keep the entire Torah as if we were born a Jew! **But since Yeshua's death lead to a movement within Judaism that repented of their stance toward non-Jews and no longer required circumcision of the non-Jew then to not take advantage of this nullifies the benefit of Yeshua's death and the movement that it produced. If one did not recognize this blessings [no longer required of a non-Jew to be converted to be accepted by God] that comes from the death of Yeshua then we better understand Paul's statement that Yeshua [believed to be the Messiah] profited them not at all.**

- **Answer for yourself:** Did you hear that?
- **Answer for yourself:** What about Paul and his teaching that the Law is passed away?

It must now be obvious that Paul never intended for that to be your understanding; he never said that! Our problem is that we misinterpret the teachings of Paul not having a proper background necessary to understand correctly what he is saying. Let us begin with what happens when we are "Born-Again". Understand that Judaism was becoming divided in how to handle the non-Jew. The Jewish hatred for the Jews had enforced full conversion and circumcision on the male in hopes of it being a deterrent from having to deal with them since the Jews looked down on the non-Jew. But not all Jews did; as we just saw in Yeshua and the Pharisee School of Hillel. Judaism was torn within on what to do with the non-Jew. Previously being circumcised and then immersed meant full conversion. This was called "Being Born Again" in a Jewish context. This is not a Christian term; only stolen by them and given a new definition much later. **But being "Born Again" has been wrenched from its Jewish context and given a meaning completely different from what it meant to the Jesus of the New Testament/Yeshua.** Now the question of enforcing circumcision as part of this process was being rethought by Jews who were repenting of their bigotry toward the Gentiles. Acts 15 again will be the pivotal point in this theological diversity and the Messianic branch of Hillel Phariseism will change their ways. Yet at the same time the Shammai School will continue their repressive measures toward the non-Jew and sadly this will be the dominant stance for Israel and will ultimately lead to its destruction in 70 C.E.

More to follow in the [concluding article](#) where we will tackle the intricate meanings of being "Born Again." Shalom.



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Mark 1:1-13

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; 2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 4 **John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.** 5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; 7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. 8 **I indeed have baptized you with water:** but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. 9 And it came to pass in those days, that **Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.** 10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: 11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. 13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

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Matt 3:1-17

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, **Repent ye:** for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, 6 **And were baptized of him in Jordan,** confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 **Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:** 9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 11 **I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance:** but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. 13 **Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.** 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 **And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:** and, **lo, the heavens were opened unto him,** and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (KJV)



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Luke 3:1-38

1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, 2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto **John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.** 3 **And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;** 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; 6 **And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.** 7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 **Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance,** and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? 11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. 12 Then came also publicans **to be baptized,** and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? 13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. 14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages. 15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; 16 John answered, saying unto them all, **I indeed baptize you with water;** but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: 17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. 18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, 20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison. 21 **Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,** 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. 23 And Jesus himself began to be about **thirty years of age,** being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, 24 Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph, 25 Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge, 26 Which was the son of Maath, which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Semei, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Juda, 27 Which was the son of Joanna, which was the son of Rhesa, which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri, 28 Which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Addi, which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er, 29 Which was the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezer, which was the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, 30 Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim, 31 Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David, 32 Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which

was the son of Naasson, 33 Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda, 34 Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor, 35 Which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau, which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala, 36 Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech, 37 Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, 38 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God. (KJV)

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THE TRUTH ABOUT BIBLICAL ATONEMENT

In the 18th chapter of Ezekiel, the prophet was teaching his people a fundamental biblical principle: **A righteous person cannot die vicariously for the sins of the wicked.** This notion was identified as thoroughly pagan and was to be avoided by the Jewish people at all costs, and is taught emphatically throughout the 18th chapter of Ezekiel. **In verses 20-23 the prophet declares that repentance alone provides full forgiveness of sin.**

Ezek 18:20-23 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. 21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. 23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? (KJV)

Never are blood-sacrifices or the veneration of a crucified messiah mentioned throughout Ezekiel's thorough and inspiring discourse on sin and atonement.

Ezekiel's teaching was not new. The Jewish people were warned throughout the Torah never to offer human sacrifices. When Moses offered to have his name removed from the Torah in exchange for the sin that the Jewish people had committed with the golden calf, the Almighty abruptly refused Moses' offer.

Exod 32:31-33 31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. 33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. (KJV)

Moses, who was righteous with regard to the golden calf, could not suffer vicariously for the sin of the nation. Rather, only the soul that sinned would endure judgment.

Now let us look at the Biblical Doctrine of Atonement as taught in the Hebrew Scriptures and by Judaism today; a teaching I might add that has not changed for over 3,500 years I might add.

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THE BATTLE OF HORUS AND SET: PERSONIFICATION OF LIGHT VS. DARKNESS

When a jealous Seth slew the beloved Osiris and dropped his body into the Nile, the wife of Osiris, goddess Isis, moved all forces of nature to rescue the body of her husband. Isis prepared for the ceremonial burial of Osiris, but his murderer, his brother Seth, stole the body away and hacked it into pieces. Isis searched all of Egypt, gathering together his pieces and, with the god, Anubis, bound him together to make him whole. With the resurrected god Osiris, Isis conceived a son, Horus.

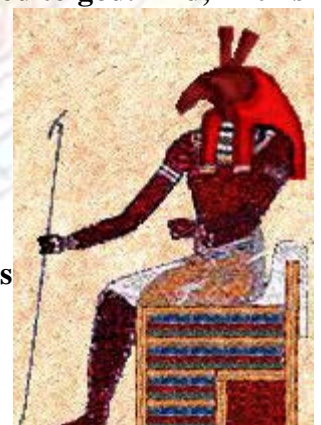
Osiris, then descended into the Netherworld to reign over the kingdom of the afterlife. Isis took her newborn son, Horus and escaped to the papyrus marshes, jealously guarding her son from the vengeful god, Seth. Goddess of love, goddess of protection, goddess of nurturing, Isis, succeeded, raising her son in secret. She raised her son, Horus, to ascend to his rightful throne, take his place over Seth.

Horus, the god, emerged from the marshes. Horus sought his father, Osiris' heritage. Horus presented his claim to the gods. The sun god, presiding over the court, secretly favored Seth and caused the court to procrastinate. The judges retired to an island to deliberate. Other gods came to chide their inaction, to coax their judgment. It is said that the goddess, Hathor, went to the sun god and offered him a blissful joining. But, the negotiations drug on, until the god Osiris sent a letter from the netherworld, to the disagreeable gods. The message is simple: The fearsome and terrifying messengers that brought the message, would drive all of the gods into the land of the dead. It was decided. The verdict, in favor of Horus.

The quarrel did not end there. Seth and Horus had an epic battle, power against power, god to god. And, in this battle, Horus lost an eye and Seth, his testicles. The eye of Horus was found and restored by the god Thoth. Horus presented the healed eye to his father, Osiris. This eye, represented the restoration of royal power. Seth, ultimately, recovered his testicles. And, though these gods, at times, did battle, they would, as well, aid each other.

Pharaohs were seen to be the living Horus. Many of the pharaohs, as did the all ancient Egyptians, still held Seth in fearful reverence. Often, a pharaoh preparing for war, would invoke the spirit of Seth, the god of the unyielding, fierce desert, in order to overpower his enemies. But, always, when pharaoh died, he became Osiris.

Horus is represented as a man, or as a hawk or falcon-headed man, often wearing the Pharaoh's crown or with a sun disc on his head. The god, would likely carry a was scepter and an ankh, the symbol for eternal life. The predator bird, the falcon is a symbol of the god, Horus. Since, Horus lost and regained his eye, the eye itself is a potent symbol, called the eye of Horus. The eye, or wadjet eye as it is called is worn or displayed as a powerful amulet of protection. The retrieved eye is seen as the moon, the other, as the sun, thus Horus has influence over these powerful forces of nature. Seth's testicles, weren't revered, but were commonly referred to in crude oaths. By the balls of Seth! they might say. And, thereafter, the opposing, balancing forces of the two gods lived for all time, with Horus,





the god of the pharaoh and the fertile lands; Seth, the god of the desert lands and foreign peoples.

Horus and Set were originally expressions of the primal duality, the two aspects of Heaven, the day-sky and night-sky.

As the Egyptian mythology was elaborated towards its final chaotic state, their symbolism drifted away from these absolute poles into the middle ground, first becoming solar, and finally taking on a variety of solar/martial and zodiacal characteristics. Yet their final form can still be expressed in a concise symbology, that of the astrological signs of Aries and Scorpio. Taken whole, their symbolism is that of the primal duality manifesting in its male aspects.

It is worth noting that in the beginning of Egyptian dynastic history Seth was a member of the venerated gods of Egypt. It is Seth that stands in the bow of the boat of Ra and slays the enemies of Ra as the ship traverses the sky on it's daily journey. It seems that in very early times the followers of the god Seth may have been conquered by the followers of the god Horus whom went on to unite upper and lower Egypt. If that is true then Seths fall from power has historical and political beginnings. **It also must be considered that the roots of these stories may lie in the fact that Seth was a deity of the night and darkness. Therefore, these battles may represent day verses night or dark verses light as well as the ideas of good verses evil.** Set was one of the earliest Egyptian deities, a god of the night identified with the northern stars. In the earliest ages of Egypt this Prince of Darkness was well regarded. If we look at these stories with that in mind we find ideas like; "an aging king fighting the powers of darkness that are conspiring against him". In some texts he is hailed as a source of strength, and in early paintings he is portrayed as bearer of a harpoon at the prow of the boat of Ra, warding off the serpent Apep. Yet the warlike and resolute nature of Set seems to have been regarded with ambivalence in Egyptian theology, and the portrayal of this Neter went through many changes over a period of nearly three thousand years. Pictures of a god bearing two heads, that of Set and his daylight brother Horus the Elder, may be compared to the oriental Yin/Yang symbol as a representation of the union of polarities. In time, the conflict between these two abstract principles came to be emphasized rather than their primal union. **This concept can easily be equated with the sun setting and being overpowered by the darkness of night. We can also assume that this battle rages through the night only to find that the sun is once again victorious with the sunrise. By midday, the enemy is all but defeated but the victory slips away as the forces of darkness join the battle as the day grows older towards sunset. And so the battle goes; not only day to day but season to season as the Sun moves through the equinoxes and solstices (the Zodiac yearly).** As Set was a god of the desert and probably symbolized the destructive heat of the afternoon sun, and thus was thought to be infertile. The hieroglyph for Set was used in words such as 'turmoil', 'confusion', 'illness', 'storm' and 'rage'. Strange events such as eclipses and thunderstorms were all attributed to him (again all manifestations of darkness).

Set's battle with Horus the Elder grew from being a statement of the duality of day and night into an expression of the political conflict among the polytheistic priesthoods for control of the Egyptian theocracy. **This was rewritten as a battle between Good and Evil after Egypt expelled the Hyskos in the 18th Dynasty.** Some say the Hyskos were Asiatic invaders, and others say they were an indigenous minority that seized control of the nation. This tribe ruled Egypt for a time and happened to favor the Set cult, seeing a resemblance to a storm-god of their own pantheon.

The Set cult never recovered from this identification with the Hyskos. Images of Set were destroyed or defaced.

By the time Greek historians visited Egypt, wild asses, pigs, and other beasts identified with the Set cult were driven off cliffs, hacked into pieces or otherwise slaughtered at annual celebrations in a spirit akin to the driving out of the Biblical scapegoat. The report of these historians is often thought to be a valid account of a timeless and immutable theocracy, but just looking at the frequency with which the ruling capital moved to different cities (each being a cult-center) is enough to dispel this idea. One controversial Egyptologist has suggested that the worship of Set might have predated the concept of paternity. Later cults incorporating a father god would reject this fatherless son. **This introduces another bizarre factor in the transformation of the Night/Day battle between brothers into an inheritance dispute between Set and Horus the Younger.** Any book on Egyptian myth you pick up contains the gory details of this cosmic lawsuit. I have always been intrigued, though, that while all books affirm that Set tore Osiris to pieces, everybody knows about Osiris, and it is quite hard to collect the pieces of the puzzle that is Set. Egyptologists have never agreed what the animal used to symbolize Set actually is. Since the sages of ancient Egypt did not use an unrecognizable creature to represent any other major deity, we may guess that this is intentional, and points to an esoteric meaning.

This mythology of the two heroes has appeared in nearly every human culture (Cain/ Abel, Romulus/Remus, Jacob/Esau myths). The examples above are merely a few of the more familiar past expressions but know that behind them all is the eternal tension between light and darkness.

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EXAMPLES OF FAMOUS BIRTHS ON DECEMBER 25TH BESIDES THAT OF JESUS

The reverence for December 25, as the Day of Birth for the Sun (Son of God) goes back into pre-history. The hollowed reckoning for this day did not begin two thousand years ago with the Christ. Jesus Christ, so called, was simply the latest personage to be linked to this ancient date of December 25, depicted as the birth of the Sun God.

Some of the others that were revered on this day are as follows:

Chrishna, of India, born on December 25, his mother was a virgin, mother's name was Maia. The name Chrishna means Black or Dark. His uncle, Kamsa, the ruler at the time of his birth sought to kill him (Chrishna) because he had heard a Prophecy that Chrishna would overthrow him. Chrishna escaped death by being smuggled out of the area to safety (sounds like Herod and Jesus does it not?).

Mithra, of Persia, born on December 25, his birth was witnessed by Shepherds that brought gifts to honor him. He was styled as a Mediator between God and Man. Witness this quote from the Encyclopedia Encarta,

"Mithraism was similar to Christianity in many respects, for example, in the ideals of humility and brotherly love, baptism, the rite of communion, the use of holy water, the adoration of the shepherds at Mithra's birth, the adoption of Sundays and of December 25 (Mithra's birthday) as holy days, and the belief in the immortality of the soul, the last judgment, and the resurrection. Mithraism differed from Christianity in the exclusion of women from its ceremonies and in its willingness to compromise with polytheism. The similarities, however, made possible the easy conversion of its followers to Christian doctrine" ("Mithraism," Microsoft (R) Encarta. Copyright (c) 1994 Microsoft Corporation. Copyright (c) 1994 Funk & Wagnall's Corporation).

Horus, of Egypt, born on December 25. His mother, Isis, gave birth to him in the swamp, she was warned by the god Thoth, to flee and conceal the child from the evil Set. Set had killed the father of Horus, whose name was Osiris, and sought to kill Horus, also. Isis was able to keep Horus hidden from Set, till he (Horus) grew to manhood. Horus sought to avenge the murder of his Father, and made war against Set, and defeated him.

Buddha, of India, born on December 25, his mother's name was Maya (similar to Mary) she was a virgin. He was immaculately conceived, and at birth, he announced that he was a savior to the world. His birth was announced by a star. At his birth, he was visited by Wise Men who declared that they had seen Signs of his birth, that is to say, signs of the royal birth (coincidence?).

Beddou (Fot), was a god of the orient born 1027 BC, his mother was a virgin, he was born of royal blood. The king sought to kill him at birth, because he felt the newborn infant posed a future threat to his Throne. The god child was saved by shepherds, and lived in the desert till he reached the age of thirty, at which time he commenced teaching his spiritual doctrine to that religion.

Quetzalcoatl, a god the Western Hemisphere, was born of a virgin. He sojourned in the wilderness, fasted forty days. Was crucified. He was variously represented as the God of light that struggled against the god of darkness

called Tezcatlipoca.

Hercules, son of the god Zeus, predestined by birth to inherit the throne of Argos. Hera, the jealous wife of Zeus desired the throne for another and sought to delay the birth of Hercules, and subsequently tried to kill Hercules while in his crib, by sending two snakes to strangle him. Hercules killed the snakes, though he was less than a year old. Later, He was sent away to the countryside where he became a shepherd.

Attis, of Phrygia, his mother was a virgin, her name was Nana. He was a shepherd, and reported to have died by self emasculation under a pine tree. He was alleged to have risen from the dead at Easter i.e. The vernal Equinox.

Tammuz was hailed as the only begotten son of the god Ea. His mother was a virgin, by the name of Ishtar. As an infant he was hidden in a chest by Aphrodite, the goddess of love and entrusted to Persephone, the goddess of the nether world. Persephone later opened the chest, and was so stricken by the beauty of the babe, that she refused to return the child to Aphrodite. The two goddesses fought each other for possession of the child, till finally the god Zeus mediated the matter, and declared that the child shall spend half it's year with Aphrodite and the other half in the nether world with Persephone.

There were many, many more gods and saviors born of virgin mothers, than I have listed here. To explore this subject in detail, you need to read only 3 books in detail:

1. The World's Saviors, by Charles Vail
2. The Worlds Sixteen Crucified Saviors, by Kersey Graves
3. The Golden Bough, by George Frazer.

The fact that so many Gentile "Saviors" were alleged to have been born on the same day of the year, under the same and similar circumstances, in vastly scattered locations of the world, throughout thousands of years of history, indicates a worldwide dissemination of a common mythology.

The sameness of these various myths that are widely separated geographically and in language and racial affiliation indicates an extremely ancient source as well as a coalescence of thought and philosophy within the ancient world that, perhaps many of us had not envisioned. Indeed ancient society was evidently nourished from the same spiritual fountain (Religious Philosophy). We see, that over the millennium, minor superficial descriptive differences have entered the ancient Myths, But nevertheless we can easily recognize the original core that pervades all of the various tales.

We should not assume that all people from the various regions of the world possessed the same interpretation of this symbolism. Nor should we assume that all the people within any given society, at the various strata (levels) of which all societies are layered possessed the same interpretation of this allegory. It is evident that the ancient sages, in their wisdom, devised a very refined and uniquely adaptable religious system that was distinctively compatible to an individuals level of understanding.

The problem is that we have come to believe the same "myths" about Jesus as Christians!

It is time to wise up. Whether you want to admit it or not if you are a Christian then your religious philosophy and belief system is directly descended from the Mythical allegories of the ancient world. When in Rome do as the Romans, right? Well you have and not know it. All along you have been falsely assured by those you "trust" as spiritual leaders that you are "right with God." You better rethink that because if half or more of what you believe about Jesus can be shown to be lies, myths, and pagan superstitions derived from their fear and worship of Nature, then you better study for yourself and repent and learn how a non-Jew relates to God within Biblical Judaism, the religion and faith of the Jesus you love and say you follow.

For sharing such things I am often chastised severely by well-meaning simple Christian shepherds thinking they have all truth because they read the New Testament. Understand there are people that know more than they and most spiritual Christian Gentile leaders will reject such knowledge outright because they fear being proved wrong. The facts speak for themselves. When you take the time to look for yourself you only need ask yourself two questions:

Do you want to know the truth before you die?

In the face of such overwhelming facts and overwhelming evidence then is the Christian faith I have followed as inherited from my parents truly a "Divine and unique revelation from God" or should I begin a serious investigation into the faith of Jesus, Biblical Judaism, and the place for the non-Jewish God-fearer within it who sets at the feet of the teachers of Israel and receive the "light to the world"?

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EVER WONDERED WHY THE GENTILE PICKED DEC. 25 FOR THE BIRTHDAY OF THEIR GODS?

Among some of the intellectuals, we may surmise that they viewed the myths as ascending from a true core, that was perverted and over time became legend. Again, this type of attitude is present in contemporary society. All of the Saviors of the Gentile nations, including Jesus who originally was a Jew, can be referred to as Solar Gods, Gods of the Sun. In other words, their births, lives, and deaths can be correlated to the Transit Cycles of the Sun. When the ancients formulated their religious beliefs, they used the Image of the creator God (that is to say the Cosmos) as their pattern. They personified the elements of the Cosmos, and recorded the movements of the stars and planets as personified deities and demons. They conjured fables and tales that hold exact correlation to the planetary (includes all elements of the universe) movements within the celestial heavens.

SO WHY PICK DEC. 25TH AS THE BIRTHDAY OF GOD?

We are now ready to explain why all of the ancient saviors mentioned earlier were alleged to have been born on December 25th and there are quite a few to which this event was described.

In astronomy/astrology, the beginning of cycles, that is to say, the Conception of a cycle is determined by a Conjunction, the point where elements of the universe Intersect (form a CROSS), or Pivot, or Join, or Come together, or Cross paths, or Occult each other. This is very important and will have a major impact upon the later creation of the crucifixion of the Sun-Gods.

This might be alarming for you to even consider, but within the New Testament is recorded the stories of these pagan solar-myths and the crucifixion of the sun as personified and applied to Jesus and his crucifixion.

The moon cycle begins at the new moon, the point at which the path of the moon around the earth intersects between the sun and the earth. This point of Conjunction commences a new moon cycle.

The summer cycle begins when the Sun reaches it's highest point in the celestial heavens at 23 1/2 degrees north declination, and pivots so as to retreat southward toward it's Fall. Thus, a Pivotal point commences a new cycle.

The Fall cycle (autumn) begins when the ecliptic of the sun crosses the celestial equator in the west. This point of intersection is the Genesis for fall type weather, a seasonal change. **Thus this "Crossing" commences a new cycle.**

The Winter cycle takes control when the sun bottoms out at it's lowest point south of the celestial equator and pivots so as to return to it's former position. Thus, the struggle of the sun to regain that (position) which was lost is the dawn of a new cycle.

CYCLE OF THE NEW YEAR....VIRGIN BIRTH AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

And the Cycle which the Ancients saw as the greatest of all, was the cycle of the new year. The point and time at which the ecliptic of the Sun, rising northward in the sky from its winter position, intersects the celestial equator at the Vernal Equinox.

This date March 21, was traditionally the commencement of the New Year. In ancient times, as well as today, they celebrated the victory of the Sun over the forces of the nether world (darkness). The ancient Gentiles, lacking the understanding of the laws of Science, foolishly believed that the Sun was emerging into it's glory since defeating the powers of the great Typhon, that evil serpent that lurked and prowled in the perilous celestial waters (the ancient writers often used the terms "waters and seas or rivers" in reference to regions of Space or the Cosmos), beneath the celestial equator (the winter with longer dark days). This point of the Sun's crossing the earth's equator in rising northward in the sky at the **vernal equinox was the forecaster of new life, of Spring, fresh vegetation, greenery and relief from the oppressions of winter. It was the time, or beginning of the time (season) to plant new seed under the bosom of the earth, to **Impregnate mother earth** so that she may bring forth new life in her time. But not only did man Impregnate the soil of the earth by implanting her with his seed, **the ancients surmised that the SUN, on this date of March 21, was indeed Impregnating the Cosmos with the Seed of Life for a New Sun, an Heir to His Throne of Glory (get ready for an immaculate conception).** Remember in the Sun's northward track in the heavens the ancients were soon to expect Spring and Summer when the "dead" vegetation would bloom again and be "birthed anew."**

On this date, March 21 (the beginning of spring), the ancients saw (perceived) the celestial Sun (God the Father) Impregnating the Cosmos (Virgin Mother) with the Sperm of Life (Rejuvenating Element) that would one day produce a New Sun (A Savior, A Christ) to replace and Renew the Kingdom of the Sun, once this present Sun's time had passed. We now have a virgin birth and this same story was told about one Sun-god after another from nation to nation for thousands of years. Christians believe it today.

The fact that so many nations had these same beliefs in vastly scattered locations of the world, throughout thousands of years of history, indicates a worldwide dissemination of a common mythology.

LOVING TRADITION MORE THAN THE WORD OF GOD...AND IT CONTINUES TODAY IN CHRISTIANITY

The early Greek-Jews of Alexandria, Egypt, even altered the Old Testament when they changed the word used by Isaiah ("young woman") the prophet and used "virgin" instead in their translation, or should I say, mistranslation, of the Septuagint (LXX). To sell a Jewish Rabbi to the world, since Judaism was a world religion at that time, it was necessary to recast Jesus in the form of the Gentile godmen if they had any hope of "selling" a Jewish Rabbi to the nations as a new godman.

This date, March 21 (the beginning of spring...the Spring Equinox), marked the commencement of the period of Gestation for the future Savior (Sun) of the World. Now watch this!

We know that human gestation last for 280 days so it is also, with the Sun God. Most people think that human pregnancy lasts for 9 months, but that is an approximation. Check your encyclopedia or medical book, and you will discover that the actual term is for 280 days.

The period of Gestation for the Macrocosm (Celestial Sun-God) is the same as his Microcosm (Created Image) i.e., the Son Of God, as well as the human species in total. Let us Count the days leading from March 21 (the vernal equinox when the Sun crosses the equator in its northward track in the heavens) to see where 280 days will take us:

- 11 days (Including March 21) brings us to the end of March
- Now we must add 30 days for April, 31 for May, 30 for June, 31 for July, 31 for August, 30 for September,

ever wondered why the gentiles picked december 25th for the birthday of their gods?

31 for October, 30 for November, and guess how many we need in December? That's right, let's try 25 for December (remember [Jesus' birthday is taught by your Christian leaders as Dec. 25th](#)).

That adds up to 280 days!

Now, we can easily see that Jesus Christ and all of the Gentile Saviors referred to in these articles were Born Right On Time, three days after the winter solstice, at the stroke of midnight on December 25th **The evidence is clear that the Prophecy of the Birth of a Coming Savior was Astronomical, in Origin.** The ancient Sages personified (gave human names and characteristics) the elements of the Cosmos, in order to produce a Theology (Mythology) that was intellectually compatible to every level of human society, preservable throughout history, because of it's Esoteric quality, and soundly based on Natural (Godly) Truth.

Answer for yourself: Do you really want the truth before you die? But we cannot end here.

Answer for yourself: Are there other doctrines taught by Christianity and contained in their documents that God never gave you and belief and action based upon them is sin and you might possibly not know it?

Sadly, that is the case!

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1 Bible Stories are Recycled Myth

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BIBLE STORIES ARE RECYCLED MYTH

(Investigator 73, 2000 July)

Brian De Kretser

The story of Horus, a major Egyptian God, is told in the “Book of Vivifying the Soul Forever” over 3,000 years before the birth of Christ.

The Jesus story in the Bible is a recycled version of the Horus story. The comparisons given below prove without a doubt that the whole Bible is full of myths and stories recycled from earlier times and made to fit the various characters of the Bible.

EGYPTIAN MESSIAH— HORUS	BIBLICAL MESSIAH—JESUS
1 Horus is the Father seen in the son..	Jesus said he was the way, the truth and the life.
2 Horus claims to be the light of the world represented by the symbolic eye, the sign of salvation.	Jesus stated that he is the light of the world.
3 Horus said that he was the way, the truth, the life.	Jesus said he was the way, the truth and the life.
4 Horus was the plant, the shoot.	Jesus says "I am the true vine."
5 Horus says “It is I who traverse the heavens, I go round the Elysian Fields. Eternity has been assigned to me without end, Lo! I am heir to endless time and my attribute is eternity.	Jesus says “I am come down from heaven, for this is the will of the Father, that everyone who beholdeth the Son and believeth in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.
6 Horus—I open the Tuat that I may drive away the darkness.	Jesus says I am come a light unto the world.
7 Horus says “I am equipped with thy words O Ra [Father in Heaven]	Jesus says “The Father which sent me, he hath given me a command-ment, what I should say and what I

and repeat them to those who are deprived of breath.” These were the words of the Father in heaven.	should speak. Whatsoever I speak therefore even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.”
8 Horus baptized with water by Anup.	Jesus baptized with water by John the Baptist.
9 Horus—Aan, the name of the divine scribe.	Jesus—John the divine scribe.
10 Horus born in Annu, the place of bread.	Jesus Born in Bethlehem, the house of bread.
11 Horus The good shepherd with the crook on his shoulders.	Jesus The good shepherd with a lamb on his shoulders.
12 Horus Seven on board the boat with him.	Jesus Seven fishermen on board the boat with Jesus.
13 Horus Depicted as the Lamb	Jesus depicted as the lamb.
14 Horus as the Lion.	Jesus as the lion.
15 Horus identified with the Tat or cross.	Jesus identified with the cross.
16 Horus of 12 years.	Jesus of 12 years.
17 Horus A man of 30 years.	Jesus a man of 30 years at his baptism.
18 Horus the KRST.	Jesus the Christ.
19 Horus the manifesting son of God.	Jesus the manifesting son of God.
20 Horus The trinity—Atum the Father, Horus the son, Ra the Holy Spirit.	Jesus—God the Father, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit.
21 Horus The first Horus as a child of the virgin, the second as son of Ra.	Jesus as a child of the virgin, Christ as the son of the Father in heaven.
22 Horus—Horus the sender and Set the destroyer in the harvest field.	Jesus—Jesus the sender or the good seed, Satan the sender of tares.
23 Horus carried off by Set to the summit of Mount Hetep.	Jesus carried by Satan to an exceedingly high mountain.
24 Horus and Set contending on the Mount.	Jesus and Satan contending on the Mount.
25 Horus—The star was the announcer of the child Horus.	Jesus—The Star in the East indicated the birth-place of Jesus.
26 Horus—the avenger.	Jesus who brings the sword.
27 Horus—as Iu-em-hetep comes with peace.	Jesus—the bringer of peace.
28 Horus—the afflicted one.	Jesus—the afflicted one.
29 Horus—as the type of life eternal.	30 Jesus—as the type of life eternal.
30 Horus as Iu-em-hetep the child teacher in the temple.	Jesus as the child teacher in the temple.
31 Horus The mummy bandage was	

woven without seam.	Jesus The vesture of the Christ was without seam.
32 Horus As Har-Khutti has twelve followers.	32 Jesus has twelve disciples.
33 Horus The revelation written down by divine scribe Aan (Tehuti).	Jesus the Revelation written down by John the Divine.
34 Horus—Aani bears witness to the word of Ra.	Jesus—John bears witness to the word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ.
35 Horus The secret mysteries revealed by That-Aan.	Jesus The secret mysteries made known by John.
36 Horus The morning star.	Jesus The morning star.
37 Horus Who gives the morning star to his followers.	Jesus who gives the morning star to his followers.
38 Horus The name of Ra on the head of the deceased.	Jesus The name of the father written on the forehead.
39 Horus The paradise of the Pole star—Am-Khemmen.	Jesus The Holy City lighted by one luminary that is neither the sun nor the moon.
40 Horus Har-Seshu or servants of Horus.	Jesus The servants of Jesus Christ.

Reference: Albert Churchward Horus: The Way, The Truth, The Life. In: The Book Your Church Doesn't Want You to Read (1924) Jim C Leedom

THE BIBLE:

ORIGINAL TRUTH, NOT RECYCLED MYTH

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DEMISE OF GODS PREDICTED

The Old Testament states that the gods of the nations were valueless:

Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field,
and they cannot speak,
They have to be carried, for they cannot walk.
Be not afraid of them, for they cannot do evil,
neither is it in them to do good...
The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth
shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens.
(Jeremiah 10:5, 11)

In particular the gods of Memphis [the main city of Egypt and hence representative of all

Egypt] would be destroyed:

Thus says the Lord God:
I will destroy the idols,
And put an end to the images, in Memphis...
(Ezekiel 30:13)

But “God Almighty” would be known in every generation:

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion endures throughout all generations.
(Psalm 145:13)

Given these predictions it would be inconsistent and silly if the New Testament employed and rehashed myths based on worthless gods.

Yet Mr De Kretser makes that very claim. He listed forty alleged similarities between the ancient Egyptian god Horus and the Gospel accounts about Jesus and alleges the similarities are proof of “recycled myth”.

MYTH OF HORUS, OSIRIS, ISIS AND SET

“Horus” was the name of two gods “Horus the Elder” and “Horus the Child”. Later they were regarded as one god.

Horus the Elder was represented either as a falcon or as a human with a falcon’s head. He was the sky god of Upper Egypt and brother of the gods Osiris, Isis and Set (the god of evil). Osiris and his wife Isis were the parents of Horus the Child. In the myth Set murdered Osiris, and Horus the Child later killed Set. (Cavendish 1980; Graves 1968)

In the myth the murder of Osiris happened this way: Set invited Osiris to a banquet and offered a gift of a wooden chest to anyone of the right size to fit exactly inside. The chest was designed to fit only Osiris. After Osiris was inside the chest was closed and set adrift and Osiris died.

Isis the wife later found the chest and posthumously conceived a son – Horus the Child - by Osiris. Set then found the body of Osiris and cut him into 14 pieces and scattered them throughout Egypt. Isis searched and found the pieces and, using magic, fitted them back together and in that way resurrected Osiris.

Horus the Child was then born and later took revenge against Set for his father’s (Osiris’) murder.

The story contains much more detail. But even the detail as given shows virtually nothing in common with the gospel accounts about God the Father, Jesus, the virgin birth and the resurrection

THE TRICK

The trick in De Kretser’s approach of listing similarities is the degree of similarity.

Here is a list of some similarities between Horus and Hitler. I’ve retained the same numbering as De Kretser.

1 Horus is the father seen in the son	Hitler's superior qualities reflected in many sons of Germany
2 Horus claimed to be the light of the world	Hitler claimed to enlighten Germany politically
5 Horus says "It is I who traverse the heavens... Eternity has been assigned to me without end	Hitler traversed the skies by aeroplane and offered to make Germany forever powerful
8 Horus baptized with water	Hitler baptized as an infant in water
9 Horus had a divine scribe	Hitler had scribes
10 Horus born in Annu, the place of bread	Hitler born in a town with a bakery
11 Horus the good shepherd	Hitler at first like a good shepherd
16 Horus of 12 years	Hitler at 12 years in highschool
17 Horus A man of 30 years	Hitler joined Nazi Party at 30
18-19 Horus the KRST and mani-festing son of God.	Hitler seen as a saviour
20 Horus the Trinity	Hitler, Goebels and Himler
21 Horus Child of a virgin	Hitler's mother a virgin prior to being mistress of H's father
23-24 Horus taken by Set to the summit of Mount Hetep	Hitler's retreat at Berchtesgarden
26 Horus the avenger	Hitler avenger of Versaille Treaty
27 Horus comes with peace	Hitler repeatedly promised peace
28 Horus the afflicted one	Hitler the afflicted one
32 Horus has 12 followers	Hitler had 12
33 Horus Revelation written down by divine scribe Aan	Hitler's secretary wrote down his Will and Testament in 1945
34 Horus—Aani bears witness	Hitler—Goebels his propaganda minister
35 Horus—The secret mysteries revealed by That-Aan	Hitler—Albert Speer wrote a book "Inside the Third Reich"
36 Horus The morning star	Hitler comforted by astrology
39 Horus The paradise of the Pole star	Hitler had a model of how Berlin would be rebuilt
40 Servants of Horus	40 Servants of Hitler

Someone who is expert on both Horus and Hitler would probably find hundreds of vague correlations between the two. The declaration of Hitler's death in July 1944 and his reappearance is loosely analogous to the alleged resurrection of Horus!

For number 32 in the table I've said "Hitler had 12" without specifying twelve of what. Panzer leader Guderian (1974) writes of the "Hitler's close circle", "old comrades", "party comrades", "Hitler's entourage", "the Party", "Gauleiters", "Hitler's disciples", etc. Surely, in one of these categories we could somewhere find a group of twelve.

Judging by the above list the story of Hitler initially appears to be a mythical rehash based loosely on Horus. However, we all know that such an idea is silly.

Although, I have not found correlations between Horus and Hitler for all 40 of De Kreter's

points this may merely be a matter of my lacking expert knowledge on Horus and Hitler. Alternatively, I could probably find 40 similarities but not the same 40 as De Kretser.

The trick is the level of generality used. Consider Point 23 in the table. Probably everyone's been on a hill or mountain at some time. If we ignore the name of the mountain, the date, the purpose for being there, and lots of other detail, we might think that the mention of a mountain is relevant and suggests that one story is derived from another. However, if we list the specific details about the "mountain(s)" in different stories and find that nothing beyond the word "mountain" matches up, we need to conclude that the word "mountain" does not imply one story is derived from the other.

And we could argue similarly with all the other points.

To prove that a Bible story is a rehash from some older story would require a statement by a Bible writer that he used or is citing the older story. Or failing this we need to demonstrate a few entire sentences being reused word for word or almost word for word.

Theologians and historians of the 19th and early 20th centuries debated the origins of various Bible stories—whether they were derived from vaguely similar ideas in the myths of nations around Israel. Such debates included the virgin birth, Samson, Jonah and others. To my knowledge no connection was ever proven.

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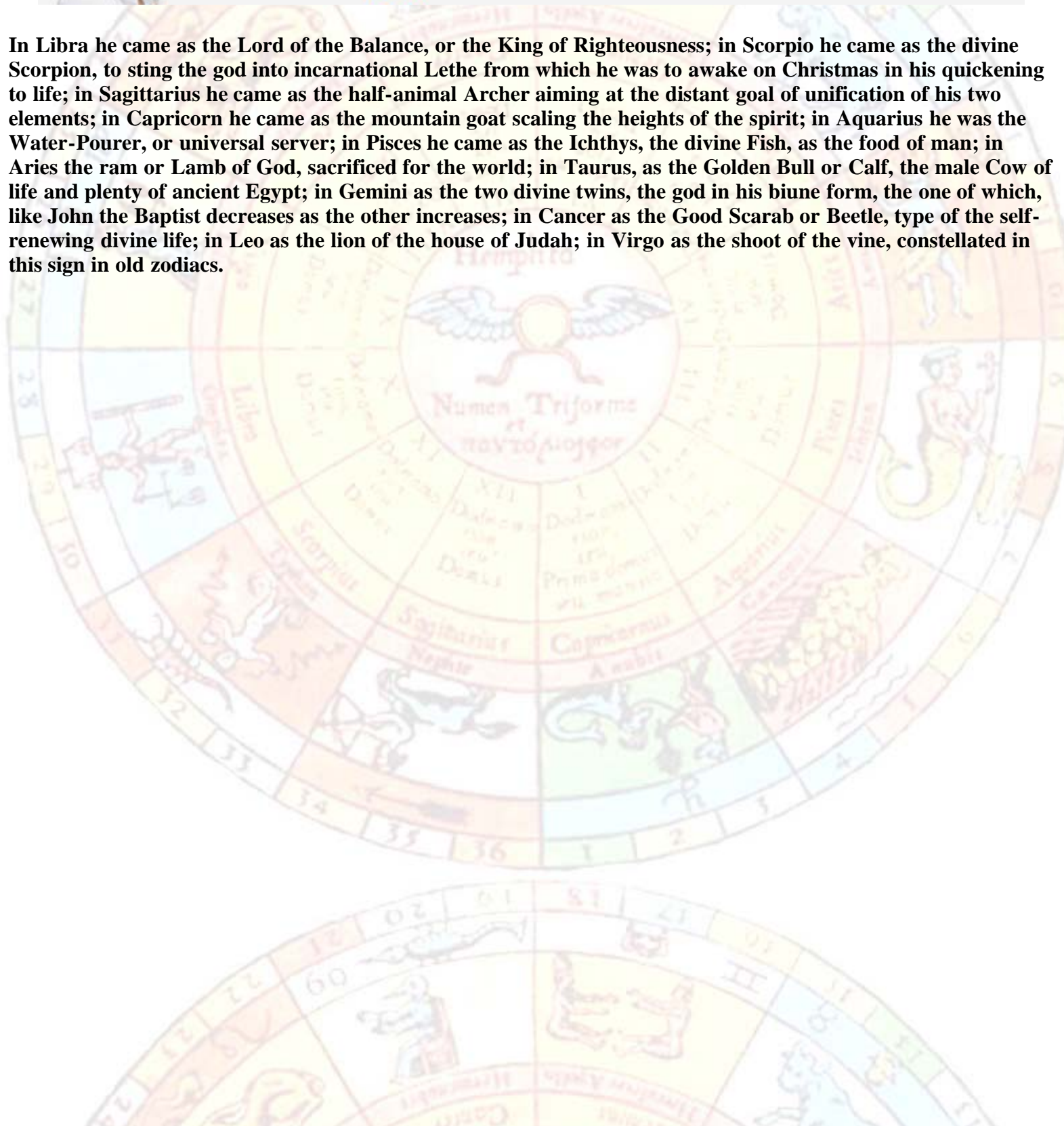
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In Libra he came as the Lord of the Balance, or the King of Righteousness; in Scorpio he came as the divine Scorpion, to sting the god into incarnational Lethe from which he was to awake on Christmas in his quickening to life; in Sagittarius he came as the half-animal Archer aiming at the distant goal of unification of his two elements; in Capricorn he came as the mountain goat scaling the heights of the spirit; in Aquarius he was the Water-Pourer, or universal server; in Pisces he came as the Ichthys, the divine Fish, as the food of man; in Aries the ram or Lamb of God, sacrificed for the world; in Taurus, as the Golden Bull or Calf, the male Cow of life and plenty of ancient Egypt; in Gemini as the two divine twins, the god in his biune form, the one of which, like John the Baptist decreases as the other increases; in Cancer as the Good Scarab or Beetle, type of the self-renewing divine life; in Leo as the lion of the house of Judah; in Virgo as the shoot of the vine, constellated in this sign in old zodiacs.





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ANCIENT EGYPTIAN PARALLELS TO THE "JESUS STORY"

It have found in my studies these last 16 plus years that all roads in the search for truth behind the "Jesus Story" all lead to Egypt eventually. If you will take the time to read this article then beyond any doubt you will see the prototypes for the later "Jesus Story" originated with the Osiris and Horus myths which themselves were but personifications of the path of the Sun and Moon in the Heavens above along with further personifications of the laws and cycles of Mother Nature as observed by Ancient Egyptian sages and Pharaohs for thousands of years prior to the time depicted for the New Testament Jesus.

Answer for yourself: Is the New Testament Jesus but a retelling of the Osiris and Horus myths as taken from Ancient Egyptian observations of the Sun and other movements of orbs in the Heavens as well as forces and powers operating in Mother Nature?

Answer for yourself: Can the "Jesus Story" be found today on the walls of Egyptian temples; in particular the Temple of Luxor?

John G. Jackson, in *Christianity Before Christ*, 1985, pp. 43-46, cites Gerald Massey in *Ancient Egypt: Light of the World, Vol. II*, p. 757 [London, T. Fisher Unwin, 1907], as providing information concerning the mythical elements of an annunciation, an immaculate conception, a virgin birth, and an adoration as presented as consecutive engravings on the inner walls of Temple of Luxor, in Luxor, Egypt, from the time of King Amenhotep III (1538-1501 B.C.).

Answer for yourself: What is so important about this discovery? This is the same story identically to the accounts of the nativity concerning Jesus as depicted in our New Testaments.

The engravings of the Temple walls of Luxor are presented as four scenes in consecutive order describing the birth of the Egyptian god, Horus, the son of Osiris.

John Jackson, in presenting Gerald Massey's account from *Ancient Egypt: Light of the World, Vol. II*, p. 757, states that we have basically 4 scenes depicted on the wall of the Temple of Luxor:

- **The Annunciation:** We find the god Thoth announces to a virgin, Isis, the impending birth of her son, Horus.
- **The Immaculate Conception:** We find that the god Kneph (Holy Ghost) and the goddess Hathor hold crosses, sign of life, to the head and nostrils of Isis and mystically impregnate her.
- **The Birth of the Child God:** We find that the mother, Isis, sits on a midwife's stool, and the newly



born infant, Horus, is held by attendants.

- **The Adoration: We find that the infant Horus receives homage from gods and Three Kings, the Magi, who offer him gifts.**

But Gerald Massey is not the only person who has found this ancient "Jesus Story" because Samuel Sharpe in Egyptian Mythology and Egyptian Christianity, 1879, p. 19, states:

In this [set of engravings] we have the Annunciation, the Conception, the Birth, and [the] Adoration as described in the first and second chapter of Luke's Gospel ...

Answer for yourself: What should we learn from this? Namely that the scenes described and carved on these Egyptian walls are the original source of mythical elements of the Horus myth as well as the later "Jesus Story" which is but a retelling of the same mythos as handed down for thousands of years.

Answer for yourself: How extensive are other parallels to the "Jesus Story" that can be found in the Osiris and Horus myths of Egypt?

EGYPTIAN HORUS MYTH AND PARALLELS TO THE "JESUS STORY"

THE EGYPTIAN HORUS MYTH	THE "JESUS STORY"
1. The Annunciation of the Birth of Horus	1. The Annunciation of the Birth of Jesus
2. The Immaculate Conception/Impregnation of a Virgin by God(s)	2. The Immaculate Conception/Impregnation of a Virgin by God
3. The Birth of Horus	3. The Birth of Jesus
4. The Adoration of Horus by Three Kings/Magi Bearing Gifts	4. The Adoration of Jesus by Three Kings/Magi Bearing Gifts

As you can see the Egyptian Horus myth and its mystical elements of annunciation, immaculate impregnation, birth, and adoration are similar to the mythical elements of the early life of Jesus found in the Jesus myth.

Jackson, in Christianity Before Christ, pp. 96-109, describes the Egyptian Horus myth as connected to the Egyptian Osiris myth:

The mythology and symbolism relative to Osiris and Horus is rather complicated ... In ancient Egypt the kings were gods; the living king was the Horus and the dead king was the Osiris.

Jackson, in Christianity Before Christ, p. 96, cites a Professor Hocart as saying the following:

Osiris, after his death, became a king in the underworld ... and from his dead body his successor, Horus, is conceived. But every dead king is Osiris and every living king Horus. Thus Osiris and Horus are really the same, Horus being the living form of Osiris, an Osiris the dead form of Horus. There is thus a succession of men who are killed, become gods, and are succeeded by their posthumous sons.... (A. M. Hocart, Social Origins, London, Watts and Co., 1954, pp. 79-82.)

Answer for yourself: Is the above understanding of Osiris and Horus the origin for a most famous passage in the New Testament?

John 10:30 30 I and my Father are one. (KJV)

The reigning kings of Egypt were believed to be incarnations of Horus who was but Osiris reborn. Jackson, p. 109, states that the resurrection of Osiris is depicted by *bas-reliefs* (stone carvings on the a wall or a side of an altar, a statue, etc.) of the walls of a Temple of Osiris a Denderah, Egypt, in which Osiris is presented

- (1) as a mummy on his bier,
- (2) he arises, and
- (3) stands erect, with Isis standing behind him, and a male figure hold a *crux ansata*, the original "cross", an Egyptian symbol of life.

Jackson also states that another Osiris resurrection is depicted at the Temple of Isis in Philae, Egypt, upon which is this inscription: "This is the form of him whom one may not name, Osiris of the Mysteries (myths), who springs from the returning waters."

Again, we must never forget that the Osiris myth resurrection scenes described are literally carved in stone on the walls of the Temple of Osiris at Denderah and the Temple of Isis at Philae and **stand as original sources of mythical elements of the Osiris myth which is again the source for the later "Jesus Story".**

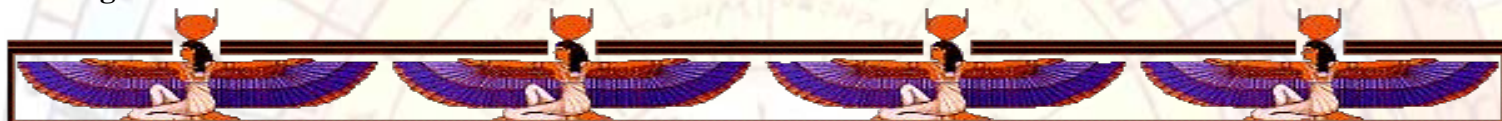
We here find that we have an ancient Egyptian mythical element of a death and resurrection and a parallel to the death and resurrection mythical element in the Jesus myth.

THE EGYPTIAN OSIRIS MYTH AND PARALLELS TO THE "JESUS STORY"

1. Osiris is Killed (Death of Osiris)	1. Jesus is Killed (Death of Jesus)
2. Osiris is Resurrected	2. Jesus is Resurrected

Jackson, pp. 113-114, states that the English expert on Egyptology, Gerald Massey, listed in an appendix to his book, *Ancient Egypt: Light of the World*, **200 Egyptian parallels to the Jesus myth.**

Jackson, p. 114, further cites Albert Churchward, author of *The Origin And Evolution Of Religion*, a follower of Massey, as offering the **Egyptian Horus mythical element parallels to the Jesus myth** contained in the following table:



THE EGYPTIAN HORUS MYTH AND PARALLELS TO THE "JESUS STORY"

1. Horus was the son of Seb, an earthly father	1. Jesus was the son of Joseph, an earthly father
2. Horus stayed with his mother until the age of twelve	2. Jesus stayed with his mother until the age of twelve
3. Between the ages of twelve to thirty there is no record of the life of Horus	3. Between the ages of twelve to thirty there is no record of the life of Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew/Mark/Luke/John/Acts)

4. At age thirty, Horus was baptized by Anup	4. At age thirty, Jesus was baptized by John
5. By his baptism Horus was transformed into the beloved and only begotten Son of the Father, the Holy Spirit, represented by a bird	5. By his baptism Jesus was transformed into the beloved and only begotten Son of the Father, the Holy Spirit, represented by a dove/bird

FURTHER PARALLELS OF THE EGYPTIAN HORUS/ASSYRIAN BEL MYTH WITH THE "JESUS STORY"

The Egyptian Horus Myth and The Assyrian-Babylonian Bel Myth	The Jesus Myth
1. The Annunciation of the Birth of Horus	1. The Annunciation of the Birth of Jesus
2. The Immaculate Conception/Impregnation of a Virgin by God(s)	2. The Immaculate Conception/Impregnation of a Virgin by God
3. The Birth of Horus	3. The Birth of Jesus
4. The Adoration of Horus by Three Kings/Magi Bearing Gifts	4. The Adoration of Jesus by Three Kings/Magi Bearing Gifts
5. Horus was the son of Seb, an earthly father	5. Jesus was the son of Joseph, an earthly father
6. Horus stayed with his mother until the age of twelve	6. Jesus stayed with his mother until the age of twelve
7. Between the ages of twelve to thirty there is no record of the life of Horus	7. Between the ages of twelve to thirty there is no record of the life of Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew/Mark/Luke/John/Acts)
8. At age thirty, Horus was baptized by Anup	8. At age thirty, Jesus was baptized by John
9. By his baptism Horus was transformed into the beloved and only begotten Son of the Father, the Holy Spirit, represented by a bird	9. By his baptism Jesus was transformed into the beloved and only begotten Son of the Father, the Holy Spirit, represented by a dove/bird
10. The Arrest of Bel	10. The Arrest of Jesus
11. The Trial of Bel	11. The Trial of Jesus
12. A Priest/Judge Asks "What is his sin?"	12. Pilate Asks "What evil has he done?" [St. Matthew 27:23]
13. The Judgment Against Bel	13. The Judgment Against Jesus
14. Water Is Brought to the Building for the Washing of Hands	14. Pilate Washes His Hands [St. Matthew 27:24]
15. The Scourging of Bel	15. The Scourging of Jesus
16. A Criminal Condemned to Die with Bel Is Released	16. Criminals Are Condemned to Die with Jesus; Barrabas Is Released
17. Bel is Led Away to the Mount (a sacred grove on a hilltop--a hill for the kill)	17. Jesus is Led Away to Golgotha (a hill called The Skull--a hill for the kill) [See Note 1 below]
18. Bel is Executed [Bel is "Bound/Caused to Perish"-Most likely Crucified-Osiris is Executed/Killed.	18. Jesus is Executed/Crucified
19. A Commotion: A Riot Begins in a Nearby City	19. A Commotion: An Earthquake, the Renting of the Veil of the Temple, The Dead Rise, and Walk and Talk with the Living
20. Bel's Clothes Are Taken Away	20. Jesus' Clothes Are Taken Away
21. A Burial Garment Is Put Onto Bel's Body	21. Jesus' Body Is Wrapped in a Burial Garment
22. Bel Is Taken to a Tomb	22. Jesus Is Taken to a Tomb

23. Bel Goes Down into a Mountain/into the Underworld	23. Jesus Descends into Hell (The Apostle's Creed)
24. Women/Goddesses Seek Bel at the Tomb	24. Women Seek Jesus at the Tomb
25. Bel Is Resurrected/Osiris is Resurrected	25. Jesus Is Resurrected

Answer for yourself: Well we have seen enough to make a "thinking believer" rethink the "Jesus Story" or at least do some serious study into how we got this story in the first place. I have done these studies for over 16 years and feel impressed to inform other brothers and sisters of this plagiarism who are still bewitched by the falsehoods in Rome's Bible which we inherited. My advice to any seeker of truth is to learn the hidden mystical meanings behind these Egyptian myths and discover the glorious Divine Truths hidden within them that the Ancients spiritualist and sages of Egypt understood and which today we have seriously misinterpreted and understood by projecting a "literalistic" interpretation of them as we were taught as Christians who looked at the "Jesus Story" as factual history. Nothing could be more from the truth.

With this many parallels to the Jesus myth, and I didn't refer to the whole 200 of them that Gerald Massey attest, as found in Egyptian/Assyrian-Babylonian myths, the chances are excellent that the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than a tragic misinterpretation of Ancient Divine Truths that has lost their meaning completely to us today. I suggest that one begin a serious study of Egypt, its religion, the proper interpretation of this religion, and then trace its evolution as we find today in Biblical and Rabbinic Judaism. Then you will have the peace you seek and the answers for the doubts and questions surrounding the "Jesus Story".

An unbiased study of History will show you that there is not a shred of legitimate historical evidence anywhere that the Jesus Story originated as the biography of a man named Jesus, and quite a lot of evidence exists to prove the opposite (or should I say the lack of evidence). An unbiased through study of Comparative Religion will reveal to you that the basic plot of the Jesus Story, from beginning to end, including the motif of a crucified savior, already existed in many other religions thousands of years prior to the alleged time of Jesus and if you continue such dedicated studies into Astronomy and Solar Mythology you will find that beyond any doubt the "Jesus Story" is nothing more than an allegory for what would naturally be the oldest and most important story humans would notice and write down, that of the annual passage of the seasons of the year and the path of the Sun through the celestial sphere and the 12 Houses of the Zodiac during the year. Personification of the Sun through the sky as found in the story of ancient solar and lunar gods follow in chronological procession through the year the exact chronology of the "Jesus Story" when personified from Matthew chapter 1 through then end of the book.

As an educated man to believe that this is but "coincidence" stretches belief beyond limits of saneness. Besides any serious study of Egypt will show you that this **"Jesus Story" existed on 2 levels: the Mystical and the Mythical....only later will Rome come and reinterpret these Divine Truths and forge them into a Historical time line with a fictitious person and in so doing destroy the Ancient truths and Divine Revelation given the Ancients who first developed these "religious doctrines" in the first place.** So when you see this, and I mean all of this, then sadly there is no room for a "Historical Jesus". Yet to teach these truths of ethics and morality that is found in the "mind of Christ" to the Gentiles due to the preconditioning of a Jesus-centric faith into which we are born it is necessary to teach through the vehicle of this "Jesus" and in so doing slowly begin to widen the scope of the reader's learning and gradually introduce him to these other concepts and origins of the "Mystical and Mythical" Christ and slowly expose the Historical Jesus for what he is; namely, just an allegory which was later literalized and forged in Rome's New Testament in their grand scheme of replacement religion. So Egypt is destroyed today but her children and her truths live among her children, the Jewish nation and Biblical and Rabbinic Judaism. For me if you want to find the Messiah to come and the mind of such a one like whom this "Jesus" was made to represent, a Divine Concept within us, then we begin to look at Egypt and Judaism for only in Judaism and in Egypt do we find "the mind of Egyptian Karast (Krst)" who is the original Christ, and that the Egyptian mysteries were continued by the gnostic Christians and the authentic Paul who only wrote 7 epistles. Poor Paul for he is tragically misrepresented today and I on other sites have taken him to task severely but understand the Paul I oppose is again the "false Paul", the non-Gnostic Paul, who again Rome created and substituted their replacement religion for the true faith of the early

gnostic Jews and gnostic Gentiles. Only later do we find that these metaphysical concepts coming down through recorded history from Egypt were destroyed when "literalized" and "Christianized" in Rome and their "version" of the New Testament which replaced the original and First New Testament of the gnostics. This as I see it today is the whole truth, and nothing but the truth as discovered by serious study on my part these last 16 plus years. Now you can see why I had to resign my Pastorate at my mega-church and begin Bet Emet Ministries; someone has to tell the truth, someone has to do these necessary study and someone has to make it available to all and not sell a different version of it Sunday after Sunday.

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HEAVEN..WHERE IS IT?

Answer for yourself: Does the story of Jesus Christ take place in Israel or in Heaven? You might think that a silly question until you begin to seriously study the "Jesus Story" in light of astronomy and astrology and then you will have the shock of your life! In order to get to any truth in regard to this question we need to start at the beginning.

Ask anyone and they will tell you that Heaven has always been up. Hell has always been down. We all know that Heaven and Hell are theologically opposite as well as geometrically opposite. Heaven is above and Hell is below. The ancients understood that when they ventured outside at night and gazed above their heads at the stars and the night sky they were literally looking at heaven.

Answer for yourself: What did they see? They saw stars and cluster of stars which made up all the constellations of the night sky. To them they understood that the constellations were not real but yet "alive". Let me explain.

The first thing you need to know is that constellations are not real! The constellations are totally imaginary things that astronomers, priests, poets, and farmers have made up over the past 10,000 years (and probably even more!). The real purpose for the constellations is to help us tell which stars are which, nothing more. On a really dark night, you can see about 1000 to 1500 stars. Trying to tell which is which is hard. The constellations help by breaking up the sky into more manageable bits. They are used as mnemonics, or memory aids. Around the world, farmers know that for most crops, you plant in the spring and harvest in the fall. But in some regions, like Egypt, there is not much differentiation between the seasons. Since different constellations are visible at different times of the year, you can use them to tell what month it is. Some historians suspect that many of the myths associated with the constellations were invented to help the farmers remember them. When they saw certain constellations, they would know it was time to begin the planting or the reaping. This dependence on the sky became a strong part of many cultures. Perhaps there is something about the mystery of the night sky that makes people want to tell stories about the constellations. We know one thing for sure; namely, they did tell stories about these constellations and from these stories and "myths" we find the origin of Religion and Ritual among the ancients. For millennia, people have looked at the Heavens and seen patterns between them, seeing what looks like a bird here, a bull there, a winged horse, a mighty Hunter, a ram/lamb amongst others. These images, when mapped out in the Heavens, have helped men to navigate the seas, as their relative positions to one another have not changed. Eventually, over time, men have put stories to these patterns, and a huge variety of myths have grown of Ancient Gods, who are the founders of the world around us, and many other mystical beings and creatures. The stories especially well known are myths of three of the most influential Ancient civilizations: the Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

Answer for yourself: Who gave us the New Testament? Rome. Don't forget this for this is fundamental to our study as you will see that this Roman book is full of mythology later literalized in the person of Jesus Christ. But this you will see as we learn more but don't forget Rome.

I don't want to let the cat out of the bag so quickly but with study you will come to find that there are many tales, stories, from various religions/myths which connect their religion to the stars. The Greek names of the constellations and stars for example. There is the use of certain gods in the astro-plane of the Temple of Denderah. Many of these stories are similar or have been compared to Bible stories by various experts in the

field such as Robert Graves. In addition to the Bible tales themselves, the Jews wrote detailed explanations of these stories in later centuries known as midrashes. These details make a deeper or stronger connection between the stories of the Bible and Greek myths etc. We know where the Greek myths are in the sky, because our constellations are named after them. If we were to (and I am actually working backwards on this) superimpose the Bible story into that slot, a strange thing occurs. We find that the ancient Arabic and Hebrew name of the stars of that constellation relate to that Bible story. What is more remarkable is that Bible story line flows in an almost continuous line from constellation to constellation and at times from star to star within the constellation. There are far too many examples for it to be a coincidence or a stretch of imagination. A great legacy has been handed down from ancient times, not carved in stone, but conveyed to future generations through the universal language of pictograph and preserved in the starry constellations of the night sky. The spiritual doctrines and admonitions associated with each constellation were formulated by spiritual giants of the past, and later found their way into ancient mythology, the Bible and other sacred writings.

Answer for yourself: Can we expect to find once our studies progress in these areas that chronologically the "Jesus Story" and the depiction of him in this Roman New Testament (Rome was in Sun worship during the writing and production of the New Testament...don't let us forget this) and his ministry in the New Testament will flow from constellation to constellation throughout the Zodiac? Can we expect to find that the "Jesus Story" is but a personification of the Sun through the Zodiac? Why don't we wait a just a second and learn a little more then when equipped we will tackle the "Sun of God"; opps I meant to say the personified "Son of God" and see if his life is but a retelling of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac.

As we will come to see the "Jesus Story" takes place not on earth, but in the starry night sky above.

Answer for yourself: What does Paul have to say on the matter?

Philippians 3 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

The setting for our story is in Heaven. Heaven has always been up. Hell has always been down. Heaven and Hell are not just theologically opposite, they are geometrically opposite. The Bible is an ancient book reflecting ancient ideas held by the writers which has been passed down to us today. The concept of Heaven is merely, what most modern cultures refer to as, the sky...and that the ancients all shared a similar view of the Universe, including the Hebrew people. In ancient Egypt, the sky is depicted here as a personification, the deity Nut (Noot). Notice that she looks remarkably like the **"Firmament"**. She is hovering over her brother and husband Geb (The Earth). Geb was thought to represent the earth, he is often seen reclining beneath the **sky** goddess Nut.

Answer for yourself: What is the firmament?

1.) **The apparent surface of the imaginary sphere on which celestial bodies appear to be projected** - WordNet ® 1.6, © 1997 Princeton University.

2.) **The region of the air; the sky or heavens.** - Webster's Dictionary.



*"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the **air**, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."* - Genesis 1:26

Answer for yourself: What did the Hebrews who gave us the Hebrew Scriptures and doctrines of Eternal Life mean by the word we call Heaven? Could it have referred to the air?

Now get ready. The Hebrew word for air in this passage is: Shamayim, aka Heaven.

The **Strong's Concordance** for the word used for "air" in the above passage:

8064 shamayim (shaw-mah'-yim); dual of an unused singular shameh (shaw-meh'); from an unused root meaning to be lofty; **the sky (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve)**: KJV-- air, X astrologer, heaven (-s).

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon for the word used for "air" in the above passage:

8064 shamayim dual of an unused singular shameh- heaven, heavens, sky

- **a) visible heavens, sky**
 - **1) as abode of the stars**
 - **2) as the visible universe, the sky, atmosphere, etc.**
- **b) Heaven (as the abode of God)**

The word itself literally means: Sha (**"of" or "from" the waters (mayim). Heaven means literally: "From the Waters"!**)

Now let us examine the word for "firmament":

The **Strong's Concordance** for the word "firmament":

7549 raqiya` (raw-kee'-ah); from 7554; properly, an expanse, i.e. the firmament or (apparently) **visible arch of the sky**: KJV-- firmament. 7

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon for the word "firmament":

549 raqiya` - extended surface (solid), a firmament, an expanse, space

- **a) expanse (flat as base, support)**
- **b) firmament (used of vault of heaven supporting waters above); considered by Hebrews as solid and **supporting 'waters' above****

So at first glance that the story of Jesus Christ takes place in Heaven which is by definition of the words in the sky above. But so far this is but circumstantial and we have pages and pages of our New Testaments telling stories of this human being known as Jesus Christ which we have been taught to interpret both "literally" and "historically". So we must continue to study to get to the bottom of this but never let us forget what we just learned; namely, that Heaven is not some place we go when we die but the sky above our heads as interpreted by the writers of the Hebrew Scriptures. **We can reinterpret any word or concept, and we have due to Rome's influence, but it does violence to the texts to change the meanings from what the original writers of these texts intended the hearers understand from them.**

The next time you go outside at night and look at the sky and the stars think to yourself that you are maybe for the first time looking at Heaven. Know as well that you are looking at the environment in which the "Jesus Story" takes place. This is the secret to the understanding of the New Testament "Jesus Story" but we have yet to convince you of this but we will as we turn our attention to this matter with haste.

Answer for yourself: How long is the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament?

A reading of the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (due to only one celebration of the Passover alluded to and the fact that at no point in the earlier narratives was it hinted that even a year had gone by) tend

to show that Jesus' career lasted, at the utmost, a single year. In John's gospel however, we find that three Passover festivals were mentioned to have occurred during the ministry (John 2:13; 6:4; 11:55) which showed that the author thought that Jesus' career lasted three years. Since the Synoptic Gospels deal with the "human Jesus" to the exclusion of the "god-man" of the Gospel of John we will focus our attention on this record of a one year ministry for Jesus Christ. The contradictory information derived from the gospels only served to underline this insufficiency of certain knowledge about the historical ministry of Jesus.

Answer for yourself: How long does it take for the earth to revolve around the Sun or for the Sun to pass through the 12 signs of the Zodiac? It takes one year. Like the planets, the Sun, too, moves around the zodiac, making one complete circuit each year. Every month it covers a different constellation of the zodiac, which is the real reason why those constellations are 12 in number. Of course, during that month, this particular constellation is not seen, because the sky near the Sun is too bright for its stars to be seen (except, very briefly, during a total eclipse of the Sun). But again I hear some say "This is but a coincidence" so we will leave it at that and move on for now not forgetting this 2nd piece of information about Jesus Christ and a possible correlation to the path of the Sun and the "Jesus Story" in the New Testament.

Luke 3:22-23 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. 23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Is there any correlation between Jesus Christ being 30 years of age when beginning his ministry and the Zodiac? And what about this "voice" coming from Heaven and the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve? Is this a tip-off that we miss because we have been taught that Heaven is some other place with pearly gates and streets of gold?

If we divide a circle into twelve equal parts, and place the twelve constellations of the zodiac in order around the circle (the circuit of the sun through the Zodiac), one in each part, we see that each constellation occupies 30 degrees of the circle. The zodiac is divided into twelve equal areas, with each area containing one zodiac constellation. Each area is known as a "house". So when the Sun is in the constellation Capricorn, it may be said, "the Sun is in the house of Capricorn." If we divide a circle into twelve equal parts, one part for each of the signs of the constellations of the Zodiac, and place the twelve constellations of the zodiac in order around the circle, one in each part, we see that each constellation occupies 30 degrees of the circle. The Sun travels about one degree each day. It's not exact, since there are actually 365.2421934 days in a solar year instead of 360. Also the earth's orbit isn't a perfect circle, it's slightly elliptical. The earth travels slightly faster during the winter months when it's slightly closer to the Sun, and it travels slightly slower during the summer months when it's slightly farther from the Sun. In general though, one degree equals about one day. (The seasons are primarily caused by the earth's tilt, not by its varying distance from the Sun.)

If we accept the old tradition of the Ancients of having the Sun enter Capricorn on the Winter Solstice, a natural place to start the yearly cycle, then when the Sun has traveled 30 degrees the Sun exits Capricorn and enters Aquarius.

Answer for yourself: Why is this of major importance for us and the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament?

Simply because if we reproduce this "allegory" of the Sun's passage through the Zodiac as seen by the Ancients then we can chronologically lay out for the reader the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament chapter by chapter and event by event! I had known from prior study that many parallels existed between the "infancy narratives" and the "Jesus Story" but I was never so shocked to find as my studies got deeper that the whole life of the New Testament Jesus is but a personification of the path of the Sun through the Zodiac. This literally took my breath away and had me shaking my head. I wondered "Where does this end"?

Thus an allegorical story of the Sun's annual travels through the Zodiac and the Sky (Heaven) could have the Sun character visiting the Aquarius character at "Age 30". That's actually 30 degrees, or about 30 days, but an

allegory could use 30 years instead and that is exactly what we should expect to find in the "Jesus Story" and we do.

All of us should know that the Sun's position changes day by day. Each day at sunset the constellations of the Zodiac slip slowly and progressively below the horizon and returns to the opposite horizon (East) and rises in 6 months. For our example Capricorn (the goat) gets lower and lower until it is completely below the horizon. The Sun appears to travel upwards on its path along an imaginary line through Capricorn towards the next constellation in the Zodiac called Aquarius (the water bearer). This line of the path of the Sun and its travels through the sky and the Zodiac is called the ecliptic. The Sun continues its path for the rest of the year and in so doing we would observe the Sun travel through all 12 constellations of the zodiac. These 12 constellations are: Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius. At the end of the year the Sun completes its journey by arriving back at Capricorn where it started, ready to begin again its annual journey through the 12 constellations. Note that the ecliptic is a closed circuit around the celestial sphere. By observing which constellation the Sun is in you can tell what time of year it is. This is important if you are a farmer. You need to know when to plant the crops and when to reap the harvest. You need to be familiar with the seasons of the year. For our purposes we need to begin our study with the constellation Capricorn in order to have the correct setting of the Ancients when they composed the "Jesus Story". The sun begins in Capricorn on December 22 which is correct date for "Biblical Times" around the first or second century A.D, when the Jesus Story was written. In so doing we find the Sun appears to travel through Capricorn as the days go by. On December 22 (the Winter Solstice) the Sun is just starting to go through Capricorn. By January 10 the Sun has made its way through most of Capricorn and we see that the zodiac constellation of Aquarius the water bearer is next in line.

The Sun begins it's journey at "age 30" by entering Aquarius. Jesus begins his ministry by visiting John the Baptist, who baptizes with water. Remember we have already seen that Jesus' ministry is said to have lasted one year which is the same length of time for the path of the Sun through the Zodiac.

Answer for yourself: Should we expect a correlation of the Constellation of Aquarius with John the Immerser? Well it is only beginning as you might get a hint. Let us continue our study of the path of the Sun and the correlations to the "Jesus Story" of the New Testament. If I am right and the evidence I present of the Sun's path through the Zodiac will follow the pattern of the constellations of the Zodiac beginning with Capricorn and we should expect the Jesus Story to flow chronologically through the constellations of Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius.

[It is to such study we now continue to turn in the second article of this series.](#)

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THE 42 NEGATIVE CONFESSIONS...THE EGYPTIAN TORAH

The Declaration of Innocence Before the Gods of the Tribunal.

The Book of Going Forth By Day (The Egyptian Book Of The Dead) (The Papyrus of Ani) R. . Faulkner 125
Plate 31

1. Oh Wide-strider who come forth from Heliopolis, I have not done wrong.
2. Fire-embracer who come forth from Kheraha, I have not robbed.
3. Nosey who came forth from Hermopolis, I have not stolen.
4. Swallower of Shades who came forth from Kernet, I have not slain people.
5. Terrible of Face who came forth from Rosetjau, I have not destroyed the food offerings.
6. Double Lion who came forth from the sky, I have not reduced measures.
7. He-whose-Eyes-are-in-Flames who comes forth from Asyut, I have not stolen the god's property.
8. Burning One who came forth backwards, I have not told lies.
9. Breaker of Bones who came forth from Memphis, I was not sullen.
10. He-of-the-Cavern who came forth from the West, I have not fornicated with the fornicator.
11. He-whose-Face-is-behind-him who came forth from his hole, I have not caused (anyone) to weep.
12. Anointed One who came forth from the chapel, I have not dissembled.
13. Hot-Legs who came forth at twilight, I have not transgressed.
14. He-who-is-Blood who came forth from the place of slaughter, I have not done grain-profiteering.
15. Eater of Entrails who came forth from the Council of Thirty, I have not robbed a parcel of land.
16. Lord of Truth who came forth from Hall of Two Truths, I have not discussed (secrets).
17. Strayer who came forth from Bubastis, I have brought no lawsuits.
18. Planter (?) who came forth from Heliopolis, I have not disputed at all about property.
19. Doubly Evil One who came forth from the Busirite Nome, I have not had intercourse with a married woman.
20. He-who-Sees-what-he-has-brought who came forth from the House of Min, I have not (wrongly) copulated.
21. He-who-is-over-the-Great-Ones who came forth from (?), I have not struck terror.
22. Demolisher who came forth from (?), I have not transgressed.
23. Proclaimer of Speech who came forth from Weryt, I have not been hot (tempered).
24. Youth who came forth from the Double Scepter Nome, I have not been neglectful of truthful words.
25. Dark One. who came forth from darkness, I have not cursed.
26. He-who-Brings-his-Offerings who comes forth from Asyut, I have not been violent.
27. Proclaimer of Voice who came forth from Wenis, I have not confounded (truth).
28. Possessor of Faces who came forth from Nedjefet, I have not been impatient.
29. Captain who came forth from Weten, I have not discussed.
30. Possessor of Two Horns who come forth from Asyut, I have not been garrulous about matters.
31. Nefertum who came forth from Memphis, I have not done wrong
32. I have not done evil.
33. He-who-does-not-(allow)-Survivors who came forth from Busiris, I have not disputed the King.
34. He-who-Acts-as-he-Wishes who came forth from Antinaopolis, I have not waded in water.
35. Thy who came forth from the Primordial Waters, My voice was not loud.
36. He-who-Prosper-the-Common-People who came forth from Asyut, I have not cursed a god.

37. **Uniter of Attributes** who came forth from the Cavern, I have not made extollings (?).
38. **Uniter of Good** who came forth from the Cavern, I have not harmed the bread-ration of the gods.
39. **Upraised of Head** who came forth from the shrine, I have not stolen the Khenef-cakes from the Blessed.
40. **He-who-Brings-his-Portion** who came forth from the Hall of the Two Truths, I have not stolen Hefnu- cakes of a youth,
41. (nor) have I fettered the god of my town.
42. **He-who-Brightens-the-Land** who came forth from Faiyum (?), I have not slain sacred cattle.

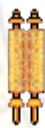
Now the Translations

1. I have not done wrong.
2. I have not robbed
3. I have not stolen.
4. I have not killed people.
5. I have not destroyed food offerings.
6. I have not reduced the measures (possibly meaning cheating the grain measures).
7. I have not stolen God's property.
8. I have not told lies.
9. I have not stolen food.
10. I was not sullen (resentful or unnecessarily unhappy).
11. I have not fornicated with the fornicator may mean homosexuality. Open to your interpretation.
12. I have not caused anyone to weep.
13. I have not pretended to be that which I am not.
14. I have not violated divine law (Ma'at) or possibly civil, or secular law.
15. I have not done grain profiteering.
16. I have not robbed land.
17. I have not told or discussed secrets.
18. I have not brought about a lawsuit.
19. I have not disputed property.
20. I have not had intercourse with a married person.
21. I have not wrongly copulated (could mean out of marriage)
22. I have not made people afraid.
23. I have not transgressed.
24. I have not been hot tempered.
25. have not told lies or withheld the truth.
26. I have not cursed.
27. I have not been violent.
28. I have not purposely misconstrued the truth.
29. I have not been impatient.
30. I have not discussed (as in inappropriate discussions of any kind)
31. I have not been unnessecarily or annoyingly talkative.
32. I have not done evil.
33. I have not disputed the Pharaoh/King/Ruler/President/Queen/ruler in charge.
34. I have not waded in the purified water.
35. I have not been loud (yelled or raised my voice in anger).
36. I have not cursed a God.
37. I have not been boastful or glorified myself.
38. I have not hamed the bread ration to God.
39. I have not stolen the cakes from the Akhu.
40. I have not stolen cakes of a child
41. I have not fettered (constrained, or tried to shackle) the God of my town.
42. I have not slain cattle sacred to the Gods.

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THE HISTORICAL MEANING OF “BEING BORN AGAIN” AS CONTRASTED WITH WHAT CHRISTIANITY TEACHES TODAY: WHAT ARE WE TO BELIEVE? #2

In the previous article we examined the condition of the non-Jew in relationship with Israel and it's responsibility to be a Priest to the nations. We saw historically that Israel had failed in such a mission. Yet at the same time we saw a small section of Judaism which understood Israel's failure to bring the non-Jew to God and had repented of such bigotry toward the non-Jew and had mobilized several movements and attempts to reach the non-Jewish world with the Laws of Noah and the Covenant of Noah that provided Eternal Life for the non-Jewish believer. We also saw how the doctrine of circumcision which had never been required of the non-Jew as used by the Jews as a deterrent to keep the non-Jew from interaction and fellowship with the Jews.

Answer for yourself: What was Judaism to do with the non-Jew and how would they be led to God? Would full conversion to Judaism which required circumcision and immersion be required or only immersion and what was the Jewish understanding of the **SPIRITUAL DYNAMICS** that accompanied such immersion?

You might now be aware of it at present but the answers to above questions have the potential to change you life.

Now let us continue where we left off in the first article.

WHAT DID THE CONCEPT OF “BEING BORN AGAIN” MEAN TO JESUS? SHOULD IT MEAN THE SAME TO ME?

Before going on we must provide the reader some background information about immersion and its connection to being "Born Again." We must at first understand that "Born Again" is a Jewish concept and not a Gentile concept, not a Baptist concept, not a Catholic concept, and not even a Christian concept. If you want to know what being "Born Again" means the way the Jesus of the New Testament and Nicodemus used it in John 3 then you have to ask a Jew or a Jewish scholar. To do otherwise and seek the meaning from the Vatican or any Evangelistic ministry that is on our televisions guarantees you receive an anti-Semitic replacement religious doctrine devoid of Divine truth. I apologize for other Christian ministers who have failed to such sufficiently in order to learn what these very important concepts meant to the Jesus of the New Testament before they begin to teach them; sadly doing it wrong. **We can change the meaning of "Born Again" and its intricate involvement with immersion as applied to both Jews and non-Jews but in so doing we only deceive ourselves from what God intended it mean.** We can alter religious doctrines all day long and believe me this has been done but down deep in your heart I would hope you would want to know what being "Born Again" meant to the Jesus of the New Testament and understanding it as such. For the very life of me I cannot understand how anyone can call himself a Christian or a follower of Jesus/Yeshua and not want to believe like the Jesus of the New Testament and accept what he believed about being "Born Again." Startling as it might sound the vast, vast majority of Christendom will tell you that they are "Born Again" never knowing what it

really means. Even more tragically such a declaration by the vast majority of Christians make them out to be liars as the fruit of being "Born Again" in the context used by the Jesus of the New Testament in John 3 is absolutely lacking in their lives. I will make this very plain in the forthcoming article. So this article will be one of the biggest challenges possibly in your religious life.

Answer for yourself: What did being "Born Again" mean to the Jesus of the New Testament/Yeshua? What happens when one was "Born Again" according to its Biblical definition and not the later Gentile reinterpretation of it?

In answering this we must deal with a very important issue concerning how a man comes to God and what is involved in it. This spiritual dynamic is often over looked by Gentile advocates of the current teaching of "Born Again" adopted by Gentile Christianity which finds its origins in the Rome's false atonement . If you think I am kidding then I challenge you with all that I can muster to read our Ministry's articles on Atonement and you will see for yourself. E-mail me and I will see that you get them.

Now it is time for the truth concerning being "Born Again." Biblically speaking when a person, either a Jew or Gentile turns from idols, from sin, and repents, and prays and asks forgiveness, and makes restitution, or bring alms following his repentance, confession, and prayer then he has received forgiveness of his sin. This is known Biblically as atonement. This is what the historical the Jesus of the New Testament understood concerning both his Jewish Scriptures and his faith of Biblical Judaism. Of course Gentile Christianity and its New Testament accepts an alternate atonement. Without study into the origin of this replacement atonement no one will ever know that it is reproduced sun worship applied to a Jew by Rome. Now it is given that such a one who repents, prays, confesses his sin and brings restitution and alms is one already introduced to the God of Israel. Usually of course this is a Jew. Unknown to most Christians is that a Jew was born into Covenant with God unlike Gentiles and was circumcised the 8th day of his life which was the "sign" of that Covenant. When a Jew became a son or daughter of the Covenant then they were immersed according to the teachings of the Tanakh. This was not a simple water dip as we are taught by Gentile Christianity. Something SPIRITUAL happened to the one immersed that was noticed by God but not by man. **These immersions were called "BEING BORN AGAIN" each and every time they were done; it was NOT a one time event!** The Rabbis understood that not all the Commandments from God were the same and one special group of Commandments were called "Hukkim" which was understood by the Rabbis as "commands from God that did not make human sense yet accomplished spiritual realities in the Heavens." Immersion is one such "Hukkim." This gets somewhat technical so I would like to paraphrase if I might. The Rabbis understood such an "Hukkim" concerning immersion as a "spiritual step toward the Throne of God in the Heavens." They understood to the rational mind such immersion would seem to not have any affect on our "spiritual standing before God" but yet understood that it did. This was so important to the Rabbis that we understand the great number of immersion baths located outside the Temple for the worshippers would be immersed become attending "church" if you get my drift. They understood what we as Christians don't; namely that through immersions one was accomplishing something spiritual in their walk before God. Now understand that immersions such as these "Hukkim" were not done indiscriminately; but rather they were commanded at specific times.

- **One was instructed to immerse following repentance from a sin where he was again "moving closer to God in the spirit realm."**
- **But more than that the Rabbis saw that the Tanakh commanded "being Born Again" through these immersions (mikveh) before one observes or celebrates the Sabbath and each of the Seven Biblical Festivals. These "mo'ed" are "appointed times" and "rehearsals" with God and special times with God. One prepares his heart and then "immerses" before sanctifying such "appointed times" with God because at these special times commanded by God one again is "moving closer to God in the spirit realm."**
- **A woman following her menses and her uncleanness since being tainted with blood was commanded to be "Born Again" through immersion before she could take her place again in the community and her husbands's bed.**

As you can see the Rabbis understood such "immersions" and "mikvehs" as Commands by God that did not make rational sense yet God is God and God understands the need for these "immersions" be done by man whereby man was drawing closer to God in the Spirit realm. We find that only one "immersion" by Yeshua is recorded in the New Testament and that is the one right before Yom Kippur. Little wonder that a myriad of Jews had repented of their sins and had grouped themselves to be "immersed" like Yeshua before Yom Kippur. This was mandatory before one could observe or partake of Yom Kippur which was beginning at the dusk of the very day.

This explains the Jewish concept of being "Born Again" but does not explain it as applied to the non-Jew. This we will do now.

THE GENTILE AND BEING BORN AGAIN

The New Testament describes quite adequately the standing of the non-Jew with God:

Paul in writing to Gentiles states:

Eph 2:12 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: (KJV)

That is pretty bleak if you ask me. This is the Gentile's standing with God before he learns how to approach and be accepted with God. Israel we saw in the first article was hesitant in taking the non-Jew his Noahide Covenant and the ways by which he could be accepted with God. In fact we saw that Israel made it very difficult upon the non-Jew by enforcing circumcision upon a fully adult male in hopes that it served as a deterrent to keep them away from the Jewish people. We also mentioned that if a non-Jew desired to identify with the Jewish people and become a son of the Covenant as a Jew than he would be required to convert to Biblical Judaism through circumcision and immersion just like the Jew. **This means that the non-Jew was being "Born Again" just like the Jew in his drawing closer to God following his repentance, prayer, confession, restitution, and alms which he was taught to bring according to the Tanakh.**

This sticking issue if you remember was over "circumcision" or the "lack of circumcision" and the acceptance of such a one into the Israel of God by the Jewish people. We find a perfect example of a non-circumcised Godfearer in Cornelius in Acts 10.

When a Gentile was taught of God through the Jewish people and accepts the faith of the One God of the Universe, he identifies with God. As Gentile Christians and followers of Yeshua we likewise identify with God through the one He sent to reveal Himself; namely Yeshua (Jesus). It is through the name of Jesus we as non-Jews were instructed about the God of the Jesus of the New Testament in the first place. The Gentile (in the act of repentance and faith) literally stands at his own Sinai, as did his Gentile forefathers (the Egyptians are a type and shadow of Ephraim, the other house of Israel) and says, like the Jews of old did, **"All that the Lord has spoken we will do" (Ex. 19:8). Notice that the Bible say "all" the people said it at Sinai (this included the mixed-multitude of Gentiles and Jews together)! Included in that group were a mixed multitude of Gentiles along with Jews and this fact teaches us a very important lesson for our lives. At Sinai both Gentiles and Jews confessed adherence to the Covenant offered by God. God had previously instructed that they "wash their clothes."**

Answer for yourself: Is there any special significance to this mixed multitude "washing their clothes?"

The Rabbis teach that "washing their clothes" is an idiom for immersion in water of their bodies. Here we see the example of both Jew and non-Jew experiencing the concept of "immersion" and being "Born Again" as taught by the Rabbis.

This again is the Hebrew "mikveh" where both Jew and Gentile were "drawing closer to God in the

spirit realm."

The Exodus is a complicated study with amazing results I might add (<http://www.egyptex.netfirms.com>). Having left Egypt as followers the Aten under Akhenaten/Moses we find history and the Hebrew Scriptures teaching us that Moses instructed to have both Jew and Gentile (Mixed Multitude) draw closer to God [be Born Again] in the Spirit through **immersion**. This was not forgiveness of sins since that was already accomplished through their repentance. Let us be clear on that and this was not their salvation as that was already accomplished by faith and their resultant actions based on their faith in the true God. This was more of a SANCTIFICATION of setting themselves apart unto God whereby they drew closer to God. Something that they did not understand was being accomplished through their immersion. The Rabbis call this "Hukkim."

The Rabbis teach that this is an illusion to both the Jews and non-Jews being Born-Again to the God of Israel. But again understand this was NOT a one time event but an experience to be repeated throughout their lives in their worship of God.

JOHN 3 AND BEING BORN AGAIN...WAS THIS NEWS TO ISRAEL?

This might be startling to you but the concept in the Gospel of John, chapter three, concerning **being "Born-Again"** is not the invention of Jesus. Being You have seen if you have read these two articles that "Born-Again" is a Jewish concept that has existed since the Garden of Eden and Adam. Now hear this...being "Born Again" is to be repeated throughout one's life....even your life as a Christian! A typical Jew was "Born Again" with each new encounter with God throughout his life. A Gentile convert had his "hello" experience with the God of Israel through immersion required in conversion [that was his first Born Again experience] but yet this experience of drawing near to God was expected to be repeated throughout his live by continually being "immersed" and "Born Again" after every repentance, before each observance of the Sabbath, before each observance of a Biblical Festival, and for the woman after her menses monthly.

Answer for yourself: Can we find in Scripture examples where righteous Jews were continually "Born Again?"

Examples in scripture where the children of Israel were **"Born-Again" repeatedly** (immersed and attained a new-heightened status before they met with God) are before each Sabbath, before each Feast and Festival, following repentance of sin, and for a lady, after her menses on a monthly basis before she could return to her husband's bed. This will be news to most but Yeshua was immersed repeatedly in his life. Yeshua, being a Torah observant Jew, was immersed before each Sabbath service and before each Biblical Festival each year. If you added it up you would find that Yeshua was immersed a minimum of 59 times a year. That being true we are misled in understanding this concept because recorded for us is just only one immersion of Yeshua in the New Testament and that one is the immersion the day before he observed the Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is the Festival called the Day of Atonement and as I shared earlier every Torah observant Jew had to be immersed before he could participate in observance of Biblical Feasts and Festivals. Thus we would expect Yeshua to be immersed prior to Yom Kippur and we do in New Testament.

Sadly Christian scholars debate down through history with large volumes the reason for Yeshua's immersion; never stopping once to try to understand it from a Jewish perspective. I find their lack of insight and scholarship amazing and as an ordained Pastor and Seminary graduate I am ashamed of my fellow colleagues who know so little but profess so much.

Being "Born-Again" is not a concept originated by the Gentile church. It is a Jewish concept!

Amazing! As the repentant person entered into the immersion bath (a picture of a "watery womb" and "watery tomb") only to emerge as if "Born-Again" from a watery grave and a watery womb (with a renewed spiritual status before God). It was a new start for the believer. If he had sinned and repented God granted him a new status; a new start with God was his. This was perfectly symbolized through the rising from a figurative grave to life anew with God. This was again perfectly symbolized through the emergence from a watery womb to life anew with God. The pictures and symbols and metaphors which help explain this Spiritual advance with God are perfect once you understand that something supernatural happens between the believer and God in time of drawing closer with God. God knows it; He commanded it be done. We look at it without our Hebrew Roots and interpret it incorrectly and try to relegate it to a once in a life-time experience and attach a completely foreign meaning to it that God never intended. We not only have lost truth but the opportunities to draw closer to the God we say we love.

The Rabbis call this a "Hukkim" commandment; it does not make human sense but yet God requires it. The immersed one is then considered a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17) as he emerges from the water! Remember that this was also required of a Gentile convert coming to God for the first time. He was drawing close to God for the first time in his life through this Hukkim immersion. But immersion and being "Born Again" was not only to accompany repentance after one sinned or turned to God for the first time in one's life since being a non-Jew but was commanded all the time before one observes and celebrates a Biblical Holy Day or the Sabbath. Being "Born Again" was not a once in a life-time SALVATION EXPERIENCE because one believes some theology about the Jesus of the New Testament as Paul would make it out to be in Romans 6; rather it dealt with sanctification and dedication to God which is to be repeated throughout one's life. At least that is what it meant to a Jew like Jesus. It many not have meant that to Paul, himself a Gentile convert that often departed from Jewish faith but that is whole other problem that bears your study. Also of note was that immersion and being "Born Again" applied to the non-Jew as he was immersed as part of his conversion to Judaism once he already had faith in God and had repented of his sin. This was in all the above cases a step toward God by the repentant Gentile. After his initial immersion it was then expected of him to be repeatedly immersed just like the Jew when he observed the Biblical Festivals and the Sabbath. In such a way we find the Gentile just like the Jew experiencing this drawing near to God.

Rom 10:12 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (KJV)

I wish everyone really believed the above verse. If you were Jewish you would have been instructed correctly concerning the mechanics of Biblical Immersion (being Born-Again) since you were a child, and would not be like many Christian Gentiles who have not had the truth taught them concerning such an important doctrine. It is startling that such a Jewish concept is considered the backbone of the Christian faith and the Christian fails to have the correct understanding regarding immersion and being Born-Again as the Jesus of the New Testament understood it. As believers we should have understood it correctly from the beginning, which we have not. A Gentile entered into the watery tomb and watery womb and emerged, no longer considered a Gentile, the old things have passed away (his condition of being a Gentile estranged from God is over), behold God made all things new (he now is a part of the Israel of God just like the Jew)! He was now considered a citizen of the Israel of God!

Eph 2:12-13 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh ...(KJV)

Our New Testaments teach us that the non-Jews were brought nigh to God not only by the death (blood) of Jesus which began an apostolic movement out of a Gentile hating Judaism to them in the world whereby they were instructed in the Covenant of Noah [Acts 15.16] but were brought nigh unto God by faith and immersion whereby they "drew near to God in the Spirit realm" through this Hukkim Commandment called a mikveh!

Upon emerging from the watery tomb in which he was "Born-Again" he had the status of a Spiritual Jew...a child of God. He became Israel! He was considered as if he had always been Israel, for it was said by the Rabbis following conversion that it was if the non-Jew had no past and it was forbidden to bring up his past for it was as if he had always been Israel.

ARE YOU GRAFTED INTO ISRAEL OR NOT? OR DO YOU WANT TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE ISRAEL OF GOD AS AN ANTISEMITIC CHRISTIAN?

The Gentile, after turning from idols and repentance (as a sign of his faith in the One God of Israel), and after following immersion in the Mikveh (baptism), was grafted into Israel as Paul would later tell us. The repentant Gentile believer chose God and His Torah. He chose to become "chosen". Since he is Israel, then the commandments given to "Israel" now apply to the Gentile "Christian" who looks to Yeshua, his teachings, and His God.

Answer for yourself: Is that your understanding? It should be!

This was the understanding of Judaism in the days of Jesus. The tragedy of the matter is that the Contemporary Christian Church has not studied to know who they are. **They are included in the House of Ephraim; they are Israel.** The Commandments of God as seen in the Torah are for them, not just the Jew born in the land!

LET'S MAKE SURE WE UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY

A "Gentile" is a term signifying a non-Jew, who is **NOT** a "son of the covenant" and is only subject to the seven Noahide Laws. Once a Gentile came to the understanding of the one true God, he would turn from idols and worship the God of Israel. **These were the "God Fearers", who accepted certain basic Jewish obligations along with the Noahide precepts. This is more than Noahidism!** People often misunderstand because my E-mail address is "bennoah1" but I am not a Noahide; I have gone beyond that and adopted Isa. 56 and consider myself a Godfearer like Cornelius in Acts 10. The Noahide movement stops short of a fuller dedication to God and that is not for me. According to the Laws of Noah idolatry, shedding of blood, and grave sexual sins were forbidden to Gentile believers. These were originally the Noahide precepts accepted also by the Synagogue on which the Gentiles were obliged. **Let me remind you that we see in Acts 15 (at least 25 years after the death of the Jesus of the New Testament) the admonition for the Gentiles to adhere to Noahide Laws to be accepted in the believing community of Israel (it was James as leader of the Jerusalem church who referred back to the Noahide Laws in addressing the question of Gentile salvation). But this was considered the "MINIMUM."** It is logical that the Apostolic Church of Jerusalem should accept the view of the Synagogue on the conditions which Gentiles needed to fulfill in order to be "saved" and "accepted" in the "family of Israel". **It can be easily shown that the fulfillment of other commandments of Judaism were not prohibited to Gentiles or Noahides. On the contrary, the Noahide precepts were only seen as the minimal condition for Gentiles to be recognized as "God-Fearers". These were so understood by the uncircumcised "God-Fearers" themselves, who**

were attracted to the Jewish way of life and accepted many Jewish commandments without becoming full proselytes (Sabbath, festivals, Tallith, etc). Understand that it would be these Godfearers who were also immersed before Sabbaths and Festivals like converts and Jews. This was also the attitude of Gentile Christian "God-Fearers", as may be seen from the Epistle to the Galatians; many of them wished to observe as many Jewish precepts as they could. It is evident that, while the leadership of the mother Church in Jerusalem decided to lay no burden upon the Gentile believers beyond the Noahide precepts, it did not object to their voluntarily observing more.

Acts 15:19-21 19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: 20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. 21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day. (KJV)

It would be here that the non-Jews once having come to God would continue to grow spiritually and take upon themselves other Commandments over and beyond the minimum of the Laws of Noah. Needless to say this included repeated immersions and being "Born Again" before Sabbaths and Biblical Festivals.

Among the figures of the early Church who instructed Gentile Christians to observe more precepts than these essential "Noahide" ones was Peter, as we know from Paul's criticism of him for demanding that Gentiles live like Jews (Gal. 2:14). Rather than interpreting the apostolic decree of Gentiles adhering to the Laws of Noah as a minimum, Paul saw in the Noahide precepts the maximum obligations of Gentile Christians. They need not do or observe more according to Paul. Rather than Peter being incorrect, a more comprehensive understanding of the Bible reveals Paul to be incorrect; thus the biased view of the Gentile New Testament which is totally incorrect historically and Scripturally (regarding the Hebrew Scriptures).

Answer for yourself: Are you beginning to wonder how much less of God we have in our lives today because we were never taught correctly the concept of being Born Again by the anti-Semitic Gentile Church and have failed to draw nearer to God through these Hukkim Commandments most of our lives?

GET IT CORRECT PAUL OR DON'T TEACH IT AT ALL!

Paul remarks in a letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 7) that the circumcised (Jews or converted Gentiles) should not remove the marks of circumcision, nor should the uncircumcised (Gentiles become Jews) circumcise themselves. Wait a minute. Paul contradicts himself (like a lot of preachers today). In Galatians 5 he says "if you Gentiles get circumcised" and then he says "don't do it."

Answer for yourself: Can't Paul make up his mind? Under the Laws of Noah Gentiles were never to be circumcised, and it was this ruling that was given to Paul in Acts 15 and 16 in letters which he and Barnabas and others were to take to the Gentile Churches in their journeys strengthening them.

Answer for yourself: But how could a Gentile be told to not remove the marks of circumcision if it was never required of him at all? This is something that was understood by God to be voluntary as seen in Abraham's circumcision; himself a non-Jew.

In Acts 16 Paul circumcised his disciple Timothy.

Answer for yourself: Timothy was not a Jew was he?

Answer for yourself: If he was a Gentile why bother, right?

This contradiction of Paul is very puzzling.

Answer for yourself: Sadly many have incorrectly interpreted Paul as teaching that circumcision was abandoned with the coming of Yeshua the Messiah, but was it? *Acts 16 is over 20 years after Yeshua and Paul is still circumcising!*

Answer for yourself: We have failed to understand properly, so what is the clear truth of the matter?

Yeshua and his Apostles did not wish to destroy the Torah (Law) from Israel, God forbid; for it is written so in Matthew 5:17, the Jesus of the New Testament having said, *"Do not suppose that I have come to abolish the Torah. I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. I tell you this: So long as heaven and earth endure (do they yet exist today?), not a letter, not a stroke, will disappear from the Torah (the Law) until it is achieved. If any man therefore sets aside even the least of the Torah's demands, and teaches others to do the same (the majority of Pastors who preach the contemporary Christian message), he will have the lowest place in the Kingdom of Heaven, whereas anyone who keeps the Torah, and teaches others so, will stand high in the Kingdom of Heaven."*

Bet Emet Ministries teaches Gentile and Jewish commitment and observance to the Torah, not because we desire to be "high" in the Kingdom of God, but because we love God and His Word, and would never think of destroying it by misinterpreting it or failing to study to arrive at the correct meaning of these truths for the people of God today.

It is therefore exceedingly clear that the Jesus of the New Testament never dreamed of destroying the Torah or changing the meaning of being "Born Again" as have the majority of churches today that carry his name and substitute "another Gospel" for the true Gospel of Christ.

WHAT TO DO WITH TIMOTHY?

Paul does not contradict himself because of his circumcision of Timothy, for the latter was the son of a Jewish mother, and a Gentile father (Acts 16), and Paul knew that the child of a Jewish mother is considered a "full Jew", even if the father should be a Gentile. Paul thus acted entirely in accordance with the Halakah (interpretation of Jewish Law) by circumcising Timothy. This would be in line with his position, following the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15 in 50 A.D., that no longer will Gentile believers be required to "become fully converted Jews" to be accepted into Israel; that the Gentile believers could now remain as "God-Fearers" and be accepted fully by the Jews (1 Cor 7, Acts 15) without circumcision. But yet they might not have to be circumcised to convert but in their worship of the God of Israel they will be expected to observe the Hukkim immersions before the Sabbath and Festivals [being Born Again repeatedly]. Gentiles no longer had to "convert" to Judaism and become "fully Jewish" for inclusion with equal standing with Jews within the Israel of God. The Gentiles as "God-Fearers" were to also be accepted as grafted into Israel (as demonstrated by Cornelius in Acts 10 who was a "God-Fearer" and who had not yet been circumcised). It is important to note that as a "God-Fearer", Cornelius yet observed the Noahide Laws, honored the Sabbath, and ate kosher (proper killing, dressing and preparation of animals intended for food as well as the removal of all blood). The baptism of Cornelius into the Holy Spirit as had been the Jews earlier in Acts 2 during the Festival of Pentecost was the evidence needed to convince the Jerusalem church that the middle-wall of partition was being removed between Jews and "unclean Gentiles". Understand this "baptism" of the Spirit was a miracle of hearing for Cornelius, as had the various disciples from seventy different nations in Acts 2 understood Hebrew when spoken by Peter yet never knowing the language. This was a miracle of hearing and not "tongues" as taught incorrectly by Charismatic Christianity. It literally was a reverse of the Babel curse when all nations spoke different languages but understood them. This is what we find with Cornelius and Acts 2 in spite of the erroneous teaching of Charismatics. Cornelius could all of a sudden understand Peter yet spoke no Aramaic or Hebrew. From this experience with Cornelius in Acts 10 we learn that obedience to the Noahide Laws, without circumcision (to remain only as a

"God-Fearer" and not fully convert to Judaism), was no longer to be a barrier between the "unclean Gentiles" and the Jews. This event will have a supreme impact in the Acts 15 council which is coming shortly. For example, table fellowship at the Shabbat (Sabbath observance) and the Festivals could now be shared together with the Jews without circumcision of the Gentile. This is what the Jesus movement accomplished; a new repentant understanding of the place of the non-Jew and his acceptance within the Israel of God by Jews previously blinded by their hatred of the Gentile. This was understood from Peter's vision in Acts 10 concerning "unclean foods" which the Lord cleansed (symbolic of cleansing of men [Gentiles], and not the animals designated as unclean in Leviticus). So many Christian commentators get this wrong.

Shammai's "Eighteen Measures" (one of which commanded Jews not to eat or enter into the homes of Gentiles-remember Shammai hated Gentiles) was overturned by God with the revelation at Cornelius' home. God never told a Jew that he could not enter into a Gentile's home or eat with a non-Jew; Shammai did. God corrects Shammai and those that followed his teaching. Peter's vision of the unclean foods represented the "unclean Gentiles" which God had cleansed; the vision was not meant to tell Peter that God had cleansed the "unclean foods". The message to the Jew is that no longer were they to treat the non-Jews like "dogs" and enforce circumcision upon them thereby keeping them away from God or only accepting them if they submitted to circumcision. Circumcision was to be no longer required for non-Jews to be accepted by Israel for God never required it of them; Israel was to no longer require this of them either. **But immersion, another part of the conversion process understood as being "Born Again," was to continue. This was not to change since it accomplished something Spiritual in the Heavens. Let us not confuse this issue.**

HOW DOES GOD LOOK AT YOU...A GENTILE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER TODAY?

Timothy had to be circumcised since he was Jewish (because his mother was Jewish) and, therefore, was required to observe all the commandments of the Torah (613). Gentiles who observe the Noahide Laws are forbidden to observe "ALL" the Torah like a Jew is required, unless they desire to be circumcised and identify totally with the Jew and his Torah (full-conversion); if so then they are no longer "God-Fearers" but have become full-fledged Jews and undertake all the 613 Commandments. Following Immersion into Israel the Gentile "Born Again" and is no longer considered a "Gentile", he is now Jewish (either partly or completely depending upon circumcision). All non-Jews who become circumcised following immersion are bound by ALL the commandments (613). Understand up front seldom if ever a Gentile male in the USA is circumcised on the 8th day as part of his faith or the faith of his parents according to the Bible. Let us understand as well that the immersion process is crucial for the Christian and he needs to understand it correctly as it applies to him. Once you as a Christian are immersed and identify with Israel, you emerged from that "watery womb" and a "watery tomb" as a Born-Again "God-Fearer" who is grafted into Israel without circumcision as part of any conversion process to Judaism. But yet you are immersed into the "Israel" of God and "drew close to God in a Spiritual way in the Spirit realm" and you never knew it. You are at that time considered by God as a Spiritual Jew regardless if you were aware of it or not or whether you Christian denomination or non-denomination recognizes this or not. Their doctrines cannot change the truth no matter what they think or believe. As a Gentile male who is immersed you are not considered a "partial-Jew" unless you are uncircumcised. If you are circumcised and immersed then you are yet considered a "partial-Jew" because your circumcision had no bearing upon you converting to Judaism. Of course in America circumcision is done without any spiritual significance whatsoever to the non-Jew and thereby cannot apply in any manner to a voluntary conversion to Judaism even though one is later immersed. That is why a Gentile today when he converts to Judaism still has his male member "pricked" to draw blood by the Rabbi in a token "circumcision" along with an immersion.

Answer for yourself: Did you hear that?

The majority of our readers most likely set in their churches thinking they are "Christians" and God's Word says that you are "Spiritually Jewish" (children of Abraham) and are the Israel of God. **You have not replaced Israel no matter what your corrupt Christian Scriptures might fraudulently say; you became a part of Israel. Such doctrines are the fruit of Roman anti-Semitism. There is no such thing as a God ordained replacement religion even though Gentile Christianity might think in such an incorrect manner.** You as a Gentile "Christian" are obligated to observe the Torah (that part of the Law that refers to you as a Godfearer and represents your Gentile Covenant before God), and sadly because of the great lack of true scholarship in Gentile Christianity you have let your unlearned pastors and teachers tell you repeatedly that you are **"under grace" and "not under Law."** **You are under both; just examine your Covenant and you will quickly see this for yourself!** I just showed you that a proper understanding of immersion and the teachings of Yeshua & Paul are in complete opposition to what Gentile Christianity believes "Born Again" means. This concept has been totally stripped from its Jewish context and given a totally different meaning that God never intended it have. Now, let me ask you as a Christian an important question.

Answer for yourself: Who are you going to believe; your pastor or Jesus as found within the faith of Judaism? It is time to do some serious study into the origin of Gentile Christianity and contrast it with what the the Jesus of the New Testament, as a Jew, believed about God and the Hebrew Scriptures before they were altered by Rome to suit their own religious beliefs.

Answer for yourself: With such an obligation to the "Christian" who now becomes aware that he is either "part-Jewish" & "Spiritual Israel" (Judaism is not a race but a religion; the religion of Jesus the Jew) **what are you to do concerning the Hebrew Scriptures which by example teach that the Gentile is expected to observe the Shabbat (Sabbath), Pesach (Festival of the Passover), Hag HaMatzah (Festival of Unleavened Bread), HaBikkurim (First Fruits), Shavuot (Festival of Pentecost), Rosh HaShannah (Jewish New Year), Yom Teruah (Festival of Trumpets), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), and Sukkot (Festival of Tabernacles)?** More than likely in your Christian Church you don't observe any of these and immersion is a one time event tied not to drawing closer to God at each of these appointed times with God but accepting that particular brand of belief and set of doctrines surrounding the Jesus of the New Testament as espoused by what particular denomination or non-denomination you are involved in at present.

Surely if you love God and desire to obey Him more than your Gentile traditions then you should want to begin to observe and keep these Holy Days of YHVH according to Scripture because informed study will reveal that not only the Jews but the non-Jews kept these Biblical Holy days all through the Hebrew Scriptures. Not only that they kept the Biblical Sabbath and not the Roman day of the Sun is our custom today. Along with this goes the concept of continually drawing closer to God at each of these "appointed times" by continually being "Born Again" throughout our lives according to the teaching of the Rabbis and the Hebrew Scriptures that the Jesus of the New Testament used and believed in with all his heart.

PLEASE TELL ME THAT IT IS BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE

Christian scholars have assumed from certain passages in the Gospels that the Jesus of the New Testament wished to give a new Torah to take the place of the Torah of Moses. He could not do so unless he sinned.

Answer for yourself: How could the Jesus of the New Testament have then said explicitly that he came only to fulfill the Torah (Law). In Hebrew this carried the connotation of rightly interpreting the Torah and not just obeying it but obeying it properly. Yeshua never came to abolish Judaism, but came to **re-establish the religion of Judaism not only for the Jews calling for repentance and return to obedience to the Scriptures but also included the same message for the Gentiles because within Judaism exists the faith that God had given the the non-Jew from the beginning-Noahidism! At the waters of Marrah Moses reiterated the Laws of Noah before he built upon them the additive Laws known today as the Laws of Noah. Noahidism is the foundation on which the Laws of Moses rests.** Nor was this religion new, but actually ancient; it being the observance of the **Seven Commandments of Noah**, which were

forgotten purposefully by Shammai and his students because of his hatred of the non-Jew. Such hatred of the non-Jew was influencing the people of Israel in Jesus' day; thus the Jesus of the New Testament came not for those who are well but those who need a physician and who are sick; sick with hatred for the Gentiles whom God loved and to whom God had called Israel to be a light unto to show them the their own Torah-their Instruction in the Noahide Laws. Along with this was a call for Jews to return to God in repentance and this was necessary before they could be an effective witness to the nations; Israel could not give to the nations what she did not have...righteousness. God had intended for the Gentiles to be redeemed all along. the Jesus of the New Testament came for the "lost sheep of the house of Israel"; who had lost their way and forgotten their responsibility as God's Royal Priesthood to the Gentile nations. Israel had been entrusted with Divine truth for the world and she was not sharing it. She was in danger of severe judgment if she failed to repent. These truths were not only for them, but the Gentiles as well. It is important to understand that as there were "people who were lost" in Israel, there were others like the Essene Menahem and the Hillel Pharisees who had not "lost their way" and needed little if any correction by Yeshua! That is why Yeshua said the "kingdom" had been taken from the Sadducees and given to the Pharisees [Hillel School] when he said the Pharisees set in Moses' seat:

Matt 23:2 2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: (KJV)

The Greek word for "sit":

2523 kathizo- 1) to make to sit down to set, to appoint, to confer a kingdom upon one

Here we find that the rulership delegated by God to the Sadducees was stripped from them by God's representative as a spokesman for God and given to Hillel Pharisees which was the ONLY branch of Judaism that even attempted a Gentile outreach taking the Laws of Noah and the Covenant of Eternal Life to the Gentile world. Sadly the anti-Semitic Gentile New Testament blasphemes all Pharisees whereby one read and thinks that the only good Pharisee is a "dead" Pharisee. Such is the hatred spread by the New Testament; a Roman replacement religious document.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN THE GREAT COMMISSION?

Jesus' Apostles, in fulfillment of the Great Commission of their master, established these Seven Commandments anew (Acts 15, Acts 16, Acts 21). However, those born as Jews (with Jewish mothers), or those Gentiles where were immersed [Born Again] and circumcised as "full-converts" to Judaism (Ex. 12:49; one law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger) are obligated to observe all 613 of the commandments of the Torah without exception. Notice if you will that the non-Jews partake of some of what the Jews were given but not all. But much was held in common by both and both Jew and Gentile keep the Sabbath, Festivals, and were "Born Again" repeatedly in their walk with God throughout their lives as this article has demonstrated beyond any doubt.

Answer for yourself: Are you a Gentile Christian [circumcised or non-circumcised] who has been immersed into the Israel of God through the ministry of Yeshua and his followers and "Born-Again" into Israel? Then that means you!

For the Gentile God reserved the Seven Noahide Commandments which they have always been obligated to fulfill. It is for that reason that they were forbidden pollution of idols, fornication, blood, and things strangled (Acts 15). Yeshua's Apostles, agreeing with the School of Hillel, would no longer enforce circumcision on the non-Jew for inclusion into the Israel of God (to do so would mean full conversion) and they would no longer enforce Sabbath observance (exactly like the Jews observed it) but teach it to the Gentile in a somewhat modified fashion. The mandatory observance of the Sabbath by "God-Fearers" was similar, but not exactly alike the Jewish observance.

This may sound so different from what your traditional Christian message has been, but your Christian message is incorrect if it does not agree or line up with the Apostle's Doctrine. I just taught it to you as it existed in the days of the Jesus of the New Testament. All of what I have shared with you is in accord with the law and custom of the Torah, as expounded by the Jewish sages, the true transmitters from Moses at Sinai, and understood by Jesus of Nazareth in the first century (they Jews today are the legacy of the Pharisees that survived 70 C.E.; they sit in Moses' seat...listen to what they say).

Our Gentile Christianity and religious dogmas and understanding today is incorrect if it violates the truths as the Jesus of the New Testament and the School of Hillel understood them. We do not know more about salvation than Jesus and the Jewish people and sages that agreed with him no matter what we think or have been taught by our Gentile authorities

It was to the Hillel Pharisees the Jesus of the New Testament referred to in Matt. 23 who set in Moses' seat and to whom we are to listen for correct doctrine. No greater example need be given than the doctrine of being "Born Again." We are not to follow the examples of any leaders if they do not line up with the Apostle's Doctrine of Acts 2:42.

Answer for yourself: Has Rome and their New Testament correctly portrayed Apostolic doctrine and how do you know for sure if have never studied Biblical Judaism and made your own comparisons of religious dogmas between them?

This teaching on immersion, being "Born Again," and conversion of the Gentile along with the role of the Godfearer is Apostolic Doctrine as Yeshua understood it and as taught by his disciples, and any other interpretation other than this is NOT correct. We are not to follow any spiritual examples unless they live what they preach and unless that line up with Biblical truth that can be demonstrated from historical and linguistic study (that means the Pharisee Preachers of Christianity today who fail to teach and live the truth of Apostolic Doctrine! No greater "Pharisees" have ever lived than the anti-Semitic Gentile Church of the last 1800 years. the Jesus of the New Testament tells us not to follow them unless they agree with him! Good advice. This same admonition is given in Deut. 17:8 ff., where the authority to teach and lead the people were given to the religious leaders God put over the people of "Israel". These occupy Moses' seat and it is time for the Christian Church to set at the feet of the Rabbis and learn truth for a change.

One of the reasons why Gentile Christianity refuses to learn from the Jewish sages and Rabbis and would rather repeat Gentile Religious dogmas which are incorrect without even knowing it because of that one passage in Romans 11 which teaches that Israel was blinded.

Rom 11:7 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (KJV)

This is all well and good **UNTIL** you find out that this passage was completely lacking from the original Romans until well after 180 A.D. when it miraculously appeared under the influence of Irenaeus which gave the world the 2nd New Testament in response to Marcion's 1st New Testament which Rome did not like. But even more the whole of Romans chapter 9, 10, and 11 cannot be shown to have existed before 180 A.D. again under Irenaeus' influence. So much for the Gentile Church's refusal to accept anything Jewish...like the correct understanding of being "Born Again."

IT IS WAY PAST TIME TO GET REAL

Answer for yourself: Do the Baptists, Methodist, Catholics, Assemblies of God, or any other denomination or non-denomination occupy Moses' seat? No. The Catholic and Protestant denominations are far from being Jewish and often very far from having truth. Salvation is of the Jews according to Yeshua and that will never change. Sadly such anti-Semitic doctrines created by Irenaeus has blinded the Gentile from truth; it is the Gentiles who are blinded to truth and not the Jews.

Answer for yourself: If by chance the Jews were wrong then what does that do to the Jesus of the New Testament and what he said concerning who is to take the reign of the Spiritual direction of Israel and the resultant responsibility for enlightening the Gentiles? Do you dare tell Jesus that he made a mistake and he should have said the Crystal Cathedral or TBN sit in Moses' seat?

It was these Sages and Pharisees who said that it is forbidden to circumcise a Gentile who does not accept upon himself the yoke of "ALL" the Commandments. In America male babies are circumcised apart from the truths of God's Word (we are commanded to circumcise on the 8th day and not within the first 2-3 days of a newborn's life or a year later as some do) and because of our failure to circumcise according to the Biblical example along with our failure to teach Biblical truth [take Born Again for an example] instead of anti-Semitic doctrines the Gentiles remain "aliens to the commonwealth of Israel." When a Gentile male is finally circumcised it has no connection to the Biblical injunction and therefore the doing so later coupled with a later immersion does not render him a "convert" to Judaism. **The Gentile becomes a "God-Fearer" and not a convert. Identification with Israel is by faith and free will. You must choose to stand at your personal Sinai and say to God "I will do all that you say".**

Answer for yourself: Do you want to obey God?

Answer for yourself: Do you want to honor His Name with your life?

Going to churches that teach error does not accomplish anything and your fellowship with darkness surely does not honor God when our worship of Him is in error and our religious beliefs as Gentile Christians are contradicted by Biblical faith.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever been to your personal Sinai and told God you will do all that He says?

Answer for yourself: Will you ever go?

The Sages likewise said that the Gentile is commanded NOT to "fully" observe the Sabbath as does the Jew (yet he is to remember and keep it). Acts 20:6 recounts for us the Gentile believers and how they were taught by Paul to remember and keep the Sabbath. It is here we find the Gentile Church keeping Jewish ordinances well over thirty years after Yeshua's death. At one time the Gentile Church had such truths of which I speak; sadly today under Constantine's influence these truths are buried.

As far as the Gentiles ("God-Fearers") were concerned, they were **NOT** commanded to observe all the Torah (the 613 mitzvot). The Gentile "God-Fearers" did not have to accept all the 613 mitzvot and are not enjoined to observe all of the 613 commandments. However, it is completely different as far as Jews are concerned, for they became obligated to fulfill the Torah because God delivered them from Egypt to be the people of His possession. Therefore they and their children became **subject to it forever and so are those Gentiles who make full-conversions to Judaism.**

LET'S SUM IT ALL UP

It should be easy to see that the Jesus of the New Testament and his Apostles never meant to abolish the Torah of Moses from one who is born a Jew. Likewise, did Paul write in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 7) that

each should adhere to the faith in which each was called. This being the case our New Testament shares with us that after Jesus' death a movement began with Jesus' followers whereby they repented of their hatred of the non-Jew and began to earnestly take the Gentile nations Gods offer of Eternal Life as found in the Laws and Covenant of Noah. Unlike before the disciples of Yeshua/ Jesus **forbid mandatory circumcision of the Gentiles before having anything to do with them. Yet they taught them correctly about being "Born Again."**

The rabbis and teachers like Hillel and the Jerusalem Church [Acts 15/16] thus took the Gentiles the revelation of God and instructed them not to be circumcised unless they wished to be fully converted to Judaism (this had no bearing upon immersion since it was required for "partial" as well as "full" conversion). **It would suffice that the Gentiles observe the Seven Noahide Commandments, as commanded upon them through the Halakhah from Moses at Sinai. This was the minimum requirements for inclusion into Israel.**

Rabbi Emden was correct; the Jesus of the New Testament brought a double kindness into the world.

- One the one hand, he strengthened the Torah of Moses majestically (Acts 24:20 states that many thousands of Jews were believers in Yeshua as Messiah and zealous for the Torah (Law); this was over 30 years after Yeshua's death and resurrection). The ministry of the Jesus of the New Testament helped return the "children of Israel back to their Fathers; the Patriarchs and their faith" and thus fulfill Malachi's prophecy.
- On the other hand, Yeshua did much good for the Gentiles (provided they do not turn about his intent as they please, as some foolish ones have done because they did not fully understand the intent of the authors of the Gospels and epistles. **Yeshua obligated his Apostles to fulfill the Great Commission by taking the Gentiles (as a minimum) the Seven Commandments of Noah so that they should not be as the beasts of the field and continue to live their lives as pagans and a little above animals. He also bestowed upon them ethical ways, and in this respect he was much more stringent with them than the Torah of Moses.** In is not necessary to impose upon Jews such extreme ethical practices, since they have been obligated to the yoke of Torah since Sinai. Israel took the oath at Sinai and are already trained in proper practice and nature of the Second Tablet of the Law (ethical monotheism and the horizontal relationships man-to-man). It would be for Paul to constantly correct, reprove, teach Apostolic Doctrine, and instruct the Gentiles in his travels since it was to his audience he would write "you are strangers from the Covenant promises, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, without hope and without God in the world".

If Christians would study they would understand what I have detailed in this teaching. No longer would the Church erroneously teach the cessation, abolition, or replacement of the Torah of Moses and Yeshua. Such sin and foolishness would and should cease.

Because of these errant Christian scholars, hatred has increased toward the Jews who are blameless of any guilt concerning Yeshua's death and proceed innocently to observe their Torah with all their heart (intellect), soul (dedication and commitment to action) and might (resources and property). The leaders of the Churches of Jesus Christ should study to learn correctly for themselves before they lead their people into sin and astray from the will of God for their lives and teach gross error in Jesus' name. This does anything but honor him. The Jew is the brother of the Christian. Ephraim (the grafted-in Gentile) and Judah make up Israel. As members of the Christian faith, how good and pleasant it might be if you would observe what was commanded to you by your first teachers, sent directly to you by Yeshua, with his message, and not the message that anti-Semitism has created these last 2000 years. The Christian Church is in desperate need of being "Born Again" into TRUTH that its historic Fathers rejected along with forging religious documents that have almost guaranteed to this day that such truth remain hidden from the Gentile. No greater example could be given than the corruption of what the Jesus of the New Testament knew and taught concerning being "Born Again."

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THOUGHTS ON THE DEATH OF JESUS AS RELATED TO THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM #1

If you are a Christian this is the most important piece of information you will have ever read. I behoove you to read the whole article if you want to understand the death of Yeshua as God intended. The facts presented speak for themselves. I pray you will quietly and prayerfully speak to the Father as you read this most enlightening articles. My prayers and blessings to you.

For the purpose of coming to a correct understanding of Judaism and the "Sacrificial System" and how it operated the articles in this series will be approached from the viewpoint that the Jesus of the New Testament was a "historical person".

As a Christian you have been told your whole life that two great objectives were accomplished by Jesus in his mission to this world.

- The removal of the curse under which mankind labored as a result of the disobedience and fall
- The restoration of men to the image and fellowship of God.

Both of these were essential to salvation as taught by Gentile Christianity. Christianity teaches that the work of Christ in reconciling God and men is called "the" Atonement; and this doctrine lies at the very heart of the Christian system. Sadly few understand correctly this very important doctrine, the origin of Christianity's claims, nor can the Biblical teaching on Atonement be understood correctly without a proper understanding of the Hebraic roots from which it came.

We are altogether dependent on Old Testament Scripture and Jewish writings for our knowledge concerning the doctrine of the Atonement and can know only what God has seen fit to reveal concerning it.

What most don't know is that when one encounters teachings on Atonement in the New Testament, which was collected and altered repeatedly by the Gentile Church, one is reading the "Gentile pagan accounts of Atonements from mystery religions" and not "fulfillments" of Old Testament Scripture!

Our present purpose in this series of articles is to give a systematized account of what the Jewish Scriptures, the Bible Yeshua used. the Palestinian Masoretic Text, the Tanakh, teach concerning Atonement, and to show that this fits in perfectly with the longings and aspirations of an enlightened spiritual nature.

A CHRISTIAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT A THROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

First of all you have to have the correct text. The Christian's Old Testament is different from the Jewish Masoretic text in over 2000 places. This should concern you immensely! If you want the facts check out: <http://geocities.com/faithofyeshua>. You should demand a translation and not a free creationism as doctored by non-Jews, who over the centuries, conformed the faith and writings of the Jews to suit their pagan backgrounds. Enough said. If you have been reading our materials we have made this most plain over the years. Now to the purpose at hand.

In one of Paul's most condensed and fundamental statements of Christian teaching we read: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ (Messiah) died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried; and that He hath been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," I Cor. 15:3.

Answer for yourself: Even in the corrupt Old Testaments in the Christian Bibles, can you find where the Old Testament prophecies that Yeshua was to die for sin and that he was to be buried and raised on the 3rd day?

What? You cannot? No wonder; it is not there anywhere! And please don't read into Isa. 53 the concept of an "individual" when the author from chapter 40 on through chapter 66 deals with a "corporate, collective, and national" Suffering Servant and never one individual. If you do so, then understand that you invalidate completely what Isaiah intended we learn from the passage. Such is reading into the text your pre-formed theology. Let us not do that. We are supposed to believe what we can draw out of the text. The text must determine our beliefs. Such is exegesis. I recommend exegesis as you can see and because of my Christian background I must fight daily to limit my eisegesis as much as possible because so much error is yet burned into my subconscious. We must struggle and fight for the truth. Such makes one Israel.

IF YOU HAD A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT THEN YOU WOULD NOT BE MISLED SO EASILY BY THE NEW TESTAMENT

First of all understand that the word "Christ" means Messiah in Hebrew. So according to Paul, in the New Testament, his "gospel" is saying that the Messiah died for our sins.

Answer for yourself: Does the Old Testament and Jewish Scriptures teach and prepare Israel to prepare for and accept a Messiah who comes to die for their sins? No it does not in fact; it teaches just the opposite and this is where the problem lies.

You might not be able to answer with Old Testament Scripture the above question but you will be able soon enough if you continue to study our articles. The Gospel of John in the New Testament states that the "Word became flesh," meaning by most accounts that Jesus, the Messiah, came from Heaven in the form of flesh. Christianity answers the above dilemma two ways: one, there was a time the flesh was "not the Word" and a time when the "Word became flesh" in the Virgin Birth. Without going into detail, the idea which was understood and believed by the first Jewish followers concerning Yeshua; that of him "becoming" Messiah at his immersion is just another proof that the Virgin Birth teaching is incorrect. If you would like to have the detailed teachings exposing the errors in the Virgin Birth teaching request them from Bet Emet Ministries and we will be glad to see you get them. So, important for your understanding as we study atonement is that Jesus becomes "the" Messiah (Messiah means anointed and we have record of his anointing "without measure" at his immersion when he was 30 years old at the Jordan). You and I dear one are anointed with measure, but Yeshua, as depicted in the New Testament as "the Christ" was anointed "without measure". You would expect one to fulfill the Messianic hope of Israel to be so equipped. Incidentally, this is exactly what the earliest Jewish followers of Yeshua/Jesus believed; namely that Jesus is the Messiah, and became the Messiah from anointing without measure at the Jordan. Such were called

the Ebionites and their writings are available today as well as the records of the early Church historians which reveal to us what the earliest beliefs were concerning Jesus before being changed by the Roman Church in the fourth century and following. It is not my intention to explain in this article why the prophecies of the Jewish Scriptures were not fulfilled in Yeshua nor deal with the fictional creations of "false-fulfilled" passages in the New Testament in this article. We have that information available to those who would desire it at: <http://www.faithofyeshua.faithweb.com>.

NOW LETS THINK ...

Now let me ask you a question that goes to the very foundation of the core of our beliefs about salvation.

Answer for yourself: Should we not rather try to understand Paul to say that "Christ died because of our sins" instead of "for our sins?"

Critical for our understanding is if Christ's death:

- Was the result of our sins or if his death atoned for sins?
- If Christ's death atoned for ALL our sins or if his death atoned only for PART of our sins (Yom Kippur/The Day of Atonement teaches us the truth in this regard), or did his death NOT atone for any of our sins?
- If Christ's death or rather his life (life is in the blood which ended at his death and the shedding of his blood) atoned for sins, then what implication does one's "life" have for personal atonement of sin?

Before we get to the very heart of the issue we must come to a better understanding of the sacrificial system in order to correctly consider if Jesus' death can be understood as a proper sacrifice within the Law and the dynamics within it that affects the forgiveness of sin.

LAWS OF THE SACRIFICE

The terminology used with regard to the patriarchal age is that of the Torah as a whole; it is unlikely that the same words in Genesis mean something different in the other Books of Moses. Thus, Cain and Abel each brought a "gift" (*minhah*; Gen. 4:4f.), which was usually of a cereal nature as brought by Cain (Lev. 2). Notice this is not a sin offering! Noah offered up a burnt offering ("olah"; Gen. 8:20ff.) and the pleasing odor of the sacrifice is stressed. Job is also depicted as making burnt offerings periodically (Job 1:5) and for specific purposes (Job 42:7-9). The burnt offerings, signifying complete surrender to God, were by far the most frequent sacrifices at the Israelite sanctuary. Again these offerings by Noah and Job were not "sin" offerings and only showed the complete devotion and surrender of the "offerer's" heart to God as he demonstrated and testified to his relationship with God through such "gifts".

I need to repeat the last statement as it will have major significance as you continue to read.

These burnt offerings [olahs] as seen in Cain, Able, Noah, and Job only showed the complete devotion and surrender of the "offerer's" heart to God as he demonstrated and testified to his relationship with God through such "gifts".

The Patriarchs normally are said to have "called on the name of the Lord," e.g., Abraham (Gen. 12:8, 13-4; 21:33) and Isaac (Gen. 26:25). The association of this phrase with the building of an altar shows that it refers to the approach to God through sacrifice. With Jacob the naming of the specific altar is stressed (Gen. 33:20; 35:7). Once Abraham is said to have offered an "olah" (Gen. 22:13) but Jacob (Gen. 31:54; 46:1) offered "zevachim". Again these were NOT "sin" offerings NOR were they intended for Atonement.

Now let us look at "offerings" and "sacrifices" from Moses to Samuel. The covenant sacrifice inaugurating the relationship between the Lord and His people (Ex. 24:3–8) is not paralleled by specific rituals in the Mosaic liturgy. Burnt and peace offerings were first offered and then the blood from them (not from a sin offering) was thrown half against the altar and half upon the people. In the land of Canaan the Israelites made sacrifices at various places, e.g., at Bochim (Judg. 2:1–5) and Ophrah (Judg. 6:24–26). The human sacrifice of Jephthah's daughter (Judg. 11:30–40) was hardly normative; instead it is pointed out as evidence of Israel's sad spiritual state at that time. The main center for sacrificial ritual was at Shiloh (I Sam 1:3ff.), where faithful Israelites came for an annual festive offering. That the ritual there was highly developed and detailed is proven by the explicit description of malpractice on the part of Eli's sons (I Sam 2:13–17) in taking their portion of the meat before the entrails were burned. However, Shiloh was not the only legitimate place of sacrifice; others included Beth-Shemesh (I Sam 6:14–15), Mizpah (I Sam 7:9), Ramah (I Sam. 7:17; 9:11–24), and Gilgal (I Sam. 10:8; 11:15; 13:9). Family and clan sacrifices were commonplace (I Sam. 16:2–5).

Common to all these instances was "sacrifice" for other reasons than "sin offerings"! This is so very important. What you need to know is that in the Old Testament the first mention of animal sacrifices for "sin offerings" was AFTER the Golden Calf and the sin of idolatry by a people already possessing relational knowledge of the True God

Answer for yourself: Then how did mankind obtain forgiveness of sin up until the Golden Calf and the idolatry associated with it? Surely man sinned and must have been given a way of obtaining atonement prior to the Exodus. Well stay tuned!

Let us continue in the next article in this series.

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THOUGHTS ON THE DEATH OF JESUS AS RELATED TO THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM #2

HOW WERE THE SACRIFICES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TO BE UNDERSTOOD AND INTERPRETED?

Throughout the ages attempts have been made to explain the dynamics involved in the sacrificial system of Israel. Without such an understanding of the Old Testament Sacrificial System the typical Christian is literally "crippled" in his understanding of Atonement. The proposed explanations can be divided into three categories: the symbolic, juridical, and rational.

SYMBOLIC

Philo devoted a treatise to the subject (De Victimis; see Spec. 1:112–256). He pointed out that only domesticated animals and the most gentle birds were suitable for sacrifice and that they had to be free of blemish, which he took as a symbol that the offerers must also be wholesome in body and soul. The Jew had to approach the altar with his soul purged of its passions and viciousness if the sacrifice was to be acceptable (Spec. 1:166/167, 257).

Take notice of the spiritual condition necessary **BEFORE** the sacrifice was to be presented at the altar...his soul had to be purged of sin IF the sacrifice was to be acceptable to God.

The reader needs to understand NOW that there were prior conditions that needed to be met by the sacrificer of the animal BEFORE the sacrifice was to be brought to the altar. Now lets pick up with Philo.

The wicked would be rejected, even if they offered hundreds of sacrifices (Spec. 1:271). The rabbis stated that the sacrificial statutes indicated that God is with the persecuted. The ox is pursued by the lion, the goat by the leopard, and the lamb by the wolf. Therefore God commanded, "Do not offer those that persecute, but rather those that are persecuted" (Lev. R. 27:5). The requirement that fowl be offered with their feathers symbolized that a poor man was not to be despised. Therefore his offering was placed on the altar in its full adornment, despite the nauseating odor normally arising from the burning of feathers (Lev. R. 3:5). Salt, an indispensable ingredient of sacrifice, was symbolic of the moral effect of suffering, which purifies man and causes sins to be forgiven (Ber. 5a). Judah Halevi declared that the fire on the altar was kindled by the will of God as a sign that the people found favor in His sight and that He was accepting their hospitality and offerings (Kuzari 2:26). Samson Raphael Hirsch explained that the Pentateuch required the person to lay his hands upon the head of the sacrifice to indicate that the "hands" that have become morally weakened "support" themselves on the resolution of the future betterment that is expressed by the offering (his commentary to Lev. 1:4). David Hoffmann declared that sacrifices are symbols of man's gratitude to God and his dependence on Him, of the absolute devotion man owes to God, as well as of man's confidence in Him (Introd. to commentary on Lev.

(Heb. ed.), 64–67).

JUDICIAL

The juridical approach is put forward by Ibn Ezra (commentary to Lev. 1:1) and to some extent by Nahmanides (commentary to Lev. 1:9). According to them, the sinner's life is forfeit to God, but by a gracious provision he is permitted to substitute a faultless victim. His guilt (not his sin) is transferred to the offering by the symbolic act of placing his hands on the victim.

The reader should understand RIGHT NOW that this is something new he has never heard in his Christian Church. It was the guilt and not the sin that was transferred to the innocent animal. Now back to Ibn Ezra.

When observing the pouring out of the blood and the burning of the sacrifice, the person should acknowledge that were it not for divine grace he should be the victim, expiating his sin with his own blood and limbs (Nahmanides to Lev. 1:9). Many Christian exegetes adopted this explanation and on it built the whole theological foundation of their Church.

RATIONAL

Quite different is the rational view of sacrifice advocated by Maimonides. He rejected the symbolist position which discovered reasons for the details of the various sacrifices. Those who trouble themselves to discover why one offering should be a lamb, while another is a ram, are "void of sense; they do not remove any difficulties, but rather increase them" (Guide, 3:26). Maimonides held that the sacrificial service was not really of Jewish origin. It was the universal custom among all peoples at the time of Moses to worship by means of sacrifices. Since the Israelites had been brought up in this atmosphere, God realized that they could not immediately completely abandon sacrifice. He therefore limited its application by confining it to one place in the world, with the ultimate intention of weaning them from the debased religious rituals of their idolatrous neighbors.

Answer for yourself: Dear one, did you hear that? God was in time to wean His people from the pagan idolatrous forms of worship that contained animals sacrifice that His people had been influenced by the example of pagan nations? This means that Atonement was to be obtained in other than "blood" and the Old Testament is full of ways by which one can obtain Atonement without "blood"! Please keep reading!

The new service of "confined sacrifice" in one place in the world stressed the existence and unity of God, "without deterring or confusing the minds of the people by the abolition of the service to which they were accustomed and which alone was familiar to them." Maimonides cited the experience of Israel, led not by the shorter way, but by the circuitous route through the land of the Philistines (Ex. 13:17). Likewise, through a circuitous road, Israel was to be led gradually and slowly to a deeper perception of religion and divine worship (Guide, 3:32). He gives the added remarkable parallel that it would be equally incomprehensible for anyone in his generation to suggest that prayer could be offered in thought alone, without the recitation of words.

Abrabanel strengthened the arguments for Maimonides' viewpoint. He explained that only within this framework can it be understood why the Torah limited the sacrificial service to one locality while prayers may be recited in all places (Introd. to his commentary on Lev., 2d). Abrabanel cites a Midrash which stated that the Hebrews had become accustomed to idolatrous sacrifices while in Egypt. To wean them from these idolatrous practices, God commanded, while tolerating the sacrifices that had been practiced by His people as influenced by pagans, that they be offered in one central sanctuary. This was illustrated by the parable of a king who observed that his son loved to eat forbidden foods. The king then decided to serve him these foods daily so that he would ultimately lose his desire for them and forego his evil habits (Lev. R. 22:8). D. Hoffmann later proposed a different explanation for this Midrash, declaring that the king insisted that the son was to eat exclusively at his table so that he would only be served proper food and thus curb his appetite

for forbidden foodstuffs (Introd. to commentary on Lev., p. 61).

The reader should understand that God was going to do a new thing. He was to allow the continuation of these “pagan sacrifices” but He will instill new meaning to them. This will be seen in the development of a unique relationship between the sacrificer and God Himself. You will see how this works when we look deeper into the concept in Leviticus that “the life is in the blood”. God is not concerned about blood, but the life...the soul contained within the blood!

With the destruction of the Temple and the automatic cessation of the sacrificial system, it was laid down that prayer took the place of the sacrifices because such ideas are also taught in the Old Testament. The Shaharit service was regarded as taking the place of the morning tamid and the Minhah service, the afternoon tamid. On all occasions when an additional offering was brought, the Musaf prayer was introduced (Ber. 4:1, 7; 26b). One of the rabbis later declared that prayer was even more efficacious than offerings (Ber. 32b) [remember God was progressively weaning them from animal sacrifices (the physical) with the intent of spiritual sacrifices such as prayer, repentance, almsgiving, etc.]. This is the message of the Prophets!

THE SPIRITUAL DYNAMICS OF SACRIFICE THAT WE JUST DISCUSSED ...SEEN IN DETAIL

When the glory of the Lord had entered the tabernacle in a cloud, God revealed Himself to Moses from this place where He would put His Name, according to His promise in Ex. 25:22 to make known His will through him to the people. The first of these revelations related to the sacrifices, in which the Israelites were to draw near (korban) to God, that they might become partakers of His grace.

The patriarchs, when sojourning in Canaan, had already worshipped the God who revealed Himself to them, with both **burnt offerings and slain offerings** (we saw this above in the form of “burnt offerings”). Whether their descendants, the children of Israel, had offered sacrifices to the God of their Fathers during their stay in Egypt, we cannot tell as there is no Biblical allusion whatever to the subject in the short account of these 430 years. Yet we know from archeology that such was the case. What is certain is that they had not forgotten to regard the sacrifices as a leading part of the worship of God, and were ready to follow Moses into the desert, to serve the God of their Fathers there by a solemn act of sacrificial worship (Ex. 5:1-3; 4:31; 8:4); and also, that after the exodus from Egypt, not only did **Jethro offer burnt offerings and slain offerings** to God in the camp of the Israelites, and prepare a sacrificial meal in which the elders of Israel took part along with Moses and Aaron (Ex. 18:12), but **young men offered burnt offerings and slain offerings** by the command of Moses at the conclusion of the covenant (Ex. 24:5). Consequently sacrificial laws of these chapters presuppose the presentation of **burnt offerings, meat-offerings, and slain offerings** as a custom well known to the people and a necessity demanded by their religious feelings. They were not introduced among the Israelites for the first time by Moses by what he learned at Sinai, because animal sacrifices date from the earliest period of mankind.

Answer for yourself: Are you curious why we have not found “sin offering” yet and we are up to Moses in our time-line?

The subject of sacrificial laws in the book of Leviticus was not to enforce sacrificial worship upon the Israelites, nor to apply some sort of a theory concerning the Hebrew sacrifices, but simply to organize and expand the already existing sacrificial worship of the Israelites into an institution in harmony with the covenant between the Lord and His people, and adapt and promote the end for which it was established... communion and fellowship with God. You need to fully understand what was just said. Read it again please.

But although sacrifice in general reaches up to the earliest times of man's history, and is met with in every nation, it was **NOT** enjoined upon the human race by any positive commandment of God, but sprang out of a religious necessity for fellowship with God. These sacrifices assumed very different forms in different tribes and nations, in consequence of their estrangement from God, and their growing loss of all true knowledge of Him.

Their ideas of the Divine Being were regulated by the nature, object, and significance of the sacrifices they offered, and they were quite as subservient to the worship of idols as to that of the one true God. To discover the fundamental idea, which was common to all the sacrifices, we must remember, that the **first sacrifices were presented after the fall.**

Also interesting by its absence is any mention of SIN OFFERINGS, PRIESTHOOD, EXPIATION or FORGIVENESS in the PRE-Mosaic sacrifices of the Old Testament....in other words NOT before the Golden Calf incident....more on that soon.

This is very important and you need to let this fact sink deeply into your Christian theology!

There are very important reasons for the omission of “sin offerings” as you will soon discover. Shalom.

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THOUGHTS ON THE DEATH OF JESUS AS RELATED TO THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM #3

FORGIVENESS WAS NOT THE THEME OF SACRIFICES BEFORE MOSES AND THE GOLDEN CALF - BUT REPRESENTING FELLOWSHIP OF ONE'S SOUL WITH GOD

Before the fall man lived in blessed unity with God. This unity was destroyed by sin, and the fellowship between God and man was disturbed, thought not entirely abolished. In the punishment which God inflicted upon the sinners, He did not withdraw His mercy from men; and before driving them out of paradise, He gave them clothes to cover the nakedness of their shame, by which they had first of all become conscious of their sin. Even after the expulsion He still manifest Himself to them, so that they were able once more to draw near to Him and enter into fellowship with Him. This fellowship (NOT forgiveness) they sought through the medium of sacrifices, in which they gave a visible expression not only to their gratitude towards God for His blessing and His grace, but also to their supplication for the further continuance of His divine favor. It was in this sense that both Cain and Abel offered sacrifices [burnt offerings and NOT sin offerings...remember?], thought not with the same motives or in the same state of heart toward God. In this sense of fellowship and not forgiveness Noah also offered sacrifice [burnt offerings and NOT sin offerings...remember?]. After Noah's deliverance from the flood; something changed in the offering of sacrifices. Whereas the sons of Adam offered their sacrifices to God from the fruit of their labor, in the tilling of the ground and the keeping of sheep, Noah presented his burnt offering from the clean cattle and birds that had been shut up with him in the ark (those animals would from that time forward be assigned to man as food...Gen. 9:3). Noah was probably led to make this selection by the command of God to take with him into the ark not one or more pairs, but 7 of every kind of clean beasts. Noah may have discerned in this an indication of the divine will, that the 7th animal of every description of clean beast and bird should be offered in sacrifice to the Lord, for His gracious protection from destruction by the flood. Also notice the distinction of "clean and unclean" foods long before the Sinai experience. Moses, in Leviticus revelation, also received a still further intimation as to the meaning of the animal sacrifices. We see this in the prohibition which God appended to the permission to make use of animals as well as green herbs for food: "flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat" (Gen. 9:4-5). This prohibition is because the flesh still contained the blood as the animal's soul (the soul lives in the blood of the animal). In this there was already an intimation, that in the bleeding sacrifice the soul/life of the animal was given up to God with the blood; and therefore; that by virtue of its blood as the vehicle of the soul, animal sacrifice was the most fitting means of representing the surrender of the human soul to God. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT! You will quickly come to see that the "blood" accomplished nothing; rather it was a picture of the soul of the person who brought the animal to the altar.

THE SOUL OF THE ANIMAL AS FOUND IN IT'S BLOOD REPRESENTED, WHEN PRESENTED ON THE ALTAR, THE SURRENDER OF THE HUMAN SOUL TO GOD

It is not the "blood" but the "soul" in the blood which demonstrates surrender to God and it is later to be understood as seen as placed on the altar where we see the "soul of the offerer of sacrifices" on the altar in lieu of the animal which is but a substitute for the person bringing the animal for sacrifice. The animal was literally the extension of the person bringing the sacrifice. God would not have a human sacrifice his life and blood and place it upon the altar as a demonstration of "communion" and "fellowship" with God; instead the animal was the extension of the person's life. The person bringing the animal had fed, groomed, and cared for the animal usually. It was part of his life and his life and energy had been invested into the care of the animal. So when the "soul" of the animal was taken and offered upon the altar in the release and placing of the animal's blood on the altar, then the person by proxy was represented on the altar in communion with God as well. Understand the animal was innocent having never sinned. This was supposed to be a picture of the spiritual position of the person bringing the sacrifice. The person bringing the sacrifice was ALREADY to have repented of his sin, confessed his sin, prayed, and made restitution to his fellowman if needed BEFORE he ever brought the animal to the altar. Then when he had done these spiritual necessities PRIOR to bringing the animal to the altar, then the person's soul was AT-THAT-MOMENT (atonement) right with God. He was forgiven and his repentance, confession, prayer, and restitution had accomplished for him atonement PRIOR to the animal being offered. "At that moment" his soul was again in right standing and relationship with God. In order to make such a declaration to the world and his fellowman, as well as to God, then he would take an animal and it would be slain and its blood placed on the altar. In so doing, the animal was a CORRECT PICTURE of the spiritual state of the person {if he had previously before bringing the animal repented, confessed, prayed, made restitution if possible, given alms, etc.} making the sacrifice for the animal's soul (in the animal's blood) was on the altar in communion with God and was NOW a true picture of the sacrificer's soul in communion with God if had repented as stated above before he came to the altar!

Besides this, if anyone wanted to eat meat, the animal's soul had to be given back to God before the flesh could be consumed. So you see in the sacrificial system there were two dynamics at work: atonement and the conditions necessary to eat meat which also contained the Divine image which had to be given by to God.

Answer for yourself: Did you notice we have not mentioned "sin offerings" yet?

HOW IS JESUS RELATED TO ALL THIS?

What I just described in the sacrificial system is an aspect of the death of Yeshua that most likely you have never even considered. This truth may possibly have been only dimly surmised by Noah and his sons; but it must have been clearly revealed to the patriarch Abraham when God demanded the sacrifice of his only son, with whom his whole heart was bound up, as a proof of his obedience of faith, and after he had attested his faith in his readiness to offer this sacrifice, supplied him with a ram to offer as a burnt-offering [burnt offerings and NOT sin offerings...remember?], instead of his own (Gen. 22). In this the truth was practically revealed to him, that the *true God did not require human sacrifice from His worshipers, but the surrender of heart/soul and the denial of the natural life, even thought it should amount to a submission to death itself.* This act of surrender was to be perfected in the animal's sacrifice; and that it was only when presented with these motives that sacrifice would be pleasing to God. Yeshua was willing to die if need be for the kingdom to come. The problem was that Israel did not merit the kingdom; even during the 40 years following his death. Simply said: no kingdom, no King!

That means prophecies not fulfilled. So we wait!

PURPOSE OF OFFERINGS

The word "korban" is commonly translated either "sacrifice" or "offering", but the truth is that the English language does not possess a word that accurately expresses the concept contained in the word. The word "sacrifice" implies that the person bringing it is required to deprive himself of something in order to satisfy someone else's need, but God finds no satisfaction in inflicting pain or deprivation upon His children. The word "offering" is closer to the mark but it too fails to convey the true meaning of a "korban". "Offering" implies that the Recipient of the gift must be appeased, that He requires a tribute that will somehow appease His wrath or make Him receptive to the entreaties of a supplicant, or that He has a need that can only be satisfied by someone other than Himself. As if God required our gifts! "If you have acted righteously, what will you have given Him! (Job 35:7); God does not become enriched by man's accomplishments.

The Hebrew word itself provides the answer. The root of the meaning is **"to come near."** Again the idea **carries the concept of fellowship. The person bringing an offering does so in order to come closer to God, to elevate his level of spirituality thereby approaching God in the Spirit.**

Now remember the person brought the animal as a picture of himself in that through his repentance, confession, prayer, and restitution he was "coming near" to God and the sacrifice of the animal and the placing of the animal's soul on the altar was a demonstration that he, the person bringing the sacrifice, had ALREADY "drawn near to God" and the soul of the animals was a true picture of himself NOW since repenting previously before coming to the altar. The offering was a picture of that spiritual fact to all the world as well as for God to see!

When Adam was deposited in the Garden of Eden, his first responsibility was to work it and guard it (Gen. 2:15). That means that Adam was commanded to plant, work, cultivate; everything that was necessary to keep the Garden as a Paradise. Before Adam's sin, man had no need to be a peasant; everything grew for him at God's command, with no need for him to exert himself in any way. It was only after his sin that he was expelled from Eden and required to earn his bread through the sweat of his brow.

How then was he to *work and guard* Eden? Through the study of Torah and the performance of positive and negative commandments. His livelihood would come in return for his obedience to God's will. **God will always respond to man's righteousness by blessing his material efforts.**

Adam's mission was to make himself an offering in his lifetime, by dedicating himself unreservedly to God. On God's Throne of Glory, there is an image of a man (Ez. 1:10). Every human being has his own image above, his ideal spiritual self, which represents his goal and his potential. Man's soul is placed in an earthly body so that he can surmount the challenges of material life and raise himself up to his personal, heavenly self; to unite his earthly self with his higher self. Just as everyone has a body and a soul, and his mission is to triumph in the eternal struggle of body versus soul, so, too, many must struggle to live up to the summons of his higher self.

Man is religious yet he sins! How can he defy the Creator he believe in? He is kind and generous, yet he is sometimes mean and stingy. He is moral, but has lapses in conduct. Whatever man is, he is often inconsistent, and if he is honest with himself, he knows that he is far from living up to his inner image. He wants his body to come closer to his soul; on a yet higher level, he should also want his soul to live up to its counterpart on high.

Similarly, there is a Temple in heaven that corresponds to the Temple on earth. The masters of Kabbalah teach that the good deeds of the people of God accumulate to build a spiritual replica of that heavenly Temple, and when there are enough such good deeds, the heavenly Temple will come down to the Temple Mount, signaling the end of the exile and the beginning of the perfect world foretold by the prophets. This is similar to the striving of the individual soul. There is a higher ideal we must see to capture in our mundane lives. Possibly it is best expressed by the Psalmist: "the heavens are the Lord's, but the earth He has given to mankind (Psm.

115:16). The heavens are already heavenly; God does not need man to improve upon them. But He has given us the earth that we might **make it heavenly**, as well. **God gave mankind the Torah as instruction to bring heaven to earth through obedience of God's will as expressed in His living Word.** This is best expressed through acts of Loving Kindness (Gemilut Hasadim) and Repairing of the World (Tikkun Olam). Adam was the offering, and for him to devote anything less than his maximum to God would have been to steal his Divinely conferred potential and misappropriate it for himself. The sin of eating from the Tree of Knowledge was such a misappropriation because he would be flouting the will of God. **The truest offering is when the owner brings "himself" to God, making himself and his desires subservient to the teachings and guidelines of the Torah.** The symbolism of the offerings is based on this concept; that the animal is secondary; that is but an indication of what its owner feels and toward what he strives.

REASONS FOR THE OFFERINGS

The function and purpose of the offerings are not concepts that man can grasp rationally. Especially in modern times when anything not measurable, observable, or replicable is questioned and denied, the idea of offerings is not an easy one to understand. It is necessary, therefore, to understand that they and their efficacy are manifestations of God's plan and wisdom. They are reality, even though we have never seen them and have no personal experience through which to know their potency.

We cannot understand why the slaughter of a sanctified animal, the placing of its blood and the burning of its flesh on the Altar; why these acts should bring God's Presence down to earth (accomplishes fellowship). Had the Jewish people been asked about the possibility of this happening before they had seen it, perhaps even they would have been skeptical. **But they saw it happen!** They saw the cloud of God's glory descend upon the Tent of Meeting. They saw a heavenly fire descend to their Altar and remain there for hundreds of years. They saw a Divine glow on Moses' face. To them, these were demonstrable, visible, tangible facts.

This is incomprehensible to our rational, scientific minds. But so was the splitting of the atom to rational minds a hundred years ago.

Various reasons for the offerings are given by classic commentators. The reason for the offerings is so profound that it is beyond human comprehension and the best efforts of the greatest of Jewish thinkers can yield only a drop in the ocean of God's intent.

OFFERINGS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAN...BUT WE ALREADY SAID THAT

The offerings were seen to elevate three parts of every human deed: **thought, speech, and action.** When a person sins and then brings an offering, all three of those elements are used to take the sinful use to which he had previously put them, and transform it into the instrument of doing God's will. The person bringing the offering performs the commandment of **leaning, by placing his hands on its head and leaning on it, thereby dedicating his strength and activity to God. He purifies his thought and intentions, by confessing his sin,** pronouncing the spiritual goal that he hopes to attain, or uttering praises to God. As a further way of **purging his sinful thoughts, the innards of the animal;** representing the human organs that are the seat of desire and through, are **burned on God's Altar.** In the case of an elevation-offering, which is completely burned, the animal's feet symbolize the hands and feet with which man ran and acted to defy his Creator. **The animal's blood (containing its soul), representing man's soul, was placed on the Altar (notice it is the soul that is placed upon the Altar; just not the blood).**

Let's look at Leviticus 17:11 in context in order to make sure we understand the "central" idea of the passage.

"And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who

consumes any blood, I will set My face against that person who consumes blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the **life** [SUBJECT OF THE SENTENCE] of the flesh is in the blood [DIRECT OBJECT OF THE SENTENCE], and I have **given it** [THE LIFE] to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is **the blood** [LIFE IN THE BLOOD REMEMBER?] *that makes an atonement for the soul.* Therefore, I say to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall consume blood, nor shall any stranger who sojourns among you consume blood.'"

Answer for yourself: Did you know that "blood" was not the subject of the sentence? Did you notice what was? Did you understand that it was the "life" that was placed on the altar for atonement and not the blood?

In other words it is not the blood that atones, but the "soul" [LIFE] that atones..a life that repents, prays, confesses sin, makes restitution, gives alms, etc....!!!

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that as a Christian you whole understanding of the sacrificial system in the Bible is wrong because you have focused on "blood" for atonement instead of the "life" in the blood which is the real atoning agent?

BUT ISAIAH 53 SAYS...OR DOES IT?

Well not it does not say what you think it says. Why? You are reading most likely from your Christian Bible which is a very poor translation, or should I say, a very good mistranslation of Isaiah 53. This is why I spend so much time on the text. The Bible Jesus used and read did not read anything like our Christian Old Testament in hundreds of places. Isaiah is a good instance. Below is what the Palestinian Jewish Scriptures, called the Tanakh, reads for verse 10 of Isaiah 53:

Isa. 53:10 states " HaShem desired to oppress him and He afflicted him; **if his soul would acknowledge guilt...**"

WOW!

That sure is different from what your Christian Bible says:

Isa 53:10...IN THE KJV CHRISTIAN BIBLE...WHY IS IT DIFFERENT FROM THE HEBREW?

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his **soul an offering for sin**, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (KJV)

Simply said, this Christian translation has been “Jesusized” by having the concept of guilt removed, for in Christian “theology” Jesus can have no guilt and many try to make him the subject of the passage when the real uncorrupted Hebrew Scripture define the suffering servant as the corporate nation of Israel and not one individual

Back to the subject at hand.

In one of the greatest passages in the Bible, we are told by Isaiah the prophet that if the “soul” of the “suffering servant” would acknowledge guilt...confess sin, pray, repent...

Answer for yourself: What do you do when you acknowledge guilt?

You confess and then repent. This is the subject of the verse. You literally turn around your “life”. Your life changes direction; from sin to righteousness. You no longer continue your sinister ways. Now you can see how such a life, after repentance and confession of sin, was understood, even as the Christian Bibles say: “soul/life an offering for sin”! One's life, when turned to God and away from sin, was the atonement that Leviticus 17 speaks about.

Answer for yourself: Could we have missed this understanding when looking at the death of Jesus or, as Isaiah said, the martyrdoms of millions of Israelites (remember Jesus is paradigm of all Jews)?

While this procedure (placing the animal's soul on the alter in substitute for yours) is being accomplished with one's offering, the sacrificer meditates upon his sin, for the offering service teaches him graphically that he has sinned against God with body and soul. He contemplates that justice would have dictated that *his* human body be burned on the altar as a penalty for sin and his soul required by God in lieu of the animal's blood be placed upon it. It is only God's graciousness that permits the animal to become his substitute. Then, parts of the offering are given to the Kohanim (priests/teachers), so that those who dedicate their lives to study and teach the Torah are sustained through him and so that they will pray for him. It is an act of supreme graciousness that God is prepared to accept an offering from us instead of punishing us directly for our misdeeds. This is why the offerings are described throughout Leviticus as a satisfying aroma to God, because God is pleased when His children repent and seek to change their lives for the better.

When one brings an offering with such noble thoughts he has truly made himself an offering. The Sages have said of one who brings a humble meal-offering, it is as if he had offered his own life upon the altar. He thereby raised his mundane desires and makes them worthy of being placed on the heavenly altar.

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THOUGHTS ON THE DEATH OF JESUS AS RELATED TO THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM #4

WHAT PICTURES CAN WE NOW SEE MORE CLEARLY AS CONTAINED IN THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM OF ISRAEL?

Let us not forget what we just have learned. It was the soul of the animal as found in it's blood, which when presented in a sacrifice AFTER the prior repentance, confession, and prayer of the sinner, was understood by God as the surrender of that person's soul toward Him. This is what it is all about, and will always be about.

A SHORT REVIEW

It is not the "blood" but the "soul" in the blood which demonstrates surrender to God and it is later to be understood as seen as placed on the altar where we see the "soul of the offerer of sacrifices" on the altar in lieu of the animal which is but a substitute for the person bringing the animal for sacrifice. The animal was literally the extension of the person bringing the sacrifice. God would not have a human sacrifice his life and blood and place it upon the altar as a demonstration of "communion" and "fellowship" with God; instead the animal was the extension of the person's life. The person bringing the animal had fed, groomed, and cared for the animal usually. It was part of his life and his life and energy had been invested into the care of the animal. So when the "soul" of the animal was taken and offered upon the altar in the release and placing of the animal's blood on the altar, then the person by proxy was represented on the altar in communion with God as well. Understand the animal was innocent having never sinned. This was supposed to be a picture of the spiritual position of the person bringing the sacrifice. The person bringing the sacrifice was ALREADY to have repented of his sin, confessed his sin, prayed, and made restitution to his fellowman if needed BEFORE he ever brought the animal to the altar. Then when he had done these spiritual necessities PRIOR to bringing the animal to the altar, then the person's soul was AT-THAT-MOMENT (atonement) right with God. He was forgiven and his repentance, confession, prayer, and restitution had accomplished for him atonement PRIOR to the animal being offered. "At that moment" his soul was again in right standing and relationship with God. In order to make such a declaration to the world and his fellowman, as well as to God, then he would take an animal and it would be slain and its blood placed on the altar. In so doing, the animal was a CORRECT PICTURE of the spiritual state of the person making the sacrifice for the animal's soul (in his blood) was on the altar in communion with God and was NOW a true picture of the sacrificer's soul in communion with God. Besides this, if anyone wanted to eat meat, the animal's soul had to be given back to God before the flesh could be consumed. So you see in the sacrificial system there were two dynamics at work: atonement and the conditions necessary to eat meat which also contained the Divine image which had to be given by to God.

WHAT DID BOTH GOD AND THE SACRIFICER KNOW THEN THAT

WE DON'T TODAY?

When, when making sacrifice properly, knew that he had attained something special with God. Christian teaching today is completely devoid of this knowledge and I thank I over the years in my studies He allowed me to find and recover this most needed part of instruction. This knowledge, when properly understood, will go a long way in helping the Christian separate error from truth as he hears taught in his churches.

UNION WITH GOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD RESULTED

Whenever the Torah commands that offerings be brought, these commandments use only God's Four-letter Name (yod-hey-vah-hey); the "Tetragrammaton" (I AM). If other names were used, some might err, thinking that there are many Gods or forces, one demanding this offering and another demanding some other offering. Since the Name *Elokim* represents God as the One Who controls nature, that Name might be taken to imply that there is an angel or a power who has dominion over a particular land or aspect of existence, and that that power requires the offering. The Four-Letter Name is formed of the letters that spell, *was, is and will be*, meaning that God is eternal. This is not God as He appears in a particular manifestation (Judge, Provider, Life-giver) but God as He *is*.

This is His Name as the God of Mercy. No one should think that God requires offerings to feed or appease Him. The Eternal One has no needs that man can satisfy for everything is His and nothing is beyond His power!

Answer for yourself: What then is the purpose of the offerings?

You should have seen by now that these offerings provided man an opportunity to unite himself to God to whatever extent it is possible for mortal man to do so through repentance, confession, and restitution.

Similarly, there is a humanly created fire below on the altar and there is the Heavenly fire from above, which God has placed upon Israel's altar. Both of these flames are fed by the offerings of the Jewish people, symbolizing the union of man's spiritual aspirations with God's goals for him. Thus the offerings provide Israel a means for spiritual elevation [drawing closer to God].

THE SACRIFICER HAD AN ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF HIMSELF BEFORE GOD....ACKNOWLEDGING "ONE'S OWN" NOTHINGNESS

All creatures emanate from God and have no independent existence on their own. Man has freedom of choice and his intellect puts great achievements within his reach, but all of this is possible only because God gives him the power to do so. Man could not function or even exist without God. The goal of creation is for man to acknowledge this basic fact; to recognize and proclaim that everything exists because of God and nothing can survive without Him. There are many ways for God's glory to be revealed and recognized. The highest recognition of all is for man to know The Oneness of God, meaning that there is nothing aside from Him. He achieves his ultimate greatness when he recognizes that *there is none beside Him* (Deut. 4:35). An offering is a demonstration of this concept. It says that its owner is surrendering his possessions to their Source (God). Theoretically, one might expect him to be ready to give even his very life in acknowledgment of God's sovereignty, but that is not His will. God wants man to live, to grow, to thrive, to serve; and God ordains the offerings as man's way to recognize His Oneness. Thus, by offering his possessions [as seen in the animal presented to God in sacrifice], one symbolizes that he has no existence but for God's will.

UNITING BODY AND SOUL...BEING ONE WITH GOD

The efficacy of offerings in obtaining God's favor is comparable to the way food makes it possible for the soul to maintain its attachment to the body. Material food cannot provide nourishment to the soul, which is not a physical entity. It is this nourishment of the body that enables it to remain healthy enough to play host to the

soul. Likewise, the "food of the Altar's fire" somehow effects the process that enables the Shechinah to remain among Israel.

The food of the soul is not measured in calories, vitamins, and minerals. Only intellectual and spiritual pursuits can nourish the soul. Torah study, prayer, even meals in celebration of such events as Sabbath and Festivals all have a sacred content that is capable of nourishing the soul. Only in this sense do the offerings constitute food for God. Man's dedication to Him and His commandments provides the nourishment that enables the Shechinah to attach itself to human beings and their handiwork. We think of food in terms of nutritive value, but that is not what sustains life. Man does not live merely because of the bread (material component). He lives through the bread's spiritual component; *what emanates from the mouth of God*. This is what holds together body and soul and what holds together Godliness and Israel through the agency of the offerings.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Having now come to the understanding that it was a life lived above sin that was so pleasing to God that He accepted such a life as an offering and atonement for one's sin, it should behoove you to rethink what you believe about atonement as a Christian. If you were to do some comparative religious study you will see the preponderance of evidence of how pagan concepts of salvation are woven into Pauline theology. I have shown you the Biblical teachings of atonement and have not mentioned Paul's theology once. The reason I have not is that nowhere in the Jewish Masoretic Palestinian text are such Pauline concepts of atonement found. Only when you read the fraudulent and mistranslated Greek Scriptures, which the Rabbis did not translate, do you begin to find such ideas surfacing in the text (<http://geocities.com/faithofyeshua>). But never fail to understand that such concepts cannot be found in the Jewish Scriptures from which the Greek translation emanated. Somebody "fixed" the Greek translation to read differently. And sadly for you, these altered and paganized Greek mistranslation became the foundation for your Christian Old Testament. To make matters worse, your New Testament quotes from the fraudulent Old Testament (<http://www.faithofyeshua.faithweb.com>). Over and over as you read your Christian Bible you only reinforce and rehearse error! You need to know that. But that happened over 2000 years ago and who knows? Well I do, and others do who have studied enough to see it! The Jews have always known. It is the secularized Jews of today who don't. It is time someone told you! The righteous Jews know this and have known this since 200 BC when the Greek translation was understood by them to be a corruption of the Jewish Scriptures. History records 3 attempts of the Jews to correct such a forged Greek translation but sadly their efforts were not to overtake the popularity of the already translated LXX (Septuagint).

Understand an animal's soul represented the soul of one making the sacrifice, and we, as non-Jews, today are beneficiaries of having the Jew's soul (Jesus) given in place of ours along with their prayers for our sin. Jesus is the archetype for all of Israel. He is the greatest of all the "Suffering Servants" of the God of Israel. But in this lesson we must no longer overlook the importance of a life lived above sin which procures one's redemption and not the inert blood of the animal or of Jesus. Lives lived honoring God through faith and obedience atones. Your Covenant requires it! Such is the message of Bet Emet as we are called to live like Jesus and not just "believe in Jesus." It has been my experience as a Pastor over the years to encounter multitudes of Christians who trust in Christ's blood instead of understanding the importance of his life, symbolized by his soul in his blood, as lived in obedience to God as a form of atonement, or even their own lives, as lived pleasing to God for their OWN atonement. We must walk out our salvation with fear and trembling. We are co-laborers with God in our own salvation through faith and repentance. Such a mistaken understanding of our redemption since not being taught the truth from a Hebraic perspective has caused multitudes of Christians to trust in the acclaimed miraculous powers of the blood of Jesus instead of focusing of the miraculousness of a life lived above sin. Such a false sense of security in "blood" instead of "lives lived holy before God and man" unconsciously causes the believer to not regard sin with revulsion as he should. We tend to view sin as less harmful than it is, and compromise with sin lies at the door.

The bottom line for all Christians to understand is that we have heard way too much preached about

Jesus and far too little studied from the texts of the Jewish Bible which tell us exactly and accurately who he is as well as his original mission. If we had studied the original sources available to us, we would not be so mixed up theologically in Christianity today which boasts over 2000 different denominations all maintaining they have the truth about Jesus while at the same time being the most violent and crime ridden nation in the world.

SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH...LOOK AT THE FRUIT OF THIS MESSAGE IN OUR COUNTRY WITH A CHURCH ON EVERY CORNER AND TELEVISIONS FILLED WITH THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE OF GRACE WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ONE'S OWN SIN! JUST LOOK OUT YOUR DOOR AND ASK IF THAT IS THE BEST THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN DO????????

I don't plan to get into why the Christian message at this time but suffice to say that the Christian message is corrupted due to it's pagan content over Jewish content as we see for example in the alteration of Jewish texts in the real Hebrew Isaiah for example but let it suffice to say as shown beyond question on many of our other sites that we are in this sad state today because instead of being a true follower of Jesus and his Jewish faith we are camped at the feet of pagan Rome and Paul's antinomianism (anti-Law). May God forgive our laziness of letting others tell us what to believe instead of us studying to show ourselves approved unto God. I just showed you part of the problem. Implicitly we are led to not revere the Laws and Commandments of God because of the solar teaching that "Jesus died for me" and my get out of jail card saves me. This comes straight out of sun worship as you have seen on this site and others. As a Pastor I saw such falsehoods lived out in the lives of the congregation year after year. When there is no Law, no Commandments, no requirements, no accountability, then there is no righteous fruit and we have our newspapers filled with horror story after horror story. And sadly few can count on their lives being a sufficient atonement for their sin because they have been taught a pagan sun-godman story which allows his followers to get away with anything. Emotionalism is a sorry substitute for knowledge.

Answer for yourself: For after all if saved by the blood of Jesus, what need do I have to live like Jesus and not disobey the commandments of God? Isn't Jesus my "grace card"?

Answer for yourself: If saved by the blood of another, what does a little sin mean...what can it hurt?

Answer for yourself: See the tragic thinking involved in focusing upon the blood of Jesus instead of the life of Jesus lived above sin? Now look out your window to the world and see what the fruit of 1700 years of erroneous teaching has grown!

THINK!

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THOUGHTS ON THE DEATH OF JESUS AS RELATED TO THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM #5

LOOKING AT PAUL'S THEOLOGY....WHAT IS TRUTH?

We must not forget what we just learned. As the reader you must understand that what you learned is the "theology" of sacrifice and any other "sacrifice" must fit this mode of understanding. This means when viewing the death of Yeshua one must be equipped with this understanding before trying to evaluate the meanings that might be attached to his death. Along with this one must equally be equipped with sufficient information concerning comparative religions and the death of their "gods". Only if one comes to the "Jesus materials" possessing this information can he be guaranteed to be able to discern the true meaning of his death or at least see if concepts from "pagan mystery religions" have been attached to his death. **This is especially important when reading Paul's writings.** With what we have just learned as a background let us return to Paul's statement that "Christ died for our sins" which was the fundamental fact of the early Gentile Christian message, the corner-stone of early Gentile Christianity (but not Jewish Christianity or Messianism). But as soon as this simple fact is stated a number of vital questions are bound to arise. In order that we may have an intelligent and correct understanding of this important doctrine it is necessary that we know precisely what occurred and did not occur when Jesus died on the cross. We cannot rest content with teaching that leaves the central doctrine of the Christian faith shrouded in mystery and uncertainty. This does not mean that all mystery can be removed. But the Scriptures do supply the interpretation of the death of Christ that the inquiring mind legitimately asks for, and the salient factors concerning it should be known by all Christian people. Believing that the Hebrew Scriptures (the Palestinian Masoretic Text and not the corrupted LXX from which your Christian Old Testament originates) is God's word to man, and that the statements of Scripture regarding the death of Jesus in the Greek New Testament are often **mistranslated on purpose** (<http://geocities.com/faithofyeshua>), then if you, ordinary Christian men and women, are to even find the truth concerning the death of Jesus, then we must deal with some rather difficult information at times. It is not my wish to destroy anyone's faith, only to expose the changes made to the text as well as the lies that have been passed down about the death of Jesus which his original follower never "believed". We hold it to be our task and privilege under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit to "search the Scriptures", the Jewish Scriptures that Yeshua himself accepted, until we reach that understanding which satisfies the mind and heart and conscience, and leads to certainty and finality.

According to the New Testament, especially the writings of Paul, we are told, for instance, in broad terms that we are members of a fallen race, that God has given His only-begotten Son for our atonement, and that salvation is through Him (Messiah) and not through any works which we ourselves are able to do.

Answer for yourself: How correct is this statement when compared with the teachings of the Hebrew Scriptures concerning atonement and forgiveness?

Let us not forget what we just learned in the prior articles.

Certainly anyone who accepts these facts and acts upon them will be “saved” because the fruit of the Christian message leads to Godliness. Yet, accepting these facts and acting upon them would appear to represent only a minimum of faith, and God has made it possible for us greatly to enrich and expand our knowledge of the way of salvation if we will but give careful attention to His word. But the problem is great; you first have to know if you, the Christian, even has His Word, or if your Old Testament is corrupted in special places. For example, the Isaiah translations in the Old Testament of your Christian Bible read completely different in many “messianic” passages as opposed to the Jewish Tanakh. You should ask yourself “why” your Christian Old Testament reads so much different from the Jewish Scriptures from which it was supposedly taken! Most likely you never knew this. It is time to awaken to such sad facts, for it is these alterations which have led to false beliefs concerning Yeshua, his life, and his death.

ANOTHER LOOK AT LEVITICUS 17:11 ...POSSIBLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN EVER LEARN

Christians generally insist that the absolute need for a vicarious blood sacrifice is rooted in the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament), and cite as proof Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul." The sad fact of the matter is that most Christians and Pastors don't understand the verse at all.

As a Christian, you have probably heard many sermons on the topic of atonement, and have undoubtedly read many studies which support the contention that there is “no atonement without blood.” But the truth of the matter is that neither the Book of Hebrews [it says “**almost all things**”..**not “all things**”] or the Old Testament says that. Of course you are also aware that this is a teaching which is not shared by traditional Jews and for a very good reason which has escaped the Gentile Christian church because of their mistranslation, alteration, and therefore misinterpretation of the passages in their Bibles as well as because of superficial reading of the whole Bible.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever wondered how the Jewish people could reject what to you seems so clear? Why would anyone reject a “free” salvation? It does not make sense to the rational mind.

You might remember that in junior high school, we were often given an assignment to write the title for a story; what is the central idea of a passage. Let's look at Leviticus 17:11 in context in order to make sure we understand the “central” idea of the passage.

"And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who consumes any blood, I will set My face against that person who consumes blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul. Therefore, I say to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall consume blood, nor shall any stranger who sojourns among you consume blood.'"

What should immediately be apparent is that the topic of this passage is **NOT how to secure atonement from sins**, but the prohibition against consuming blood. We are told parenthetically that the reason for this prohibition is that the **blood contains the vitality (soul) of the animal** (Genesis 9:4, Deuteronomy 12:23) and consequently, when we bring an animal sacrifice, its soul (life) which is in its blood serves as the atoning agent,

and not another part of its body [the blood]. The writer of Leviticus informs us that it is the soul, one's life, which is in the blood [blood is the object of the preposition "in"] which was offered to God daily and even in death which was pleasing to God and which God accepted as an "atonement" and as an "offering for sin". Notice that it is not the "blood" which was accepted for an offering for sin, but rather the "life/soul" which was "in" the blood. "Blood" is not the subject of the sentence. This might be a shock to you but "life" is the subject of the sentence. Or better said, it is the "life" which is the subject of the sentence. That means it is not the "death" or "the blood" which accomplished anything, but rather the life of one which provided atonement. Such a life is one lived in repentance, confession, prayer, and restitution as shown earlier in these articles and as attested by the Jewish Bible. Even your Christian Old Testament will teach you the same things if you are aware of it. It just so happens that the "life of the one bringing the sacrifice" is "pictured" in the life of the animal as the animal's blood is placed on the altar.

The Hebrew word for "life" which is in the blood is the word for "soul". Such a life, if it was to be accepted as an atonement, was one which was lived completely obediently to God's Commandments [by which he never sinned]. Such a life that turned from sin was so pleasing to God that He accepted such a life as an offering for one's own sin. Such a life was lived in a constant intent to live the commandments of God and when one fell short through sin one was preoccupied to repent and then recapture one's right standing with God. After repentance, "at that moment", one was restored into right standing and relationship with God and the placing of the blood of the animal was representative of the sacrificer's soul before God since he had ALREADY repented. The animal was a picture of him at that time. The soul of the animal was a picture of the sacrificer's soul, but only if he had repented PRIOR to bringing the sacrifice. Now you can understand why God at times tells us that He is wearied by the sacrifices of the people. They were just killing the animals and there was no repentance in their hearts!

Isa 1:10-17

- 10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.
- 11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.
- 12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?
- 13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.
- 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.
- 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Notice that God is tired of ritual without repentance.

Notice what God says next and the remedy to this sad state of spiritual affairs He finds in His people. Notice what God tells them what they must do!

- 16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;
- 17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

There you have it. Through repentance, confession, and a return to obedience to the Laws and Commandments of God the people could again be

received by Him. Nowhere did God say He did not want the people to continue bringing the sacrifices if their hearts were contrite and repentant. Only then, as you have learned, was their hearts to be represented by the animal's blood and soul on the altar. Anything else was a lie. Such was a waste of life; not only theirs but the animal's as well.

LET US LOOK A LITTLE MORE CLOSELY

The Hebrew word for "soul" is as follows as seen in Strong's Concordance:

5315 nephesh (neh'-fesh);

from 5314; properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental):

KJV-- any, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature, X dead (-ly), desire, X [dis-] contented, X fish, ghost, + greedy, he, heart (-y), (hath, X jeopardy of) life (X in jeopardy), lust, man, me, mind, mortally, one, own, person, pleasure, (her-, him-, my-, thyself-), them (your)- selves, + slay, soul, + tablet, they, thing, (X she) will, X would have it.

The Hebrew word for "soul" is as follows as seen in Brown-Drivers-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon:

5315 nephesh-

- soul-self,, life, a creature, a person, an appetite, a mind, a living being, a desire, an emotion, a passion
- what breathes, the breathing substance or being, a soul, the inner being of man
- a living being
- a living being (with life in the blood)
- the man himself, a-self, a person or an individual
- the seat of the appetites
- the seat of emotions and passions
- the activity of mind
- the activity of the will
- the activity of the character

My whole life I was told that I was "saved" by the blood of Jesus, yet Leviticus tells me that atonement which brings salvation is accomplished by my life before God!

Looking at the definition above, one quickly sees that the activity of one's will, mind, and character [one's soul] was said to be accepted in Leviticus 17 as an atonement for one's sin [life and not blood remember?].

Jesus, like all Jewish people who came before him who were devoted to God and His Torah, as well as those who lived after him, comprise the "suffering servant Israel". Let us remember that Isa. 53 speaks of the nation and corporate Israel as the Suffering Servant and not an individual even if singular pronouns are often used among plural pronouns. It is this "Suffering Servant" who is "the" light for the non-Jewish nations. With this perspective, we now can come to understand that the blood of Jesus carried the life force of Jesus (his soul). Jesus was totally committed and surrendered to the will of God and His Torah. That instead of Jesus' death, in reality it was his life, a life lived pleasing to God as part of the Israel of God which God accepted as atonement

for sin. In particular Israel is the priest for the Gentile world, and they bring sacrifices for the sins of the Gentile world. **THINK!** Israel's "soul", not only Yeshua's, but all of righteous Israel, past and future, "atones" for sin. These righteous lives are accepted by Hashem on the altar, according to Leviticus 17, as atonement for sin, the sin of the Gentile nations who know not God. Such in reality "atones and saves". When I as a non-Jew comes to the knowledge of God and His commandments, then when lived before Him I identify with Israel and join Israel in making atonement with my life.

Remembering what we have already learned...that singular pronouns in the Servant Songs of Isaiah refer to the nation of Israel and not to only one person like Jesus. In so doing we can find the following verses even the more astonishing.

Isaiah 53:6

6 We all went astray like sheep, we have turned, each one on his own way, and **the Lord accepted his [the corporate nation of Israel] prayers for the iniquity of all of us.**

Now let us never again under estimate the importance of the prayer service in the Jewish synagogues of the world for by it atonement came for Gentile sins.

Now it become a little more clear. When one looks at Jesus, or other righteous Jews as the Suffering Servant of the LORD, then we see their lives and understand them as "lights to the nations". Then it is easy to understand such righteous lives and deaths as lives lived as examples which were in complete submission to the Commandments of God as demonstrated by one's complete submission of the mind, will, and emotions to God and His desires for his people. **Such examples when followed by me, literally "saves"! Such lives atoned for sins of the Gentile world and serve as an example to me and you...by which if we follow such examples....provides atonement for our sins.** Literally the "corporate" example of Israel is to be individualize in each believer's life when one comes into personal relationship with God. **This is explained when one reads Isaiah 53 from the Jewish Scriptures and not the corrupted Christian Old Testament.**

Jesus lived a God-honoring life to such a degree that God accepted his life, as he had all Jews devoted to Him. In Jesus' life God could tabernacle in a way He never had before with any man and the "Word/Messiah became flesh" at the immersion and anointing of Jesus. Let us never forget that Israel has had many "anointed" (messiahs) messengers of God as was Jesus. Then subsequently his God-honoring life (soul) was later accepted as an offering for sin in behalf of mankind as had others of Israel before him (and those of Israel who would follow him). His soul was pure and could be accepted upon the altar of God in lieu of us. God accepted his prayers for the iniquity of us .

Luke 23:34

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do... (KJV)

So it was not Jesus' death so much as his God-honoring life-style which was lived in complete submission to the Father and His Commandments which not only brought Jesus to tabernacle within God "without measure", but shows us the way to both live and die in a way which honors both man and God and procures for us our atonement when we live our lives by his example. The death of Yeshua was not so much a sacrifice for us but an example for us.

BUT IN A WAY THE "BLOOD" OF JESUS DID SAVE US....IF WE CAN SEE THE TRUTH OF WHAT HE TAUGHT?

Had Jesus not died then there most likely would not have been a movement catalyzed from within a Gentile

hating Judaism of the 2nd Temple period which would reach out to the nations with the Torah and the Laws of Noah. The death, where the blood of Jesus was shed, was the catalyst that caused a mission into all the world where the Covenant of Noah was extended to the Gentile World. We call this the Great Commission today. Now understand which is said next. For in the wake of Yeshua's death would come a movement into all the world which aimed at taking the Torah to the nations whereby non-Jews could learn how to live lives pleasing to God as had Israel through faith and acceptance of the commands of God respective of their Covenant. Messianic Israel took to the non-Jews and the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel God's Covenant made with the non-Jews since before Noah. Faith and obedience to the Covenant stipulations brought salvation to the non-Jewish world. In others words Jesus traded his life for ours as previous Suffering Servants of God had done in preserving the truths of God for all mankind, and God accepted the bargain. This understanding is what Isaiah understood about the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant. Because of the death of Jesus, and I believe his resurrection, the teachings by which non-Jews could enter Covenant with God and live by the Commandments of God was to be taken into all the world. Along with these teachings would come the understanding that repentance from sin and a return to God provides a life pleasing to God which He then accepts as atonement for sin. Through the ages of the Christian Gentile Church this teaching was lost! Your example of being a Christian today which does not understand the sacrificial system of the Bible is proof.

Now you are ready to read our articles on Isaiah to fully understand [Isa. 53](#) correctly

The vast majority of Christians in the world today have not been told this and wander in fables because they lack the correct understanding which only can come from in-depth Bible study. And you have to have the right text before you start. Sadly Christians for the most part cannot find the truth because they are working from a corrupted text. They only reinforce error. Buy yourself a Stone Edition Tanakh. Then you will have the Bible Yeshua used.

So it was the Suffering Servant, Israel, composed of many Israelites, whose lives lived daily in complete obedience to their God which was so pleasing to God that they could be accepted by God as an offering for sin and not their red corpuscles (blood) which Christianity sadly focuses. **And the Lord accepted his [the corporate nation of Israel] prayers for the iniquity of all of us. What makes this even more remarkable is that in this very passage from Isa. 53 it is the GENTILE KINGS OF THE WORLD SPEAKING & NOT THE JEWISH PEOPLE OR THE JEWISH PROPHETS!** The Gentiles will one day understand the role played by the righteous Jewish people in expiation of their sin! **This is prophetic** but you can fulfill it today if you open your heart and head to the facts presented in this article.

Such is the teaching of Isaiah and Leviticus.

Because of the proliferation of bloody rites in Gentile paganism, the Gentile converts to Jewish Christianity would in the first centuries, inherently revert back to pagan backgrounds. Thus the emphasis today on blood instead of a God-honoring life as the offering for sin has been inherited by the Gentile Church. Such falsehoods as taught by Paul was a "bridge" to the non-Jewish nations as he attempted to "be all things to all that he might win some". Paul gave the non-Jew nothing more than what they already had; for in the pagan mystery religions, of which Troas was the capital of Mithraism, Paul's home town, the old pagan concepts were rolled into Jesus by Paul for Gentile acceptance. They did not have to accept Judaism per se, he would simply remold Jesus into a neo-pagan to which they could relate. Such is the reckless acts of one desperately trying to be received and accepted because of his rejection by the Jerusalem Church. When Jerusalem would be notified of what Paul was teaching, he would be repeatedly summoned to answer charges. Finally, in Acts 21 he was arrested, but his submission to the Jerusalem church was never in question. They just never accepted "Paul's" gospel. Neither should you! Paul's gospel could not "preach" in Israel, only 1500 miles away when few knew little of a Jewish Jesus or the Torah. Such a clever tactic by Paul only made Yeshua the head of the non-Jewish pantheon which were already filled with pagan gods which gave their body and blood for their followers for salvation. SUCH A TEACHING AS SHARED BY PAUL

IS NOT JEWISH NOR IS SUCH A TEACHING BIBLICAL! IT IS PAGAN TO ITS CORE AND YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT! JAMES AND THE JERUSALEM CHURCH DID! The whole sorry affair can be seen as I have detailed it in this web-site if you read it thoroughly.

I just gave you the Biblical teaching on atonement.

Answer for yourself: Have you noticed we have not discussed “sin offerings” yet but have covered the gamut of atonement? Sin offerings only began after the terrible sin of idolatry and blasphemy of the Name of the LORD when Israel rejected YHVH at Sinai. Now God would add a new law that had not existed prior to that time. Request our article on “The Law That Was Added” to further your understanding in this area.

NOW...WHAT ABOUT SIN OFFERINGS?

Really I don't have much to say except they were instituted after the golden calf incident. Then a whole priesthood and tabernacle was required. But even looking at sin offerings, the same spiritual dynamics that we have learned are applied; namely, the soul or life of the sacrificer is placed on the altar as a picture of his renewed relationship with God and the accuracy of such a demonstration was determined if he had repented, confessed, and made restitution PRIOR to bringing the sacrifice.

CONCLUSION

Having now come to the understanding that it was a life lived above sin that was so pleasing to God that God accepted such a life as an offering and atonement for one's sin, it should behoove you to rethink what you believe about atonement as a Christian. If you were to do some comparative religious study you will see the preponderance of evidence of how pagan concepts of salvation are woven into Pauline theology. I have shown you the Biblical teachings of atonement and have not mentioned Paul's theology once. **The reason I have not is that nowhere in the Jewish Masoretic Palestinian text are such Pauline concepts of atonement found.**

Only when you read the fraudulent and mistranslated Greek Scriptures, which the Rabbis did not translate, do you begin to find such ideas surfacing in the text. But never fail to understand that such concepts cannot be found in the Jewish Scriptures from which the Greek translation emanated. Somebody “fixed” the Greek translation to read differently. **And sadly for you, these altered and paganized Greek mistranslation became the foundation for your Christian Old Testament. To make matters worse, your New Testament quotes from the fraudulent Old Testament.** Over and over as you read your Christian Bible you only reinforce and rehearse error! You need to know that. But that happened over 2000 years ago and who knows? Well I do, and others do who have studied enough to see it! The Jews have always known. It is the secularized Jews of today who don't. It is time someone told you! The righteous Jews know this and have known this since 200 BC when the Greek translation was understood by them to be a corruption of the Jewish Scriptures. History records 3 attempts of the Jews to correct such a forged Greek translation but sadly their efforts were not to overtake the popularity of the already translated LXX (Septuagint).

Understand an animal's soul represented the soul of one making the sacrifice, and we, as non-Jews, today are beneficiaries of having the Jew's prayers for our sin on Yom Kippur. Jesus is the archetype for all of Israel. But in this lesson we must no longer overlook the importance of a life lived above sin which procures one's redemption and not the inert blood of the animal or of Jesus. **Lives lived honoring God through faith and obedience atones. Your Covenant requires it!** Such is the message of Bet Emet as we are called to live like Jesus and not just “believe in Jesus.” It has been my experience as a Pastor over the years to encounter multitudes of Christians who trust in Christ's blood instead of understanding the importance of his life, symbolized by his soul in his blood, as lived in obedience to God as a form of atonement, or even their own lives, as lived pleasing to God for their OWN atonement. **We must walk out our salvation with fear and**

trembling. We are co-laborers with God in our own salvation through faith and repentance. Such a mistaken understanding of our redemption as seen from Paul, since not being taught the truth from a Hebraic perspective, has caused multitudes of Christians to trust in the acclaimed miraculous powers of the blood of Jesus instead of focusing on the miraculousness of a life lived above sin. Such a false sense of security in "blood" instead of "lives lived holy before God and man" unconsciously causes the believer to not regard sin with revulsion as he should. We tend to view sin as less harmful than it is, and compromise with sin which lies at the door.

The bottom line for all Christians to understand is that we have heard way too much preached *about* Jesus and far too little studied from the texts of the Jewish Bible which tell us exactly and accurately who he is as well as his original mission. If we had studied the original sources available to us, we would not be so mixed up theologically in a Christianity today which boasts over 2000 different denominations all maintaining they have the truth about Jesus while at the same time being the most violent and crime ridden nation in the world.

SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH...LOOK AT THE FRUIT OF THIS MESSAGE IN OUR COUNTRY WITH A CHURCH ON EVERY CORNER AND TELEVISIONS FILLED WITH THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE. JUST LOOK OUT YOUR DOOR AND ASK IF THAT IS THE BEST THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN DO??
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May God forgive our laziness to let others tell us what to believe instead of us studying to show ourselves approved unto God. I just showed you part of the problem. Implicitly we are led to not revere the Laws and Commandments of God because "Jesus died for me" and my get out of jail card saves me. As a Pastor I saw such falsehoods lived out in the lives of the congregation year after year. When there is no Law, no Commandments, no requirements, no accountability, then there is no righteous fruit and we have our newspapers filled with horror story after horror story and many of these atrocities are being committed by clergy.

Answer for yourself: When was the last time you saw a Rabbi skip off with the funds of the synagogue or be caught with a prostitute? When was the last time a Rabbi was found molesting a child? Are they any different than non-Jews; or is it because they have a fear of God that is lacking in the Christian Church because we have "implicitly" been sold a bill of goods that we are "already" forgiven and can get away with it because "Jesus paid it all?"

And sadly few can count on their lives being a sufficient atonement for their sin when your whole life the Church has taught you to live without Law and the Commandments of God. This the legacy of Paul and his mystery religions superimposed upon a Rabbi named Yeshua/Jesus. You were taught these "laws and commandments" were a curse. Emotionalism is a sorry substitute for knowledge.

Answer for yourself: For after all if saved by the blood of Jesus, what need do I have to live like Jesus and not disobey the commandments of God? Isn't Jesus my "grace card" that allows me to live anyway I want to and not fear the end-result of such non-accountable behavior?

Answer for yourself: If saved by the blood of another, what does a little sin mean...what can it hurt; for after all, did not Jesus die for me as the Roman document ...the New Testament states?

Answer for yourself: See the tragic thinking involved in focusing upon the blood of Jesus instead of the life of Jesus lived above sin?

THINK!

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THOUGHTS ON THE DEATH OF JESUS AS RELATED TO THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM #6

IS BLOOD REQUIRED TO ATONE FOR SIN?

"...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." (Hebrews 9:22)

Answer for yourself: Is this statement from the epistle to the Hebrews really true or is it a contradiction of the Eternal Word of God and the Bible Jesus used?

The central theme of Christianity and the New Testament (NT) is the sacrificial offering of the blood of 'Jesus Christ' as atonement for the sins of the entire world. "The blood of 'Jesus' was shed in our stead and is the **only means of atonement for sin.**"

Answer for yourself: Is this claim truly consistent with The Holy Scriptures (OT)?

Before you say "yes" you might possibly need to be honest with yourself by answering this question: "Just how well do I really know the Old Testament Scriptures and their meanings since I am a New Testament Christian?"

Christians claim that the absolute need for blood is rooted in the Law of Moses (the Torah). Traditionally they will often cite the book of Leviticus as proof:

"And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who consumes any blood, I will set My face against that person who consumes blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; **for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.** Therefore, I say to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall consume blood, nor shall any stranger who sojourns among you consume blood.'" (Leviticus 17:11)

What should immediately be apparent is that this passage is concerned first and foremost with the **prohibition against consuming blood. The subject of atonement here is secondary.** We are told that the reason for this prohibition is that the blood contains the life or vitality of the animal. Strong's number 3722 is the Hebrew word "Kaphar"; Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon explains this to mean (1) to cover over, to over spread as with pitch. (2) to obtain forgiveness. (3) to make expiation for an offender, to free him from charge.

Another reason is that consuming blood was a very important part of the idolatrous religious practices of the people and nations surrounding Israel (Gen. 9:4 and Deut. 12:23).

Israel was clearly instructed by The Holy One of Israel through Moses not to imitate this abhorrent pagan practice **in any manner (and this has serious implications for Christian communion, both Catholic and Protestant).** Although the actual blood was later to be substituted with wine in many of the sacred banquets of pagan religions, there is ample evidence to support the claim that literal blood was consumed as part of the

ritual worship of pagan deities, and this as a form of atonement.

Please listen to this! **Since this passage from Lev. 17 is predominately concerned with the prohibition against consuming blood, we must look elsewhere in the Bible for instructions concerning atonement for sins.** This passage in Leviticus will become clearer later on. The passage does say that since blood symbolizes the life of the animal, it can be used as a means of atoning for our sins. **It does not say, however, that blood is the only means of atoning for sins.** Indeed, The Holy Scriptures tell us of several other things that can be used instead of the blood of a sacrificial ram or bullock.

OTHER MEANS OF ATONEMENT.....IS THIS NEWS TO YOU?

"And Moses said unto Aaron, 'Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on **incense**, and go quickly unto the congregation, and **make an atonement for them**: for there is wrath gone out from [YHVH]; the plague is begun.' And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: **and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.**" (Numbers 16:46-47)

Here, incense can be used to atone for sins in the same manner as the blood sacrifices of animals.

Notice what else could be used in place of blood:

"The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel (**offering of money**), when they give an offering unto [YHVH], to make an **atonement for your souls**. And thou shalt take the **atonement money** of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before [YHVH], **to make an atonement for your souls.**" (Exodus 30:15-16)

Here, one's offering to the LORD can be used to atone for sins in the same manner as the blood sacrifices of animals.

The phrase "to make atonement for your souls" in these verses is the same expression as in Leviticus 17:11:

"We have therefore brought an oblation **[again items of worth and money]** (Deut. 12:23-25, 30) for [YHVH], what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, **to make an atonement for our souls** before [YHVH]." Numbers 31:50)

In these passages, money could be used to make atonement for the children of Israel. The principle here is **not that atonement can be bought** [this was the practice of the great universal church whose priests routinely sold forgiveness]. Rather, this is about doing charitable things with money. In this case, the money was to be used for the physical maintenance of the temple building.

DOES BLOOD COVER ALL SIN?

According to the Bible, blood sacrifices held only limited atonement capabilities. Foremost among it's limitations was that blood sacrifices were only brought for **unintentional sins**. If a person committed some sin out of ignorance, such as doing work on the Sabbath when perhaps they mistakenly thought it was Sunday, then atonement could be made through a sacrificial sin offering. **Sacrifices did**

not help to atone for sins that were done intentionally. Notice the instructions to the priests concerning this:

"And [YHVH] spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin **through ignorance** against any of the commandments of [YHVH] concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto [YHVH] for a sin offering. And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before [YHVH]; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before [YHVH]. And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before [YHVH], before the veil of the sanctuary. **And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar** of sweet incense before [YHVH], which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation" Leviticus 4:1-7)

This claim that only blood could atone for sins raises many questions. What happens if someone could not afford to purchase a ram or bullock for his sin offering? Is it possible that a loving CREATOR would institute a system of atonement that could only be used by the wealthy?

"And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, **two turtledoves, or two young pigeons**, unto [YHVH]; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering." Leviticus 5:7)

Here, if a person could not afford the sacrificial ram or bullock for a sin offering, certain types of small birds could be used instead.

Answer for yourself: However, what if someone was so destitute, that he couldn't afford even these small birds?

"But if his means are insufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an ephah of **fine flour for a sin offering**; he shall not put oil on it or place incense on it, for it is a sin offering." (Leviticus 5:11)

This is very interesting, but seriously damaging to the Christian doctrine. If birds could not be afforded, some simple flour could be used instead and would be **just as effective** in the eyes of Israel's CREATOR. The scriptures are quite clear on this. Since **flour** could be used for a sin offering, **it is evident that blood was not the sole means of atonement.** The Christian position that only the shed blood of 'Jesus' could atone for sins is falling by the wayside in light of the Holy Scriptures. Actually, considering the beating and torture which 'Jesus' is said to have suffered at The hands of the Romans, **you have to wonder why he didn't just bring a sack of flour to the Romans and let them whip, beat, mock and crucify it instead!!!**

WHAT IF THERE WAS NO TEMPLE OR AARONIC PRIEST ...HOW WAS ATONEMENT ACHIEVED?

While the Temple stood, sacrifices without question served as part of the atonement process. If you read the first articles in this series then you understand the meaning of the presentation of the "blood" on the altar within the Temple.

Answer for yourself: What, though, was to be the fate of the people who did not have access to the Temple?

Answer for yourself: What were the Israelite people supposed to do after 586 B.C.E. when the first Temple was destroyed and they were exiled to Babylon?

Answer for yourself: What did the Jewish people do in the times of the Maccabees when the Syrian-Greeks were in control of the Temple and did not allow sacrifices?

After king Solomon completed the spectacular temple building in Jerusalem, he dedicated it with a very moving speech. This lengthy and very beautiful speech can be read in the books of 1 Kings 8 and II Chronicles 6. Notice, however, that Solomon **doesn't speak about sacrifices at all!** If sacrifices were the focal point of the temple, this omission would be very curious. Rather, the focus of the Temple was shown to be the Ark, containing the Laws which our CREATOR wanted us to live by. The Temple was first and foremost a symbol of the Shechinah, or presence of The Holy One of Israel.

"I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever. (I Kings 8:13)

"And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them" (Exodus 25:8).

Toward the end of the speech, Solomon addresses the subject of the Israelite people being denied access to the temple:

"If they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who have taken them captive, and **pray to You** toward their land which You have given to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name; then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven Your dwelling place, and maintain their cause, and **forgive Your people** who have sinned against You and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You..." (I Kings 8:46-50)

This passage helps us understand Leviticus 17:11 properly. **The Bible clearly teaches that blood sacrifices were not necessary in order to atone for sins. Prayer and repentance are shown to be the effective means of atonement. Certainly, when the Temple stood, and if one could afford an animal, a sacrifice was brought as part of the atonement process for unintentional sins. What Leviticus 17:11 teaches us is that when we bring such an animal as a sacrifice, we are not allowed to consume its blood, because as the life force, it is the part of the animal that affects our atonement.** In addition, we were not to consume the blood because this was the practice of the pagan people who worshipped the sun-god 'baal.'

WAS YESHUA AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE?

Another focal point of the NT is the Christian claim that the crucifixion of 'Jesus' served as the **final atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world**. However, if the sacrificial instructions set forth by the Law of Moses are examined closely, and you see the guidelines set forth for how sacrifices are to be brought, **it will be clear that 'Jesus' could never serve as an atoning sacrifice. Clearly, not just any blood shed in any manner would satisfy the biblical requirements for atonement. Notice the instructions set forth in the Torah concerning sacrifices:**

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you **upon the altar** to make an atonement for your souls..." (Lev. 17:11)

Notice that the blood of the acceptable sacrifice was to be shed **upon the holy altar of the temple**, and not on the pagan phallic symbol of the cross. Besides Yeshua died on a stake without a crossbar as was customary of the Romans. Clearly, not just any spilled blood is acceptable as a sacrifice. YHVH set forth very meticulous rules and laws governing acceptable sacrifices brought to Him. "Jesus'" crucifixion may qualify as an atonement according to the **Greek Testament of Mithraism** but since his blood was **not offered on the altar**, it is not in compliance with what The Holy Scriptures of Israel's CREATOR requires.

There are many other factors that would render the crucifixion of 'Jesus' an unacceptable sacrifice according to scriptural guidelines. According to the Biblical rules in Leviticus, all sacrifices had to be offered **by a Levite**

Priest, a descendant of Aaron. According to the "gospel" accounts, 'Jesus' was killed by pagan, gentile Roman soldiers.

Biblical law also prohibited any sacrifice that was blemished or maimed:

"Ye shall offer at your own will **a male without blemish**, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats. **But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer:** for it shall **not** be acceptable for you. And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto [YHVH] to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, **it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.** Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen [cyst], or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto [YHVH], nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto [YHVH]. (Leviticus 22:19-21).

Now we have a problem. The "gospels" of the NT clearly teach that 'Jesus' was beaten and whipped, which would have made him blemished and maimed and therefore an unfit sacrifice. Frequently, Christians react to this line of reasoning by protesting that it is improper to be so literal, and that "Jesus'" death was more of a symbolic or spiritual sacrifice. Christians will insist, indeed the NT itself makes the claim, that 'Jesus' was literally our Passover sacrifice. Remember in the book of John, when the Roman soldiers pierced 'Jesus' [after he was already dead, mind you]? Here we are told that they did not break his legs because this would violate the rules of the proper Passover sacrifice (Matthew 27:26, Mark 15:19, and John 19:3). The legs of the crucified were sometimes broken to hasten death. It was necessary that crucifixion victims must prop themselves up using their legs in order to facilitate breathing. This could prolong death for days at times. The legs were broken so that proper breathing could be prevented, and the lungs crushed the diaphragm and breathing was extremely difficult.:

"But coming to 'Jesus,' when they saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs **...in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled:** Not a bone of him shall be broken." (John 19:33-36)

The gospel of John portrays 'Jesus' as the Passover lamb which was not supposed to have any of its bones broken (cf. Exodus 12:46, Numbers 9:12). If Christians insist that 'Jesus' was the **literal** Passover sacrifice, and his blood atoned for our sins, then 'Jesus,' as that sacrifice, was subject to the **literal guidelines** set by the Law of Moses given by CREATOR of Israel governing an acceptable sacrifice. Christians always seem to want to have it both ways. The NT itself proposes that 'Jesus' was a literal sacrifice. When confronted with the clear Biblical instructions on how acceptable sacrifices were to be offered, however, they will complain that this is just legalistic nit picking.

You may wonder why I present this material to you, our readers. Simply, knowing what I know and what I have uncovered which is not taught to the Christian Church but which Jews seem to have always known, behooves me to share it with my brothers and sisters in hopes that they might learn as well the truth behind the New Testament and repent thereby accepting the true faith of Yeshua. Such honors God and guarantees acceptance when we die. More to follow.

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THOUGHTS ON THE DEATH OF JESUS AS RELATED TO THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM #7

WHY WAS YESHUA PATTERNED AFTER THE PASSOVER SACRIFICE...SHOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN YOM KIPPUR?

It really does not make sense to type 'Jesus' as the Passover sacrifice anyway. We know from Exodus 12 that the Passover sacrifice did not serve as atonement for sins, it merely commemorates the exodus from Egypt. Even when the lamb was slaughtered in Egypt and its' blood smeared on the door-posts, the blood did not serve to atone for the sins of anyone. It was a sign for the angel of death to pass over Israelite homes during the plague of the first born. The only people in danger were first-born males. The blood wasn't a help to other people in the family, and didn't serve as an atonement for the first born or save the mothers or sisters of any family.

It would have made much more sense to type 'Jesus' after the Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) sacrifice, which actually was an atonement for the sins of all the people. The problem here was that according to Leviticus 16:10, 21-22, the animal that atoned for the sins of the nation was not killed, but sent live out into the desert. (THINK)...it was not killed...it lived...as we saw earlier in the real Isaiah...."life" atones..not death!

Now the followers of 'Jesus' had another problem. According to the prophecies of ancient Israel, the Messiah was not supposed to die before completing His mission. The followers of 'Jesus,' who claimed that he was Israel's Messiah, now had to deal with 'Jesus'' embarrassing death at the hands of the Romans. So they correlated him with the slain Passover sacrifice. This tap dance around the scriptures to try and legitimize 'Jesus' as the Messiah cannot negate the clear lesson from Leviticus and the Day of Atonement that the shedding of blood is not a pre-requisite for atonement.

CAN YESHUA OR ANY OTHER PERSON ATONE FOR YOUR SINS?

Answer for yourself: Where did this idea originate that one man, or that anyone for that matter, could atone and pay for the sins of one or more people?

Maybe you don't know or have never read on the subject. Many don't and have not done adequate study to know the answer. Others have. It should be perfectly clear to you, if you have ever looked into the subject, that such notions stem from the Babylonian mystery religion of ancient Mesopotamia. The Greeks and Romans, as well as their ancestors, had multiple legends whereby heroes died for followers, cities, friends, for the law, for the truth, etc. Many such "deaths" were thought to bring atonement to those who believed in such sacrificial acts. This is fact when can be demonstrable to anyone who inquires.

What is certain is that the idea that an innocent person can be killed instead of those who are guilty is not consistent with what the Bible teaches. After the sin of the Golden Calf, YHVH was so outraged that His intentions were to totally annihilate and destroy the Israelite people. Moses offers to die in their place. Notice the response to Moses suggestion:

"Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin...; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And [YHWH] said unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**" (Exodus 32:32-33)

Throughout the Bible, YHVH says that one person **cannot die for the sins of another:**

"Fathers shall not be put to death for their sons, nor shall sons be put to death for their fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin"
(Deuteronomy 24:16)

"But everyone will die for his own sin; each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge" (Jeremiah 31:30)

"The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself" (Ezekiel 18:20)

"He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them are an abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 17:15).

"No man ['Jesus' included] can by any means redeem his brother, or give to 'God' a ransom for him" (Psalms 49:7)

Unlike the Greek Testament in the Christian Bible, The Holy Scriptures of the One True CREATOR of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob clearly teach that we are responsible for our own actions and sins. We alone must account and pay the price. God does not change! No virgin born savior deity from Babylonian mythology can contradict the clear instructions of CREATOR of Israel.

Answer for yourself: Why are there two theologies concerning atonement in your Bible; one in the Old Testament by the God of Israel who says He changes not, and then the Pauline corpus of material in the New Testament that contradicts it by paralleling pagan mystery religions and their false atonements of their false gods? This is very evident when the Old Testament is compared with the NT, and if you say you never saw it dear one you never looked deep enough for it is there!

NOW FOR THE REALLY BIG QUESTION

Here is a question that Christian ministers have danced around for two thousand years, but have never truthfully answered. This question bothered me all the years I pastored.

Answer for yourself: If indeed 'Jesus' came as the final sacrifice to atone for the sins of the world, **why do The**

Holy Scriptures proclaim that the Third Temple will be built and sacrifices resumed during the Messianic era?

The vast majority of average Christians are completely ignorant of these prophecies, as they have been cleverly hidden by their ministers. **Notice the clear teachings of The Holy Scriptures regarding this:**

"Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples." (Isaiah 56:7)

"From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, My dispersed ones will bring My offerings." (Zephaniah 3:10)

"All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; they will go up with acceptance on My altar, and I shall glorify My glorious house." (Isaiah 60:7)

"And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My **sanctuary** in their midst forever." (Ezekiel 37:26)

"And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to [YHWH] **offerings in righteousness**. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to [YHWH], **as in the days of old and as in former years.**" (Malachi 3:3-4)

LET THERE BE NO DOUBT

(Ezekiel 45:17) "And it shall be the princes part to provide the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the libations...**to make the atonement for the house of Israel.**"

Apparently, dear reader, **'Jesus' sacrifice did not make atonement for the sins of all the world.** If the death of 'Jesus' had atoned for all sins for all time, why will atonement need to be made during the messianic era?

Answer for yourself: How do you answer the true words of Israel's CREATOR, Mr. Christian minister? These questions caused me to study like I never had to find the answers. The root of the whole problem lies in the texts and their authority. As a Christian Pastor I came to realize after many years of serious study following Seminary that the New Testament was little more than a propagandist Roman document full of anti-Semitic ideas and teachings. Considering all the manuscripts available to day totally a little less than 6000 pieces, there are over 300,000 contradictions and no two are "identical" or "read the same". Surely God could do better. As if that was not enough, my heart broke within me when I discovered my KJV Old Testament was a purposefully falsified and altered translation of the Jewish Masoretic text which had been "doctored" as had the New Testament. It took over ten years to substantiate these discrepancies beyond any doubt and were a major factor in my resignation from my Pastorate. I was an ordained Pastor of an apostate faith. Such shame no man can know. I had believed "the" lie and the "very elect" was deceived. I accepted everything on "faith" never questioning anything. I was gullible for the LORD until YHVH put in my heart and head the desire to study out the conflicting errors of my Christian theology. The fruit I lay before you for your inspection as a gift to God and as a love offering in hopes your hunger for truth is greater than your commitment to tradition.

YHVH AND MERCY

The Christian claim that only through bloodshed can atonement be made show that Christians are unfamiliar with how compassionate and merciful the Holy One of Israel really is. Sometimes, He forgives us simply because He is kind, loving, compassionate and merciful. Even when we don't seek our LORD appropriately, He has the ability to reach out to us with love and forgive us:

"Who is a [Elohiym] like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy." (Micah 7:18)

"Their heart was not steadfast toward Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant. But He, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity...remembering that they were but flesh." (Psalms 78:36-39)

"You have not brought Me the sheep of your burnt offerings...or the fat of your sacrifices, but you have burdened Me with your sins...Nevertheless, I will wipe out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins." (Isaiah 43:23-25)

Truly, truly the Holy one of Israel is a just and merciful CREATOR.

WHAT DO THE PROPHETS HAVE TO SAY?

Answer for yourself: If the Christian claim that one must be covered by the shed blood of the Messiah in order to make atonement for his sins is valid, why can this claim not be validated by the writings of the prophets?

Time and time again, the writings of the prophets emphasize prayer and repentance as the method to atone for sins. I challenge any Christian to produce a scripture from Unaltered Holy Hebrew Scriptures (OT that Jesus used) that teaches us that we must believe in the atoning blood of a Messiah in order to obtain salvation [even the Christian Bible does not say it]. What the prophets teach us is that our own obedience to the laws of Israel's CREATOR combined with sincere repentance and prayer for forgiveness will atone for sin if done with the proper attitude of humility.

- "That every man will turn from his evil way, then I will forgive their iniquity and their sin." (Jeremiah 36:3)
- "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return to [YHWH], and He will have compassion on him; and to our [Elohiym]. for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)
- "And if My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14).
- "But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die. All his transgressions which he has committed will not be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has practiced he shall live...When a wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and practices justice and righteousness, he will save his life...Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you (Ezekiel 18:21- 22,27,30).
- "By loving kindness and truth iniquity is atoned for..." (Proverbs 16:6).
- "If you return to [Elohiym] you will be restored; if you remove unrighteousness far from your tent...then you will delight in [Elohiym]..." (Job 22:23-27).

Clearly, the central teaching of The Holy Scriptures is that we must break away from our sinful past and sincerely repent. This is the only way to restore our relationship with the Holy One of Israel. If one strays from the path set forth by the laws of our God, one must repent and return to the path. This is how forgiveness is obtained. Even when sacrifices were offered, they in and of themselves did not effect atonement. You now have see that in the first articles in this series. The sacrifice was part of the process but only a "picture" of the sacrificer after his repentance. What is repentance? Returning to ETERNAL by forsaking our evil ways and praying for forgiveness. The prophets were constantly correcting the Israelite people for relying on blood sacrifices as the essential element of atonement instead of or without

repentance and obedience to ETERNAL's laws:

- "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me? says [YHWH]. I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed cattle. And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats...Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come let us reason together says [YHWH], 'Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they will be like wool, if you consent and obey...' (Isaiah 1:11-18).
- "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." (Proverbs 15:8).
- "To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to [YHWH] than sacrifice." (Proverbs 21:3)
- "For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of [Elohiym] rather than burnt offerings." (Hosea 6:6).
- "Has [YHWH] as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken more than the fat of rams." (1 Samuel 15:22)
- "With what shall I come to [YHWH], and bow myself before the [Elohiym] on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Does [YHWH] take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does [YHWH] require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:6-8)

Answer for yourself: Do you now begin to see what the very wise king Solomon was trying to explain in 1 Kings 8, when he said that even though the Israelite people may not always have access to the sacrifices and the Priesthood, they would always have access to the Holy One of Israel?

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, understood that repentance and not blood is the Scriptural form of atonement.

Answer for yourself: Remember the story of Jonah?

He was sent to the evil city of Nineveh (non-Jews) to warn them of their impending destruction. Jonah does not come into the city and tell the people that unless they begin offering sacrifices they are doomed. He does not tell them that unless they accept on faith that the shed blood of Israel's Messiah will atone for their sins they are lost. No! He warns them to repent. Their response to his warnings is: they fast, pray, and turn from their evil.

Answer for yourself: What is YHVH's response to their repentance?

"When [Elohiym] saw their deeds that they turned from their wicked way, then [Elohiym] relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them, and He did not do it." (Jonah 3:10).

EVEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR IS TOLD HOW TO ATONE FOR HIS SINS....VERY INTERESTING....

"Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: Redeem your sins by doing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor."
(Daniel 4:27).

THE POWER OF PRAYER FOR ATONEMENT

After the ten northern tribes split away from Judah, a civil war prevented most of Israel from Temple worship. The prophet Hosea addressed this situation and instructed the people accordingly:

"Return, O Israel, to [YHWH] your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity. **Take words with you** and return to [YHWH]. **Say to Him**, 'Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously, for we will render as bullocks the offerings of our lips'." (Hosea 14:1-2)

We are able to approach our god directly with prayer, which is possible at all times and regardless of the size of our bank accounts; and He assures us that sincere prayer can achieve forgiveness for our sins:

- "Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O [YHWH], the [Elohiym] of my salvation. And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O [YHWH], open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of [Elohiym] are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. These, O [Elohiym], You will not despise." (Psalms 51:14-17)"
- "I will praise the name of [Elohiym] with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This shall please [YHWH] better than an ox or bullock that has horns and hoofs." (Psalm 69:30-31)
- "For You, [YHWH], are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in loving kindness to all who call upon You. Give ear, O [YHWH] to my prayer, and give heed to the voice of my supplications." (Psalm 86:5-6)
- "And listen to the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear from heaven Your dwelling place, hear and forgive." (II Chronicles 6:21)

The Holy Scriptures of Israel are very clear. Prayer, a humble attitude, and above all, sincere heartfelt repentance is what the Holy One of Israel requires of His people in order to atone for sins. No doubt He knew thousands of years in advance that there would come a time when some would wrongly rely on the blood of a deified human sacrifice to vicariously replace obedience to His laws. It is evident to anyone with eyes to see that a comparison between The Holy Scriptures of Israel and the Greek NT to 'Baal' will reveal two entirely different religions. One is dedicated to the One True ETERNAL of Israel; the other is dedicated to just another of many mythological savior gods of the Babylonian mysteries.

The time will come when Israel's true messiah will usher in an era of peace when all nations will believe in and seek to worship the one true Holy One of Israel of our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. At that time, the proponents of Christianity will deeply repent of the day when they taught the beloved nation of Israel and the descendants of Abraham to break the first commandment and worship another besides the Holy One of Israel.

One more article left....

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THOUGHTS ON THE DEATH OF JESUS AS RELATED TO THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM #8

Bet Emet stands for "truth" as the name implies; House of Truth. Such truth has been dug out of man-made traditions and anti-Semitic teachings held sacred by millions for almost 2 millennia. What I am going to do next is somewhat dangerous but I want you warn you ahead of time. I am going to make an assumption that I know is totally false for the purpose of teaching another truth which will shed even more light upon the truths of atonement.

LET'S ASSUME.....ALTHOUGH IT IS WRONG....JUST FOR A MINUTE.....

Let us assume that the traditional Christian teaching about Jesus' death being a sacrifice for atonement was true. So we approach what is said next with the erroneous assumption that that Jesus' death was for our sin. Now lets proceed.

ATONEMENT FOR BOTH TABLETS OF THE LAW OR ONLY FOR THE FIRST TABLET? THIS WILL SURPRISE YOU!

Answer for yourself: As a Christian, being told your whole life that Jesus' death was an atonement for your sin, then is this "atonement" as seen in his sacrifice (a type and shadow of sin offerings) an atonement for all kinds of sin?

Honestly, the answer is "NO" not all sin, because in the sacrifice of lambs, on Yom Kippur for instance, they only atoned for sins of the First Tablet of the Law and not the Second Tablet of the Law.

This is very important to recognize especially when one makes parallels to Jesus as a "type and shadow" of Old Testament truths regarding atonement. And few Christians have ever studied enough to know this....but the Jews did!

You can be a Christian you whole life and go to church your whole life and NEVER know that even when sacrifices were brought to the Temple that they not only ONLY atoned for unintentional sins....but also ONLY atoned for the sins of the First Tablet of the Law and not for ANY sins committed which were violations of the Second Tablet of the Law!

Answer for yourself: Even if Jesus' death was an atonement for sin, then if being truthful to the rule of "types and shadows" how is it possible that his death and shed blood atoned as the "Lamb of God" for sins that never were atoned for by any animal sacrifice?

THINK!

Knowing this, that Jesus is type and shadow of the Suffering Servant of God, instead of a representative of the "many" "Suffering Servants" of Israel as he really was, then you can see how a false security in focusing on the blood could, and does lead, others to think light of sin and compromise with sin much more than they should (not knowing that such sins of the Second Tablet of the Law are not handled by the sacrifices for atonement).

Answer for yourself: What? Is this news to you? Did your pastor ever tell you this? Mine never did!

Answer for yourself: Then how are we to get atonement for such things we do when we sin if sacrifices NEVER covered it before?

Answer for yourself: Did God give us a "way" for atonement for such sins and because as Christians and followers of Jesus in Christianity he we failed to understand the sacrificial system correctly and miss this important message?

Such knowledge comes only if you study the Sacrificial process in detail. If Christians trusting the blood for "everything" only knew that the atonement provided by the Suffering Servant Israel (as typified in Jesus) atoned only for the First Tablet of the Law they would most likely think twice before sinning, thus understanding they are not "under the blood" for all things, that their moral responsibility and fear of God is a requirement in being co-laborers with God in their own salvation. Now you should better understand the passage which says "work out YOUR salvation with fear and trembling

If we truly understand the Sacrificial system, and you should now if you have been reading these articles, then you know that Jesus, and the Suffering Servant of God (Israel) did not die for atonement for ALL SINS! Without this knowledge of sins atoned only for the First Tablet of the Law (sins between man toward God) we will not have a strong enough deterrent to avoid sinning sins involved in the Second Tablet of the Law...sins between man and man. Thus, understanding the Sacrificial system and the dynamics involved, the more correct interpretation would be "Christ died because of sins." And in this death of Yeshua as a paradigm of all of Israel [Suffering Servant] was efficacy for sins of the First Tablet of the Law ONLY and not the Second Tablet of the Law. The Second Tablet of the Law is atoned for by your repentance, confession, prayer, restitution, alms, etc., as Isaiah and other Prophets teach in the Hebrew Scriptures where were later altered by the Alexandrian Essenes and later Romans to exclude such concepts from the Hebrew Scriptures when translated into the Greek and Latin!

Let us not forget that Israel is a Holy Nation and a Royal Priesthood. A Priest's function is to make intercession for another and aid in another's reconciliation. As you saw earlier that prayer was one of the several forms of atonement, then this should renew your appreciation for the Jewish people who, on Yom Kippur, stand in the gap for the world in their prayer services. They literally, as Priests to YHVH, pray for the world and their sins that God would be merciful and forgive their sin. This is such a Holy thing which is not understood by Christians let alone Christian missionaries who are fixated on converting every Jew to Christianity?

Answer for yourself: If such a demonic and diabolical plan was ever to succeed, God forbid, then who would stand in the gap for the world on Yom Kippur.....Baptists, Catholics, Charismatics? Christianity does not ever recognize or observe the commanded Holy Days in the Bible.

ARE YOU GUILTY OF BREAKING THE SECOND TABLET OF THE

LAW.....AND NOT KNOWING IT?

So many might have read this article so far and say..."so what...I don't break the commands of the Second Tablet of the Law?"

Not so fast now.

Christians, because of their perverse theology, break them at will, and what is so devious, is that they do it without ever knowing. My purpose is not to offend anyone, but if I could be honest with you and God for a moment I want you to grasp this next sentence. When I graduated from Seminary I had learned a lot, but most was religious propaganda to support a particular denominational position. It was only after years of intense study following Seminary did I come to the knowledge of the truth that I had hoped to find there but didn't. And if I can say that then what is the level of understanding of the typical pew setter in the Churches who never reads books or studies his own faith in-depth?

If you were aware of what is contained in the Second Tablet of the Law you would be overwhelmed and I would hope, once realizing the magnitude of such violations of God's will by the typical Christian following "Christian doctrine" then your tears would run like rivers and your conduct change.

TAKE TITHING FOR EXAMPLE

This is a commandment between man and man, as the **Bible commands that the tithe be used for certain things only**. These "things" were always "people" in one way or another, for only if the giving of one's finances was to God and Godly pursuits would the Kingdom of Heaven be manifested on earth as it is in Heaven. God does not need our money; other do. For example the Tithe is commanded every 2 out of 6 years to be given wholly to the poor, the lame, blind, sick, infirm, widows, orphans, etc. Only is these needy people, make in the image of God, receive your blessings and care will they experience the love of God the way He intended. God intended their need be met; not miraculously from heaven, but by you!

Two years out of six you were commanded by God to "keep" your tithe and use it for "whatever your soul lusted after." Now, understand this was to be in a Godly pursuit. For example the celebration of the Sabbaths and the Seven Biblical Festivals. Also, you were commanded to share it with the poor as they again might experience in "earnest" the Kingdom of Heaven God had prepared for them. Notice it was you again who were to give to these people.

Lastly, two years out of six you were to give your tithe, and I paraphrase, to the choir, the janitors, and the levities. The levities basically are the choir. They also taught the people. They were NOT preachers but teachers. Notice also this is one of the gifts to the body as Paul states. Conspicuously absent from such a list of gifts is a "preacher." Understand if I am a good teacher, then you the student, become the proclaimer or the "preacher." That is how God intended it to work.

Now, the vast, vast majority of Christian Churches do not allocate their funds in the above manner as taught by the Holy Scriptures. Ask for our teachings on the Tithe and you can quickly see in detail of what I speak. This means that no matter how much you give to your church, if your spiritual authorities do not obey the Commandments of giving and appropriate your monies in areas not sanctioned by God in His Word then they have robbed from God no matter what Scriptures they read when they take up the offering. And you become an accomplice to stealing from God as you are accountable for His Word whether you know His Word or not. You will be judged by it.

Now as you can see, you can give to your Christian Church all day long and "feel" good about it, but you violate the Commands of God in doing so. Now understand you violate God Commandments of giving by so trusting your Church with your money.

Answer for yourself: If you have believed in Jesus' death for your sin, as if such "death" and "shed blood" does not and never did atone for violations of the Second Tablet of the Law....then you do realize you die in your sin and never know until you see God face to face?

Answer for yourself: You really have two problems. You didn't know well enough the Commandments about tithing to even questions what your Church is doing and you did not know well enough the Sacrificial System to know that some sins are never covered by it. Then do you realize that your erroneous understandings of such things as caused you to ignorantly continue to rob God and assure your rebuke when you meet up with Him since the work of Jesus you have been taught to "trust" in never applied in the first place?

Answer for yourself: Do you grasp the horrible consequences of such ignorance of the truths of God's Word and the sure fate that awaits you because Christianity has not studied hard enough to see the truth since blinded by anti-Semitism of the Church Fathers since the 2nd century?

Well if you tithe according to the manner of most Christian Churches today you not only rob from God but from those created in His image as well. If you continue to give to churches which don't obey the Laws and Commandments concerning tithing you are a partaker of their sins and there is no atonement for that sin for you when you die unless your repent now of such behavior! Sadly few Christians know what the Jewish Scriptures command regarding "how to tithe". Giving your tithe to the Christian Church where the elders fail to appropriate the correct percentages into the designated areas commanded by the Torah guarantees you that you rob God! While pastoring in Dallas as a Staff Pastor on staff of a mega church, the last two years I could no longer tithe to the church where I Pastored having learned the truth about the tithe. Contention was an understatement but when truth comes error must leave

Repentance toward that sin, a new obedience, a new conduct, and confession of that sin is our only methods of atonement and if not done, will ensure we enter into the World to Come with sins in those areas where atonement has not been proved.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

You have see that it a life, you life, that makes atonement for sin. Such repentance, confession, prayer, and new obedient conduct is the only reassurance that at-that-moment you are right with God. Being so, and having done so, then you have the right to be on the altar of God and you are ..in your heart. You need not bring an animal sacrifice for you and your life are already one! The animal, if you remember, was only a physical demonstration of the atonement you already have acquired by your actions. Such is the mercy of God to reveal to us, His people, how we can cleans ourselves.

The Gentile Christian Church, over the centuries, has stolen such truths from you and corrupted the truth and recorded it in their anti-Semitic document...the New Testament

There is no atonement for the sins of the Second Tablet of the Law unless you make it for yourself!

You now understand our lives, or our "souls", will be devoted to error instead of truth and our lives will not provide atonement unless we repent. But one must know the truth in order to repent or else he never knows he is wrong. That is why study is so important. This is only one small example.

After years of dedicated intense study I found that worshipping according to Christian teachings often is sin as the vast majority of Christianity today has changed the Sabbath as well as made obsolete the Holy Days and Festivals of God and there are commandments regarding Gentile

believers keeping them. Remember your poor tithe goes to these observances as well.

You might not be a murderer with a gun, but our word “kill” is equated by the Rabbis to mean gossip, slander, blasphemy, as well as the failure to take care of the poor, widows, and the orphans. The Rabbis group this with murder which again is sin of the Second Tablet of the Law.

Answer four yourself: Can you see how involved this can get and how important for the Christian who loves God to know and make adjustments with his life while he can?

"FAITH OF JESUS" OR "FAITH IN JESUS"

In discussion of these aspects of the Sacrificial system, we must never forget that we are called to accept the “faith of Jesus” and not just have “faith in Jesus.” In these articles I have presented the faith of Yeshua in light to his views on atonement. Yeshua believed the Tanakh (Law, Prophets, Writings). If we are to approximate holiness by living Christ-like that means we have to have a new understanding of how we are to live and we must become familiar with the Laws of God which regulate man’s conduct in life. **Only then will our lives, lived in conformity to the Laws of God, result in atonement.** At your death you will appreciate the atonement your life procured through your obedience and repentance when shown your lives and conduct are in error. Such Laws, statutes, and ordinances reveal to us, in 248 positive commandments, what God is and does, and in 365 negative commandments what God is not and what He does not do. Only in incorporating them into our lives can be assured that what we do and believe is correct. Only then can our lives [souls] be an atonement. Failure to measure our conduct as compared with these commandments only assures we live by our own understanding, and that cannot be trusted for our hearts, according to Jeremiah are desperately wicked and we cannot know them for sure. **Having this knowledge, the rest is up to you.**

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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH? ...STUDIES IN BIBLICAL ATONEMENT #1

It is assumed that before you read these articles that you have already read and are conversant with the prior articles on "Atonement and the Sacrificial System". If not then to properly understand what follows will not only be difficult but impossible for most.

Christians have been told their whole lives that two great objectives were accomplished by Yeshua's death as recorded in the New Testament. As I grew up in the Christian church I was told Sunday after Sunday that Yeshua's death and crucifixion was an act of atoning, or making up for human sin. Along the same vein such atonement was to be understood as my "salvation" as accepting such death for my sin allowed me to enter into right relationship with God through Yeshua's death. It was explained to me that salvation requires God's forgiveness and that this in turn required an adequate atonement to satisfy the divine righteousness and/or justice. It was further explained to me that Yeshua's crucifixion whereby he shed his blood was the atoning act that make payment to wipe out my debt due to my sin and subsequently canceled my impending judgment by God.

Answer for yourself: Assuming that your have read the prior articles on "Atonement and the Sacrificial System" as it is understood in Biblical Judaism then how this is possible as we saw that it is the "soul" that makes atonement and not actually "the blood" and that this was accomplished long before any animal was taken to the Temple through the spiritual actions of the "sinner" through repentance, confession, prayer, alms, etc.?

In the background there is the idea of the **moral order of the universe** which requires that sin, **as a disruption of that order**, be restored either by just punishment of the offender or a substitute, or by some adequate satisfaction in lieu of punishment. For those of you who have studied our Egypt Website then you understand this principle has been with mankind since the beginning (<http://www.egyptcx.netfirms.com>).

Besides the above, as a Christian I was taught that the shedding of Yeshua's blood was for the removal of the curse under which mankind labored as a result of the disobedience and fall. Along with these teachings I was assured that this restoration of men to the image and fellowship of God through the blood of Yeshua was essential to my salvation. All I needed to do was accept this teaching as true and I was "saved".

Reconciling God and men we call the **Atonement**; and this doctrine lies at the very heart of the Christian religious belief system. There is only one problem. **Sadly few understand correctly this very important doctrine correctly since most Christians have been taught to accept the above accounts of Yeshua's death over what the Jewish Bible, Moses, and the Prophets teach. Again, even if one studies atonement as taught in the Hebrew Scriptures, it usually is misunderstood correctly without a proper understanding of the Hebraic roots from which it came.**

It is hoped that this article will go along way to educate the believing Christian concerning the truth about the atonement. Let me caution you that since this material is highly controversial, read the whole series of articles and think for yourself. Try to give a fair hearing to what I will share with you and then make up your mind based upon the **new information and materials I will present.** Then and only then, after you have the facts, can you be expected to make an intelligent decision. **If I as a Christian, and an ordained Pastor no less, had understood the "Sacrificial System of the Bible correctly" in the first place before ever reading the New Testament then I would have spotted right away the "false atonement" teaching in the New Testament and would not have wasted the first thirty years of my life as an idolator.** I can never thank God enough that in my many years of intense study the day that I ran across two Christian Old Testament commentators that first opened my eyes to how the sacrificial system of the Old Testament really worked. These two Christian Commentators are C.F. Keil and F. Delitzsch and their important series of scholarly books entitled **Commentary On The Old Testament** (10 volume set). May God bless them for their honesty when I have found so many who are not and may our LORD bless your search for truth as He has mine. When encountering their explanation of the sacrificial system I was overwhelmed by what they taught and this began for me an intensive investigation into the nuts and bolts of how the sacrificial system operated from a Jewish perspective. It would not be long before I sought out Jewish Rabbis and found that what Keil and Delitzsch has said was true; the Jews and Rabbis had known this all along. I was amazed that I could have graduated Seminary no less and never heard the truth about the sacrificial system; such truth required a complete reevaluation of the New Testament and the meaning of Jesus' death. When you come to this knowledge for yourself then you must then inquire as to why such false teachings were written into the texts about Jesus and where the Gentile writers of the New Testament got such ideas. I did and the results of my research are found on our other websites. Such pagan ideas of atonement have existed I found since the beginning of time in the Gentiles' beliefs in crucified sun-g-dmen that find their origins in astral, cosmic, and solar religions that evolved basically from sun-worship: <http://paganizingfaithofyeshua.netfirms.com>. But that study is for another day and you need to completely comprehend the information in these articles first as they are the very basis of your true relationship with God as the sacrificial system was a picture only of what your true relationship with God really was and as you have seen this was determined by one's repentance, confession, prayer, alms, etc., or the lack of such spiritual disciplines. This information is my gift to you. May your relationship with God be strengthened like never before in what you learn in these next articles. **Only after you finish these studies on atonement should you begin your study on sun-worship and learn how and why such ideas replaced the faith of Jesus (Biblical Judaism) by the Gentiles who hated Jews and wanted nothing to do with a Torah observant life.**

WHO WAS GIVEN THE DOCTRINE OF ATONEMENT FIRST ...THE JEWS OR THE GENTILES?

We are altogether dependent on Scripture and Jewish writings for our knowledge concerning the doctrine of the Atonement and can know only what God has seen fit to reveal concerning it as such truth if found in the Jewish Scriptures. Human philosophy and speculation can contribute practically nothing toward its solution, nor can "eisegesis" whereby Yeshua is read into every text of the Old Testament when it is plain he is not in such contexts. **Our present purpose in this article is to give a systematized account of what the Jewish Scriptures teach concerning it, and to show that this fits in perfectly with the longings and aspirations of an enlightened spiritual nature. You will realize that the teachings of the Jewish Scriptures will be contradicted by some of the passages in the New Testament attributed to Paul and the writer of the Gospel of John (another Gentile writing under a Jewish name). This presents a major problem for the believing Christian if he is aware of what the Jewish Scriptures teach from Genesis to Malachi concerning atonement. But I have found over the many years of my Pastorate that Biblical ignorance of the Old Testament by Christians is a stumbling stone of immense proportions when it comes to discerning Biblical truth from Biblical lies written into the New Testament by anti-Semites**

centuries ago.

Answer for yourself: If the New Testament is wholly dependent upon the Old Testament for its credibility and foundation, then how can the New Testament teach doctrines contrary to what the Jewish Scriptures taught for 4000 years and be considered correct? Have you ever noticed such contradictions or have you passed them by due to insufficient study or shallow reading? It is time you see these things for yourself before you meet your Creator. It is my hope to awaken you to the truth of the faith once given to the saints before it is too late.

THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO GET MUDDLED WHEN YOU READ PAUL

In one of Paul's most condensed statements of Christian truth we read:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ (Messiah) died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," I Cor. 15:3.

First of all understand that the word "Christ" means "anoint" or "Messiah" in Hebrew. So Paul is saying that the Messiah died for our sins. For Paul that means Yeshua because Paul believed Yeshua was "the Messiah" who would return during his lifetime and fulfill the Torah and Prophets concerning what Israel was promised about the Messiah. Up to this time, and let there be no mistake about it, fulfillments of prophecies by Yeshua proving that he was "the" Messiah were unfulfilled. They remain unfulfilled today as well and the Jewish people who have a Old Testament which is not forged like our Christian one's know this for certain and look toward the coming of their Messiah yet today. If you take time to follow through and study the link to the website above you will see this tragedy for yourself as to how our Christian Old Testament and the quotes taken from it in our New Testament are a complete and abject forgery; in other words lies. So let us understand this statement by Paul is a statement of faith that Yeshua will be the Messiah. There is a big difference between faith and facts.

What must be understood as well is that this Corinthian letter is one of the earliest writings of Paul. Also we must take note of the fact that most of the New Testament and other Pauline writings were not written when Paul wrote this early epistle and that no gospels were written. Therefore we must conclude that "according to the Scripture" MUST refer to the existing Jewish Scriptures consisting of the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. If you really know your Bibles then this is a major problem for the Christian religious belief system because NOWHERE ...NOWHERE in the Jewish Old Testament Scriptures can we find that the Jewish Messiah was to die and be resurrected a 3rd day as Paul attests. Paul's Gospel or his understanding concerning the Jewish Messiah is not the Jewish Messiah of the Hebrew Scriptures. You guessed it; we must look to Gentile sun-worship to find Paul's ideas concerning "his Gospel." Let us see this for ourself!

Answer for yourself: Have you ever seen for yourself any Old Testament passages which explicitly teach that the Messiah was to come and die by crucifixion? Before you say "yes" you need to read the next paragraph.

Well we have a problem right from the start because the Jewish Scriptures are not faithfully reproduced by the Greek translation and all subsequent Christian Old Testaments. Simply said they are "fixed" and sun-worship doctrines along with it's false atonement are intermingled on the pages of this Greek translation which served as the foundation for ALL later Christian Old Testaments. That means that ALL Christian Old Testaments contain passages that are 180 degrees opposed to what many of the Jewish texts originally said. Since ALL New Testament quotes come from these fraudulent Old Testament texts then by default we are led astray in the New Testament and never

know it. Simply said what this means is that intermixed with Divine Revelation given to the Jews by YHVH we now find astral, solar, and sun-worship along with its false atonement mixed in with Divine Revelation (in both the Christian Old Testament and New Testament) and without prior knowledge of this on your part it is impossible to discern the truth from these false teachings. We end up as Christians reading both and mingling them together in our religious belief systems. The sad part is that we end up as idolators and die and meet God and find out that we were wrong and lived our lives in error and then it is too late for proper worship or repentance. The fate of such is not what I want for myself nor you.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever seen for yourself any Old Testament passages which explicitly teach that the Messiah was to come and die and that his death was to be an atonement for our sin?

Some will say "Isaiah 53" teaches such. Again I direct you to the above paragraph which states that many of the passages of the Christian's Old Testament are "doctored" and Isaiah unfortunately is the worst. The apostate Essenes of Alexandria, Egypt, make over 6000 changes to Isaiah alone. But again you must see this for yourself and I have provided such information for your study on this site in the series entitled "[What You Were Never Taught In The Christian Church: The Truth About Isaiah 53](#)." You need to read the series to see what I am saying; once you have the facts you cannot be proved wrong. You will see how the original Hebrew Isaiah was "forged" to replace true Jewish atonement as practiced in the sacrificial system with a Cosmic God-man atonement which we read in our Christian Bibles today. Some will deny, some will wish that they had never seen the truth; but you cannot change what has happened; only become aware of it and repent of a false religious belief system. Now let us continue.

If you are an expert on the true Old Testament and true Jewish Scriptures you will have to admit that there are NO. passages that teach that the messiah will die and resurrect in 3 days!!! The Jews who have such true Jewish Scriptures which are not altered have always known this...it is we Gentiles with our false documents who don't!!!

Answer for yourself: If you are well versed in the Old Testament and the true Masoretic text which have not been forged (Stone Edition Tanakh or JPS Tanakh), then you already know what I have said is true. I must ask you: if you know this then Paul's statement in 1st Corinthians 15:3 will be a major problem for you, for how could Paul be teaching and quoting about something so fundamental to his religious beliefs concerning salvation as a prior Jewish doctrine in the Jewish Scriptures, which yet upon examination of the existing Jewish texts of his day, have no available reference for his claims?

Answer for yourself: Is Paul grabbing things out of the air and telling the non-Jews of the world who knew no better that what he is teaching them comes from the Jewish Scriptures when in reality it does not? Have false teachings been added to Pauline literature and whole epistles forged in his name? How can a "Pharisee of the Pharisees" not teach correctly the Sacrificial System let alone Atonement? You will soon see the truth of this matter as we study the texts and see the changes for ourselves and see a "different gospel" has been mixed in with the truth and without serious study one hardly ever notices the difference.

Answer for yourself: Could you as a non-Jew be just like Paul's audience...unacquainted and unknowledgeable concerning the true Jewish texts and ripe for believing anything you hear or read which is presented to you as "Scripture?" I sure was and I had a Seminary degree and it would be two years after graduation before I learned about the textual corruptions within my Christian Bible and the many falsifications of the Jewish texts as well as many of the Jewish doctrines concerning such topics as atonement which was done centuries ago and that is what I am sharing with you in these series of articles.

I have an extensive site exposing such deceptions of Paul: <http://paulproblem.faithweb.com>; but again that is a study for you only after you have come to the truth about true Biblical atonement.

CRITICAL FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING IS WHAT IF ANYTHING DID YESHUA'S DEATH ACCOMPLISH

For those who have studied sufficiently the Gnostic Gospels and Gnostic Christianity then you will understand my next comment. For all others then let us continue under the assumption that Yeshua is a historical person. With such an assumption then let us consider the possibility of the following concerning the death of Yeshua and what if anything it accomplished:

- Was the death of Yeshua the result of our sins or did his death atone for sins?
- Did such a death atone for **ALL** our sins or did such a death atone only for **PART** of our sins (Yom Kippur/The Day of Atonement teaches us the truth in this regard)...or did his death atone for **NONE** of our sins?
- Is it **death** or rather **life** which actually atones for sin?

Before we ever hope to get to the very heart of the issue we must come to a better understanding of the sacrificial system in order to correctly consider if Yeshua's death can be understood as a proper sacrifice within the Law and the dynamics within it that affects the forgiveness of sin.

WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM IN WHICH BLOOD WAS SHED?

When the glory of the Lord had entered the tabernacle in a cloud, God revealed Himself to Moses from this place where He would put His Name, according to His promise in Ex. 25:22 to make known His will through him to the people. The first of these revelations related to the sacrifices, in which the Israelites were to draw near (korban) to God, that they might become partakers of His grace.

The patriarchs, when sojourning in Canaan, had already worshipped the God who revealed Himself to them, with both burnt offerings and slain offerings. Whether their descendants, the children of Israel, had offered sacrifices to the God of their Fathers during their stay in Egypt, we cannot tell as there is no allusion whatever to the subject in the short account of these 430 years. What is certain is that they had not forgotten to regard the sacrifices as a leading part of the worship of God, and were ready to follow Moses into the desert, to serve the God of their Fathers there by a solemn act of sacrificial worship (Ex. 5:1-3; 4:31; 8:4); and also, that after the exodus from Egypt, not only did Jethro offer burnt offerings and slain offerings to God in the camp of the Israelites, and prepare a sacrificial meal in which the elders of Israel took part along with Moses and Aaron (Ex. 18:12), but young men offered burnt offerings and slain offerings by the command of Moses at the conclusion of the covenant (Ex. 24:5). Consequently sacrificial laws of these chapters presuppose the presentation of burnt offerings, meat-offerings, and slain offerings as a custom well known to the people and a necessity demanded by their religious feelings. They were not introduced among the Israelites for the first time by Moses by what he learned at Sinai, because animal sacrifices date from the earliest period of mankind.

The subject of sacrificial laws in the book of Leviticus was not to enforce sacrificial worship upon the Israelites, nor to apply some sort of a theory concerning the Hebrew sacrifices, but simply to organize and expand the sacrificial worship of the Israelites into an institution in harmony with the covenant between the Lord and His people, and adapt and promote the end for which it was established.

But although sacrifice in general reaches up to the earliest times of man's history, and is met with in every nation, it was not enjoined upon the human race by any positive commandment of God, but sprang out of a religious necessity for fellowship with God. These sacrifices assumed very different forms in different tribes and

nations, in consequence of their estrangement from God, and their growing loss of all true knowledge of Him. Their ideas of the Divine Being were regulated by the nature, object, and significance of the sacrifices they offered, and they were quite as subservient to the worship of idols as to that of the one true God. To discover the fundamental idea, which was common to all the sacrifices, we must remember, that the first sacrifices

were presented after the fall. Also interesting by its absence is **any** mention of expiation or forgiveness in the pre-Mosaic sacrifices of the Old Testament. This is very important! THINK!

You will come to see that something happened in the time of Moses that will change some things regarding sacrifice, offerings, and relationship with God and we will get to that in a minute but don't forget this important thought.

Answer for yourself: Are you telling me that sacrifices before the Golden calf were never brought for forgiveness? Yes that is exactly what I am saying **(THINK OF THIS FOR A SECOND)!**

FORGIVENESS WAS NOT THE THEME OF SACRIFICES FROM ADAM TO MOSES...BUT REPRESENTING FELLOWSHIP OF ONE'S SOUL WITH GOD

Before the fall man lived in blessed unity with God. This unity was destroyed by sin, and the fellowship between God and man was disturbed, thought not entirely abolished. In the punishment which God inflicted upon the sinners, He did not withdraw His mercy from men; and before driving them out of paradise, He gave them clothes to cover the nakedness of their shame, by which they had first of all become conscious of their sin. Even after the expulsion He still manifest Himself to them, so that they were able once more to draw near to Him and enter into fellowship with Him. This fellowship (NOT forgiveness) they sought through the medium of sacrifices, in which they gave a visible expression not only to their gratitude towards God for His blessing and His grace, but also to their supplication for the further continuance of His divine favor. It was in this sense that both Cain and Abel offered sacrifices, thought not with the same motives or in the same state of heart toward God. In this sense of fellowship and not forgiveness Noah also offered sacrifice after his deliverance from the flood; the only apparent difference being this, that the sons of Adam offered their sacrifices to God from the fruit of their labor, in the tilling of the ground and the keeping of sheep, whereas Noah presented his burnt offering from the clean cattle and birds that had been shut up with him in the ark (those animals would from that time forward be assigned to man as food...Gen. 9:3). Noah was probably led to make this selection by the command of God to take with him into the ark not one or more pairs, but 7 of every kind of clean beasts, as he may have discerned in this an indication of the divine will, that the 7th animal of every description of clean beast and bird should be offered in sacrifice to the Lord, for His gracious protection from destruction by the flood. Also notice the distinction of "clean and unclean" foods long before the Sinai experience.

Answer for yourself: What does this have to say about a non-Jew and his diet before God? Remember this was a long time before Sinai and both God and Noah made distinction between clean and unclean food.

Moses also received a still further intimation as to the meaning of the animal sacrifices, in the prohibition which God appended to the permission to make use of animals as well as green herbs for food: "flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat " (Gen. 9:4-5). This prohibition is because the flesh still contained the blood as the animal's SOUL (the soul resides in the blood of the animal). In this there was already an intimation, that in the bleeding sacrifice the soul of the animal was given up to God with the blood; and

therefore; that by virtue of its blood as the vehicle of the soul, animal sacrifice was the most fitting means of representing the surrender of the soul (ie. the human soul) to God. The blood was not important; it was the soul in the blood that was important and this is something that a New Testament believer must come to understand because it will have a dramatic effect when we get to the death of Jesus.

This is an aspect of the death of Yeshua that the church has not ever considered nor ever heard. This truth may possibly have been only dimly surmised by Noah and his sons; but it must have been clearly revealed to the patriarch Abraham, when God demanded the sacrifice of his only son, with whom his whole heart was bound up, as a proof of his obedience of faith, and after he had attested his faith in his readiness to offer this sacrifice, supplied him with a ram to offer as a burnt-offering instead of his own (Gen. 22). In this the truth was practically revealed to him, that the **true God did not require human sacrifice from His worshipers, but the surrender of heart/soul and the denial of the natural life, even though it should amount to a submission to death itself,** and also that this act of surrender was to be perfected in the animal sacrifice; and that it was **only when presented with these motives that sacrifice could be will pleasing to God.**

PURPOSE OF OFFERINGS?

The word "korban" is commonly translated either "sacrifice" or "offering", but the truth is that the English language does not possess a word that accurately expresses the concept contained in the word. **The Hebrew word "korban" means to draw near as in drawing near to God.** The word "sacrifice" implies that the person bringing it is required to deprive himself of something in order to satisfy someone else's need, but God finds no satisfaction in inflicting pain or deprivation upon His children. The word "offering" is closer to the mark but it too fails to convey the true meaning of a "korban". "Offering" implies that the Recipient of the gift must be appeased, that He requires a tribute that will somehow appease His wrath or make Him receptive to the entreaties of a supplicant, or that He has a need that can only be satisfied by someone other than Himself. As if God required our gifts!

"If you have acted righteously, what will you have given Him! (Job 35:7);

God does not become enriched by man's accomplishments.

Answer for yourself: Which concepts has Gentile Christianity drawn from in its understanding of "offerings": drawing near to God as the Jews did, or deprivation of self or appeasement of an angry God? That should not be hard to answer as deprivation and appeasement are major themes within Christianity. But such understanding misses the point entirely as you now have seen in the Hebrew definition of "Korban."

KORBAN..WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The Hebrew word "korban" itself provides the answer. The root of "korban" means **"to come near."** Again the idea carries the concept of fellowship as we have seen in the sacrifices between Adam to Moses. The person bringing an offering does so in order to come closer to God, to elevate his level of spirituality thereby approaching God in the Spirit.

When Adam was deposited in the Garden of Eden, his first responsibility was to work it and guard it (Gen. 2:15). That means that Adam was commanded to plant, work, cultivate; everything that was necessary to keep the Garden as a Paradise. Before Adam's sin, man had no need to be a peasant; everything grew for him at God's command, with no need for him to exert himself in any way. It was only after his sin that he was expelled from Eden and required to earn his bread through the sweat of his brow.

Answer for yourself: How then was he to work and guard Eden?

The answer is simple if you know a little about Judaism and the religion of Jesus; through the study of Torah and the performance of positive and negative commandments. His livelihood would come in return for his obedience to God's will. God will always respond to man's righteousness by blessing his material efforts.

Adam's mission was to make himself an offering in his lifetime, by dedicating himself unreservedly to God. Adam's life of obedience (soul/life in his blood) was to be his offering to God. Such a life lived in obedience to the commands of God would assuredly draw God's presence near to Adam as well as allow Adam close to God. On God's Throne of Glory, there is an image of a man (Ez. 1:10). Every human being has his own image above, his ideal spiritual self, which represents his goal and his potential. Man's soul is placed in an earthly body so that he can surmount the challenges of material life and raise himself up to his personal, heavenly self; to unite his earthly self with his higher self. Just as everyone has a body and a soul, and his mission is to triumph in the eternal struggle of body versus soul, so, too, many must struggle to live up to the summons of his higher self.

Man is religious yet he sins! How can he defy the Creator he believe in? He is kind and generous, yet he is sometimes mean and stingy. He is moral, but has lapses in conduct. Whatever man is, he is often inconsistent, and if he is honest with himself, he knows that he is far from living up to his inner image. He wants his body to come closer to his soul; on a yet higher level, he should also want his soul to live up to its counterpart on high.

Similarly, there is a Temple in heaven that corresponds to the Temple on earth. Egypt always taught "So as above so beneath". I love the study of Egypt and its religion for when you see past the erroneous teaching that Egyptian religion is polytheistic then you see the most fascinating understanding of God to date. They knew that we are but an image of the real in the Heaven above and that is why they built upon this earth mirror images of what exists above us in the Heavens. The masters of Kabbalah (the Jews being the offspring of the Semites and Egyptians) likewise teach that the good deeds of the people of God accumulate to build a spiritual replica of that heavenly Temple, and when there are enough such good deeds, the heavenly Temple will come down to the Temple Mount, signaling the end of the exile and the beginning of the perfect world foretold by the prophets. This is similar to the striving of the individual soul. There is a higher ideal we must see to capture in our mundane lives. Possibly it is best expressed by the Psalmist: "the heavens are the Lord's, but the earth He has given to mankind (Psm. 115:16). The heavens are already heavenly; God does not need man to improve upon them. But He has given us the earth that we might make it heavenly, as well. God gave mankind the Torah as instruction to bring heaven to earth through obedience of God's will as expressed in His living Word. This is best expressed through acts of Loving Kindness (Gemilut Hasadim) and Repairing of the World (Tikkun Olam). Adam was the offering, and for him to devote anything less than his maximum to God would have been to steal his Divinely conferred potential and misappropriate it for himself. The sin of eating from the Tree of Knowledge was such a misappropriation because he would be flouting the will of God. The truest offering is when the owner brings "himself" to God, making himself and his desires subservient to the teachings and guidelines of the Torah. The symbolism of the offerings is based on this concept; that the animal is secondary; that is but an indication of what its owner feels and toward what he strives.

REASONS FOR THE OFFERINGS

The function and purpose of the offerings are not concepts that man can grasp rationally. Especially in modern times when anything not measurable, observable, or repeatable is questioned and denied, the idea of offerings is not an easy one to understand. It is necessary, therefore, to understand that they and their efficacy are manifestations of God's plan and wisdom. They are reality, even though we have never seen them and have no personal experience through which to know their potency.

We cannot understand why the slaughter of a sanctified animal, the placing of its blood and the burning of its

flesh on the Altar; why these acts should bring God's Presence down to earth (accomplishes fellowship). Had the Jewish people been asked about the possibility of this happening before they had seen it, perhaps even they would have been skeptical. **But they saw it happen!** They saw the cloud of God's glory descend upon the Tent of Meeting. They saw a heavenly fire descend to their Altar and remain there for hundreds of years. They saw a Divine glow on Moses' face. To them, these were demonstrable, visible, tangible facts.

Answer for yourself: Incomprehensible to our rational, scientific minds? Surely. But so was the splitting of the atom to rational minds a hundred years ago.

Various reasons for the offerings are given by classic commentators. The reason for the offerings is so profound that it is beyond human comprehension and the best efforts of the greatest of Jewish thinkers can yield only a drop in the ocean of God's intent. I want to share some of these with you as the purpose and reasons for offerings.

OFFERINGS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAN

The offerings were seen to elevate three parts of every human deed: **thought, speech, and action**. When a person sins and then brings an offering, all three of those elements are used to take the sinful use to which he had previously put them, and transform it into the instrument of doing God's will. The person bringing the offering performs the commandment of **leaning, by placing his hands on its head and leaning on it, thereby dedicating his strength and activity to God. He purifies his thought and intentions, by confessing his sin**, pronouncing the spiritual goal that he hopes to attain, or uttering praises to God. As a further way of **purging his sinful thoughts, the innards of the animal; representing the human organs that are the seat of desire and through, are burned on God's Altar**. In the case of an elevation-offering, which is completely burned, the animal's feet symbolize the hands and feet with which man ran and acted to defy his Creator. **The animal's blood (containing its soul), representing man's soul, is placed on the Altar (notice it is the soul that is the "key" that is placed upon the Altar and not just the blood...the blood is only the vessel or the vehicle for the soul)**. Let us not forget that the animal was purchased by man's finances which were a product of his energy and work; therefore the animal was representative of the man and his investment in the animal...**in a way the animal was an extension and picture of the man who would later bring the animal as an offering**. Time and effort had gone into the upkeep and maintenance of the animal prior to his sacrifice. **In a large way a lot of the man was in the animal and the animal was literally an extension of his life. Such was a perfect substitute for man. A lot of a person's life, his soul, was invested in the animal. In a way soul of the animal was an extension of the offerer's soul, as seen in the animal, which was placed on the altar.**

This is of major importance as we continue to see that the animal's soul, as contained in the blood, was put upon the altar in oneness/fellowship with the Spirit of God which was in reality a picture of the person bringing the offering which was, through the animal, placed by proxy also was upon the altar. In other words, the offerer's soul/life, as tied up in the animal's life, was in reality placed on the altar with God. Such was the manifestation of fellowship as stated previously and since God had already promised to meet man ON THE ALTAR then when such a man placed the animal's soul/blood on the altar he was in reality placing his soul on the altar where God resided. Thus man's soul was on the altar in complete communion and fellowship with YHWH through the sacrificial system. What is important for us as we shall soon see is the "condition of such a man's soul" both before and during the placing of the blood/soul of the animal (picture of him) on the altar.

ATONEMENT...IS IT ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH "THE BLOOD" OR "THE LIFE" WHICH JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE BLOOD?

Let us go deeper now. In other words it is not the blood that atones, but the "soul" that atones.

Isa. 53:10 states

"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin...KJV"

In one of the greatest passages in the Bible, we are told by Isaiah the prophet that it is the "soul" and not the blood of the suffering servant that atones for sin and as Christians we are told that this verse is supposed to refer to Jesus; but hold on for a shock!

Amazingly but 2.5 billions Christians are not aware that there is a major problem with this verse as quoted from the KJV. It is a gross mistranslation of what the Hebrew really said. Here is but one example of the falsification of the Jewish Scriptures that I have been telling you about. Before we go on we must look at what the verse in the Hebrew Masoretic text really said.

Reading Isa. 53:10 from the Hebrew Scriptures and the Hebrew Bible we have:

- 10 And the Lord wished to crush him [corporate Israel...remember?] He made him ill; **if his soul makes itself restitution**, he shall see seed, he shall prolong his days, and God's purposes shall prosper in his hand.

Answer for yourself: Did you notice a completely different rendering? Did you notice the conditional statement **"if"** which alludes to one's personal responsibility to make restitution for one's own sin?

Answer for yourself: Do you remember that previously I mentioned that it was only after one repented, confessed his sin, prayed, made atonement, etc., that he received atonement and this was done prior to any animal being selected or killed and the blood collected according to the Hebrew Scriptures? Now do you see the importance of the "if" word in the real Isaiah 53:10 which is not altered as we find in the Greek and English versions? Can you imagine this referring supposedly to a non-sinner like Jesus? Does the passage really refer to him or has it been altered to make it "Jesusized"?

It is not surprising, but such an idea is totally removed from the English Bibles who quote Isa. 53 incorrectly. The problem I assure you is not one of the Christian's inability to translate Hebrew, but one that goes much deeper.....**a gross theological conflict which renders their whole religious beliefs of atonement inaccurate.**

Answer for yourself: As asked earlier, where did Paul get such an idea that Yeshua's death (or anyone's for that matter) was as atonement for sin "according to the Scriptures?" **Such an idea as expressed by Paul has absolutely no basis once you have the true translation of Isa. 53:10. as well of the rest of the true Jewish Masoretic text which is not corrupted by the Greek translation which inserted such pagan Gentile sun-worshipping concepts.**

Answer for yourself: What was Isaiah really saying here in the Hebrew Isaiah 53:10?

Contrary to Christianity today, Isaiah was teaching that when the Jews go into captivity as a punishment for their sin, that when in captivity, if they repent and turn from their sins, their lives following their repentance will atone for their prior sin. This is Biblical Judaism and what Yeshua really believed regardless of how Gentile Christianity wants to paint the picture. You have not been

told the truth because you carry a corrupted Christian Bible which slanders the Old Testament text as well as created religious lies in the New Testament which you unwittingly believed. How could you do else? You were never shown the Hebrew for yourself which was mistranslated originally in 200 B.C.E. by hellenized Jews in Alexandria, Egypt, which had long departed from normative Judaism and continued to be mistranslated down through history and culminating in 1611 in the KJV.

Answer for yourself: The only thing you need to ask yourself is if such mistranslations were done on purpose to create a new religion that replaces the faith of Yeshua with one of another group's making (hellenized Jews and later Rome)? The answer is obvious to those who study in depth, and it is our hope to educate the Christian Church to the deceptions to which they have fallen prey to unknowingly.

I wish to also say that Isa. 53:10 is in full agreement with other passages from the Hebrew Scriptures. The message is simple. If the children of God, who will be in captivity, obey Him and His commandments, they will prosper both physically (offspring) and spiritually. In captivity "if his soul (life) makes restitution (repents)" then he shall prolong his days in the land and receive blessing. If not, then further exile. What we must never fail to remember is that God often used Gentile nations to chastise His people and bring them to repentance. Such is the message hidden within Isaiah 53. If you desire to know more about mistranslations in Isaiah read and study our series of articles concerning Isaiah elsewhere on this website; you will never be the same.

As stated earlier in looking at the mistranslation of Isa 53:10 from the KJV....*"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, "* First of all this verse refers to the corporate nation of Israel who has suffered at the hands of the anti-Semitic nations. The reference from Isa 40 onwards is ALWAYS referring to the "corporate nation" and not an individual. Of course Yeshua is part of this nation, so it would not be in error to include him in our understanding of their verse. Without a doubt Yeshua suffered at the hands of the Romans. But to include Yeshua in this verse is a major problem for Christians according to the original Hebrew since it would infer Yeshua had to repent for at least one sin...and that alone destroys any idea of a perfect sacrifice.

Answer for yourself: If we remember the conditional phrase in Isa. 53:10 *"if his soul makes restitution"* and try to apply it to Yeshua we find that it destroys any and all concepts of his sinlessness as well as his death being an acceptable sacrifice for sin, because what is it that a sinless Yeshua needs to repent of?

You can quickly see how advantageous it is for Christianity to mistranslate Isa. 53:10 from the Hebrew as it was done originally and continued to be done so up to the 1611 KJV....and of course it remains corrupted today in our Christian Bibles. We simply don't have to deal with it because it was written out.

But what we must conclude from the original Hebrew of Isa. 53:10 is that atonement was for one's OWN personal sin and not the sins of others.

The mistranslation of Isa. 53:10 drops this idea and understanding totally. Again such is a deception that destroys the meaning intended by Isaiah the author as well as God who send the revelation to His prophet.

Also we must recognize the context is that there was a time frame at work. The people addressed by the original Isaiah 53:10 were in exile. Such does not apply today, but this I admit is a weak argument. Overall however, I believe we see a pattern of how God deals with man's sin. Within this pattern is the way in which man can deal with his own sin and make himself acceptable to God. The whole purpose again is to "draw near to God" and repentance is the manner in which God revealed such fellowship was to be maintained.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

We need a summary of the sacrificial system before moving on. While this procedure (placing the animal's soul (contained in its blood) on the altar in substitute for the offerer's soul) is being accomplished with one's offering, he meditates upon his sin, for the offering service teaches him graphically that he has sinned against God with body and soul. He contemplates that justice would have dictated that his human body be burned on the Altar as a penalty for sin and his soul required by God in lieu of the animal's blood be placed upon it. It is only God's graciousness that permits the animal to become his substitute (soul for soul as a representative example). Then, parts of the offering are given to the Kohanim (priests/teachers), so that those who dedicate their lives to study and teach the Torah are sustained through him and so that they will pray for him. It is an act of supreme graciousness that God is prepared to accept an offering from us instead of punishing us directly for our misdeeds. This is why the offerings are described throughout Leviticus as a satisfying aroma to God, because God is pleased when His children repent and seek to change their lives for the better. What is forgotten in all of this is that before an animal is ever brought and his blood sprinkled on the altar (representing the soul of the sacrificer), the offerer of the sacrifice MUST HAVE PREVIOUSLY prayed, and repented before God and made confession of his sin before any animal could be brought. Blood of the sacrifice, containing the soul, never brought fellowship with God without the prior repentance of the offerer. This repentance was both before God and his fellow man prior to bringing the animal. To do otherwise brings the rebuke of God in the Old Testament as seen in Isa. 1 where God is weary of the blood of bulls and goats without the contrite and brokenness of the hearts of those who bring such offerings. Contrary to what many Christians think, God is not in Isa. chapter 1 abolishing the sacrificial system in lieu of Yeshua's death, but calling people back to the basics...repentance and prayer and restitution when needed. Such has always been an effective atonement and remains so today.

When one brings an offering with such noble thoughts he has truly made himself an offering and has the right to be with God in oneness on the altar of communion and fellowship. The Sages have said of one who brings a humble meal-offering, it is as if he had offered his own life upon the Altar. He thereby raised his mundane desires and makes them worthy of being placed on the heavenly Altar.

Now, if we apply what we have just learned to the death of Yeshua's we find many problems accepting what we have been taught by both Paul and the Church. Nowhere is Paul's concept of Atonement written in the Old Testament, but as the New Testament was canonized in 380 C.E., along with the many admissions of the early church to the alteration of manuscripts, it is easy to see how the concept of atonement was changed to what we have today. The real problem is that God never changed it, Yeshua never believed what we do today, and when we die we will be sadly prepared for the judgment because most Christians have never heard such truths and mistakenly rely on Yeshua doing it all for them when they are ultimately responsible for repenting of violating the Laws of God in the Torah. Besides this we boast as Christians that we are not under this "Law" of God but under "Grace". Most Christians think according to this false teaching that they have a huge "gray area" where then can sin and don't need to worry for another as paid their penalty when such is not true!!! This is hard to deal with especially in light that we grew up in churches which continually taught that believers were no longer under the Law but under grace....all you need to do is accept that Yeshua died for you. Now you know better. The bottom line is that we have been deceived about the whole thing by men who preached corrupted prior Hebrew doctrines on purpose and provided corrupted documents which we have sadly inherited unknowingly today in our Christian Bibles. More to follow. Shalom.



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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH #2?

LETS GET A CLEARER PICTURE OF DYNAMICS OF SACRIFICE

UNION WITH G-D-FELLOWSHIP

Whenever the Torah commands that offerings be brought, these commandments use only G-d's Four-letter Name (yod-hey-vah-hey); the "Tetragrammaton" (I AM). If other names were used, some might err, thinking that there are many g-ds or forces, one demanding this offering and another demanding some other offering. Since the Name **Elokim** represents G-d as the One Who controls nature, that Name might be taken to imply that there is an angel or a power who has dominion over a particular land or aspect of existence, and that that power requires the offering. The Four-Letter Name is formed of the letters that spell, **was, is and will be**, meaning that G-d is eternal. This is not G-d as He appears in a particular manifestation (Judge, Provider, Life-giver) but G-d as He is.

This is His Name as the G-d of Mercy. No one should think that G-d requires offerings to feed or appease Him. The Eternal One has no needs that man can satisfy for everything is His and nothing is beyond His power!

Answer for yourself: What then is the purpose of the offerings? We were introduced to that concept the in the prior article in this series. Now we shall go a little deeper. **Offerings provide man an opportunity to unite himself to G-d to whatever extent it is possible for mortal man to do so. Let me further explain this concept.**

Similarly, there is a humanly created fire below on the Altar and there is the Heavenly fire from above, which G-d has placed upon Israel's Altar. Both of these flames are fed by the offerings of the Jewish people, **symbolizing the union of man's spiritual aspirations with G-d's goals for him. Thus the offerings provide Israel a means for spiritual elevation (and if you are united and grafted in with the Israel of G-d in a spiritual sense then this means you).**

ACKNOWLEDGING NOTHINGNESS

All creatures emanate from G-d and have no independent existence on their own. Man has freedom of choice and his intellect puts great achievements within his reach, but all of this is possible only because G-d gives him the power to do so. Man could not function or even exist without G-d. The goal of creation is for man to acknowledge this basic fact; to recognize and proclaim that everything exists because of G-d and nothing can survive without Him. There are many ways for G-d's glory to be revealed and recognized. The highest recognition of all is for man to know The Oneness of G-d, meaning that there is nothing aside from Him. He achieves his ultimate greatness when he recognizes that **there is none beside Him** (Deut. 4:35). **An offering is a demonstration of this concept. It says that its owner is surrendering himself and his possessions**

to their Source (G-d). Theoretically, one might expect him to be ready to give even his very life in acknowledgment of G-d's sovereignty, but that is not His will. G-d wants man to live, to grow, to thrive, to serve; and G-d ordains the offerings as man's way to recognize His Oneness. Thus, by offering himself and his possessions, one symbolizes that he has no existence but for G-d's will.

UNITING BODY AND SOUL

The efficacy of offerings in obtaining G-d's favor is comparable to the way food makes it possible for the soul to maintain its attachment to the body. Material food cannot provide nourishment to the soul, which is not a physical entity. It is this nourishment of the body that enables it to remain healthy enough to play host to the soul. Likewise, the "food of the Altar's fire" somehow effects the process that enables the Shechinah to remain among Israel.

The food of the soul is not measured in calories, vitamins, and minerals. Only intellectual and spiritual pursuits can nourish the soul. Torah study, prayer, even meals in celebration of such events as Sabbath and Festivals all have a sacred content that is capable of nourishing the soul. Only in this sense do the offerings constitute food for G-d. Man's dedication to G-d and His commandments provides the nourishment that enables the Shechinah to attach itself to human beings and their handiwork. We think of food in terms of nutritive value, but that is not what sustains life. Man does not live merely because of the bread (material component). He lives through the bread's spiritual component; what emanates from the mouth of G-d. This is what holds together body and soul and what holds together G-dliness and Israel through the agency of the offerings.

GETTING BACK TO PAUL

With this as a background let us return to Paul's statement that "Christ died for our sins" which was the fundamental belief of the early Gentile Christian message, the cornerstone of early Gentile Christianity (but not Jewish Christianity or Messianism as can be proved by Acts 21 where James commanded Paul, and he obliged, to bring sin offerings and atonement offerings over 30 years after Jesus death...evidently they did not hold to what you and I have been taught as Christians in the Gentile church). But as soon as this simple fact is stated a number of vital questions are bound to arise. In order that we may have an intelligent and correct understanding of this important doctrine it is necessary that we know precisely what occurred and did not occur when Yeshua died on the cross. We cannot rest content with teaching that leaves the central doctrine of the Christian faith shrouded in mystery and uncertainty. This does not mean that all mystery can be removed. But the Jewish Old Testament Scriptures do supply the interpretation of the death of Christ that the inquiring mind legitimately asks for, and the salient factors concerning it should be known by all Christian people. Believing that the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) is G-d's word to man, and that the statements of Scripture regarding the death of Yeshua in the Greek New Testament are meant to be understood correctly by ordinary Christian men and women, we shall not be deterred from this study by those who deprecate any "theory of the atonement." Rather we hold it to be our task and privilege under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit to "search the Scriptures" until we reach that understanding which satisfies the mind and heart and conscience, and leads to certainty and finality.

We cannot expect to give a full explanation of the Atonement any more than we can give a full explanation of the nature of electricity, or of the force of gravity, or of our own mental and physical processes. But the main outlines of the plan of salvation are clearly revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures, and it is both our privilege and our duty to acquaint ourselves with as much of that plan as G-d has seen fit to reveal.

According to the New Testament we are told, for instance, in broad terms that we are members of a fallen race, that G-d has given His only-begotten Son for our redemption, and that salvation is through Him (Messiah) and not through any works which we ourselves are able to do.

Answer for yourself: How correct is this statement when compared with the teachings of the Hebrew Scriptures concerning atonement and forgiveness?

Certainly anyone who accepts these facts and acts upon them will be “saved” because the fruit of the Christian message leads to godliness. Yet, accepting these facts and acting upon them would appear to represent only a minimum of faith, and G-d has made it possible for us greatly to enrich and expand our knowledge of the way of salvation if we will but give careful attention to His word.

SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF YESHUA (A PICTURE OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT...ISRAEL) OR THE LIFE OF YESHUA (A PICTURE OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT...ISRAEL)?

I presume you have read the first in this series of articles. In it I exposed the mistranslation of Isa. 53:10 in the KJV Bible. However, with understanding of the dynamics involved, it is possible to arrive at the truth even if we read this mistranslation. Let me show you.

I suppose one of the greatest revelations I have ever received through my study occurred when I came to the proper understanding of Isaiah 53:10 which DOES NOT SAY THE FOLLOWING:

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and (KJV)

Reading for the Hebrew Bible we have:

10 And the Lord wished to crush him [corporate Israel.....remember?] He made him ill; if his soul makes itself restitution, he shall see seed, he shall prolong his days, and G-d's purposes shall prosper in his hand.

The Hebrew word for “soul” is as follows as seen in Strong's Concordance:

5315 nephesh (neh'-fesh); from 5314; properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental):

KJV-- any, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature, X dead (-ly), desire, X [dis-] contented, X fish, ghost, + greedy, he, heart (-y), (hath, X jeopardy of) life (X in jeopardy), lust, man, me, mind, mortally, one, own, person, pleasure, (her-, him-, my-, thyself-), them (your)- selves, + slay, soul, + tablet, they, thing, (X she) will, X would have it.

The Hebrew word for “soul” is as follows as seen in Brown-Drivers-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon:

5315 nephesh- a soul-self,, life, a creature, a person, an appetite, a mind, a living being, a desire, an emotion, a passion

- what breathes, the breathing substance or being, a soul, the inner being of man
- a living being
- a living being (with life in the blood)
- the man himself, a-self, a person or an individual
- the seat of the appetites
- the seat of emotions and passions

- the activity of mind
- the activity of the will
- the activity of the character

SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING CRAIG?

My whole life I was told that I was “saved” by the blood of Yeshua, yet Isaiah tells me that I was “saved” by the activity of will, mind, and character of Israel as G-d’s suffering servant (as an example for all to follow). Yeshua, like all Jewish people who came before him who were devoted to G-d and His Torah, as well as those who followed him, comprise the “suffering servant Israel” who is “the” light for the non-Jewish nations. The proper understanding of the “suffering servant” is a corporate people and not an individual as determined by the writer’s consistent use of singular and plural pronouns from Isa. 40-66 where they both refer to the nation as used in the contexts of each of the passages! Knowing this we must be careful when we look at Yeshua as the transcendent Jew of all Jews Since Israel is the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, then it is not a problem to let Yeshua be the example of all Jews, past, present, and future. For me he is the perfect example. With this understanding, we now can come to an understand that the blood of Yeshua carried the life force of Yeshua (his soul), which was totally committed and surrendered to the will of G-d and His Torah. Remember this is but a picture of all Jews who love G-d and were Torah observant. That instead of Yeshua’s death, which was to “save me,” it was in reality the life lived pleasing to G-d as part of the Israel of G-d which G-d accepted as atonement for sin. Israel’s “soul” saves as understood as a life lived in complete submission to the Commandments of G-d as demonstrated by the complete submission of the mind, will, and emotions to G-d and His desires for his people. If I can learn from this example then if my life is lived in faith toward G-d and lived with diligent effort to live according to the laws of G-d with repentance a daily life-style when I sin, then I like Yeshua will find that G-d will accept my repentant life as an atonement for my sin.

I am fully aware that this goes against everything that is preached in Christianity today, but dearly beloved I have done more than preach my opinions to you, I have shown you the evidence from the Jewish Scriptures as well as the fraudulent attempts to change the truth in the Christian Bibles by falsifying the translation along with the making up of Gentile scriptures which contradict the real Word of G-d contained in the Old Testament Prophets.

Yeshua lived a G-d-honoring life to such a degree that G-d accepted his life, as he had all Jews devoted to Him, in which He could tabernacle in a way He never had before and the “Word/Messiah became flesh” [understood as G-d’s anointing] at the immersion and anointing of Yeshua. Let us never forget that Israel has had many “anointed” messengers of G-d as was Yeshua. Then subsequently such a G-d-honoring life (soul) was to be later accepted as an offering for one’s own sin in his own life at his death. Whether you apply this to Yeshua or not is dependent upon if you believe he lived with or without sin. But understand what I am saying. One’s repentance was acceptable for one’s own sin according to the real Jewish Scriptures. Such is altered in the KJV and the idea is lost completely.

Answer for yourself: Should not the English KJV accurately reflect what he Hebrew of Isaiah actually said? You bet.

So it was not Yeshua’s death so much as a G-d-honoring life-style lived by Yeshua in complete submission to the Father and His Commandments which not only brought G-d to tabernacle within Yeshua but provided a means of atonement for sin. This same picture can be applied to our lives as well. If we have faith in G-d and respond to such faith with a contrite heart ready to repent when the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, then our repentance is accepted as atonement for our sin. Such is the message of Isaiah before the early Gentile Christians deleted it from the Bibles we have today. This may no longer be the message of the Church, but it should be. But until the Christians learn that their documents are flawed, few will come to this revelation unless they study hard like many who have discovered this sham today.

IN SPITE OF ALL THIS...YET I BELIEVE I AM SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF YESHUA...LET ME EXPLAIN FURTHER (ALLEGORY)

Historically, in the wake of Yeshua's death would come a movement into all the world which aimed at taking the Torah to the nations whereby non-Jewish could learn how to live lives pleasing to G-d as had Israel. As stated before a life lived in faith to G-d with a contrite heart willing to repent and turn from sin is effective atonement according to the Jewish Bible and Isaiah the Prophet.

Answer for yourself: But what if I never knew it as a non-Jew living across the globe?

In others words Yeshua traded his life for ours as previous suffering servants of G-d had done in preserving the truths of G-d for all mankind, and G-d accepted the bargain. I believe that Yeshua's life lived in complete obedience to G-d mandated his resurrection and no longer was Yeshua just a competing voice but "the" voice of the resurrected Suffering Servant. And this glorified man commanded that the Laws go into all the world whereby non-Jews would be recipients of this revelation.

The vast majority of Christians in the world today have not been told this and wander in fables because they lack the correct understanding which only can come from in-depth Bible study. So it was the suffering servant, Israel, composed of many Israelites, whose life lived daily in complete obedience to their G-d which was so pleasing to G-d that it could be accepted by G-d as an offering for their sin and not the red corpuscles (blood) which Christianity sadly focuses that accomplished atonement. Yeshua gave his soul for souls, not blood for souls. Such is the teaching of Isaiah. Because of the proliferation of bloody rites in Gentile paganism, the Gentile converts to Jewish Christianity would in the first centuries, inherently revert back to pagan backgrounds. Thus the emphasis today on blood instead of a G-d-honoring life as the offering for sin has been inherited by the Gentile Church. This is a pagan concept totally foreign to what Isaiah and Yeshua really believed.

Having now come to the understanding that it was a life lived above sin that was so pleasing to G-d that He accepted such a life as an offering and atonement for sin, and understanding as an animal's soul represented the soul of one making the sacrifice, we today are beneficiaries of having the Jew's soul (Yeshua) given as an atonement. What we need to remember is that in first century Judaism there was little if any outreach to the non-Jew. Salvation of the non-Jew was not a priority. Millions of non-Jews were dying and entering perdition. But G-d go loved the world that He, G-d, gave his only son (Israel is My Son declared YHWH) Yeshua is the archetype for all of Israel. The resurrected Yeshua's message was to go to the non-Jew, and had it not been for his death, then indirectly there would not have been salvation or atonement for me, for I would be ignorant today of the Biblical way. The only Jew that came knocking on my door to bring me G-d, Torah, and Israel. So literally if it had not been for the death of Yeshua, had it not been for the resurrection of Yeshua, then there would have been no movement within a Gentile hating Judaism of the first century that repented of racial bigotry and began to take salvation to the non-Jewish world. In this way you can see as I do that indirectly we are "saved" by the death/blood of Yeshua because the revelation of G-d came to us because of him and his legacy. Christianity understand its differently. I have shown you that they are wrong. I present to you the real meaning as seen by yourself from the Jewish text which both corrects mainline Christianity and yet preserves the truth. Sadly Christians today know little if any of what I speak. I encourage you to buy your own Stone Edition Tanakh and compare the passages quoted from your Christian Bible with the passages originally written in the Hebrew. Then, and only then, will you see for yourself of what I speak.

In this lesson we must no longer overlook the importance of a life lived above sin which won our redemption which brought a resurrected message that culminated in the salvation of the Gentile world. To focus only on the death and blood of Yeshua/Israel and not the life lived pleasing before G-d as an atonement does great injustice to our Father in Heaven as well as Yeshua. The church has focused incorrectly for too long on the inert blood of the animal or of Yeshua. Such is the message of Bet Emet as we are called to live like Yeshua and not just "believe in Yeshua." It has been my experience as a Pastor over the years to encounter numerable

Christians who trust in Christ's blood instead of his life lived pleasing to G-d for atonement. They fail to make the connection for themselves. Thus the need for such intense Bible study. Such a mistaken understanding of our redemption since not being taught the truth from a Hebraic perspective has caused multitudes of Christians to trust in the acclaimed miraculous powers of the blood of Yeshua instead of focusing on the miraculousness of a life lived above sin. Such a false sense of security in "blood" instead of "lives lived holy before G-d and man" unconsciously causes the believer to not regard sin with revulsion as he should. We tend to view sin as less harmful than it is, and compromise with sin which lies at the door.

And one more thing needs to be said: G-d is a G-d of love and answers prayers of all His children regardless of what religion they are when they call out to him. G-d does not just answer prayers of Christians; this explains why when people pray in Jesus' name or another their prayers are directed to G-d and even if one pleads the "blood" as many do G-d sees their hearts and in His great compassion answers many of them. This does not mean that our "theology" is correct; only that G-d's love is bigger than our ignorance.

I wonder if we saw in such turning from sin that our very own atonement was involved would prompt us to reevaluate its importance.

Answer for yourself: For after all if saved by the blood of Yeshua, what need do I have to live like Yeshua and not disobey the commandments of G-d? For after all I am under grace and not law...right?

Answer for yourself: If saved by the blood, what does a little sin mean...what can it hurt?

Answer for yourself: See the tragic thinking involved in focusing upon the blood of Yeshua instead of the life of Yeshua lived above sin?

ATONEMENT FOR BOTH TABLETS OF THE LAW OR FOR ONE TABLET ONLY?

I have taken great pains to teach you the truth about Isa. 53:10 and atonement. But yet we are not finished.

Answer for yourself: Is this atonement of which I speak efficacious for both tablets of the Law or only one?

Answer for yourself: In other words, is our atonement which we accomplish ourselves good for the sins of the First Tablet of the Law (sins between G-d and man), for sins of the Second Tablet of the Law (sins between man and man), or for both?

Answer for yourself: Implicitly we settle for less than holiness and don't think twice when considering not to sin, for after all, are we not forgiven of all sin by the blood of Yeshua? If you have read this article up to now then you should be able to see beyond this now.

Honestly, the answer is "no" ...we cannot atone ourselves for all our sin, because in the sacrifice of lambs, for instance, **such blood sacrifices atoned only for sins of the First Tablet of the Law and not the Second Tablet of the Law.** That means that if you are looking to Jesus to be a type and shadow of the sacrificial system for you then his death would only have applied to the sins of the First Tablet of the Law and not the Second Tablet of the Law anyway.

Answer for yourself: What takes care of the sins of the Second Tablet of the Law that blood sacrifices never covered? Do you get the drift?

Knowing this, that Yeshua is type and shadow of the Suffering Servant of G-d, you can see how a false security in focusing on the Yeshua's blood instead of a life lived above sin pleasing to G-d could, and does lead, millions

of others to think light of sin and compromise with sin much more than they should. Also thinking that all their sins are under the blood of Yeshua, which they are not, goes along way to trivializing sin. Again, not knowing that such sins of the Second Tablet of the Law are not handled by the sacrifices for atonement, cause others to fail to grasp the harsh reality of their sin and its consequences. Such knowledge comes only if you study the Sacrificial process in detail. If Christians trusting the blood for “everything” only knew that even the atonement provided atoned only for the First Tablet of the Law they would most likely think twice before sinning, thus understanding they are not “under the blood” for all things, that their moral responsibility and fear of G-d is a requirement in being co-laborers with G-d in their own salvation and atonement. Now you more correctly understand the passage which says “work out YOUR salvation with fear and trembling

Now you better understand and see through the deception of many passages of Paul in the New Testament as he taught doctrines to non-Jews who knew no better; remembering Paul’s passage of I Cor. 15:3: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried; and that He hath been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures"....we now know that such a statement is false.

If we truly understand the Sacrificial system, and you should now, then you know that Yeshua, and the Suffering Servant of G-d (Israel) did not die for atonement for ALL SINS as your church as taught you. Without this knowledge of sins atoned only for the First Tablet of the Law, we will not have a strong enough deterrent to avoid sinning sins involved in the Second Tablet of the Law...sins between man and man. Thus, by understanding the Sacrificial system and the dynamics involved, the more correct interpretation would be according to Paul that “Christ died because of sins.” And even in one’s death was efficacy for sins of the First Tablet of the Law and not the Second Tablet of the Law. Not surprising but one look to repentance for atonement of sins of the Second Tablet of the Law. The wages of sin is death, and our death is the final payment for our sin that is not covered by our repentance...and there are some...like idolatry and blaspheming the Name of YHVH which all Christians have done since being taught that Jesus is G-d and worshipping him like YHVH. We all carry that guilt until we die due to our ignorance of what the Bible Jesus’ used actually teaches.

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

So many might have read this article so far and say...”so what...I don't break the commands of the Second Tablet of the Law?” You might find this surprising but if you tithe according to the manner of most Christian Churches today you not only rob from G-d but from those created in His image as well. If you continue to give to churches which don't obey the Laws concerning tithing you are a partaker of their sins and there is no atonement for that sin for you when you die if you don't repent before your death! Repentance, new obedience, and confession of that sin is our only methods of atonement and if not done, will ensure we enter into the World to Come with sins in those areas where atonement has not been applied through our repentance. This is only one small example. Worshipping according to Christian teaching often is sin as the vast majority of Christianity today has changed the Sabbath as well as make obsolete the Holy Days and Festivals of G-d and there are commandments regarding Gentile believers keeping them. Failure by the non-Jew to heed these in his life is sin.

You might not be a murderer with a gun, but our word “kill” is equated by the Rabbis to mean gossip, slander and blasphemy and they group this with murder which again is sin of the Second Tablet of the Law. I could go on and on but you get the point. We must study to know our faith.

In closing, even if Yeshua’s death was an atonement, and I have painstakingly shown that it was not according to the Old Testament text according to Isaiah and other Prophets, then it would only have provided atonement for the First Tablet of the Law...and of course as you are coming to an accurate understanding of atonement you are realizing that this is not accurate.

Answer for yourself: Are you wondering what G-d provided for our atonement for our sins of the Second Tablet

of the Law?

We must look to another article for this answer. See you in article #3. Shalom.



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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH #3?

I understand that you have read the first two articles in the series "What Did Yeshua's Death Actually Accomplish". Following up on it in this article I will address again how a life lived in repentance from sin procures atonement and ultimately salvation. This is the real meaning in Yeshua's death as well as the Jewish Scriptures as taught by Isaiah for example. Many people mistakenly read Yeshua into Isaiah 53 not knowing that the author intends the Suffering Servant to be corporate Israel and not an individual, but if such a mistake is avoided then it is easier to come to the knowledge of the truth. I took great lengths to explain how the message of atonement has been misunderstood in Christian Circles in articles one and two of this series. I hope you checked me out on the information from a Jewish perspective as presented for it can stand the scrutiny of your evaluation. Truth is truth and we nothing to fear when we teach it and let it expose lies dressed at truth. In the same spirit of truthfulness I will continue in this article to present Yeshua's religious belief system which dovetails with Isaiah 53:10.....

Reading for the Hebrew Bible we have:

10 And the Lord wished to crush him [corporate Israel.....remember?] He made him ill; if his soul makes itself restitution (atonement), he shall see seed, he shall prolong his days, and G-d's purposes shall prosper in his hand.

Answer for yourself: Did Yeshua believe that men make atonement for their sin as Isaiah taught or did he expect to atone for all mankind with his death?

Answer for yourself: Do you realize the answer to the above question will determine if you continue as a New Testament Christian or respond in repentance to errors taught as truth to you in the Christian Church?

For many of our readers the information in this article will be startling. After reading this article you will see for yourself that if you follow contemporary Christianity and its teachings then you are following Paul and not Yeshua, because Yeshua's message of redemption as well as atonement is entirely opposite to what Paul teaches. I can hear many of you say...."that's not so" or "he is wrong." Let me sincerely tell you that in the beginning, even after my seminary training I did not see it as clearly as I do today. But I beg of you to read this article and THINK...THINK....of what I will show you. For in the end, you are directly responsible before G-d, and HaShem is sending you and many of His children today appeals to repent and return to the true faith once given to the saints. Time is of the essence, and it will be horrible to die and find out that you followed the wrong faith...a faith that does not save.

One last thing; you might wonder what the end-result should be of such a series of studies. It is our hope at Bet Emet ministries that when you complete these articles the reader will be able to understand that Christianity is best understood and practiced from a Jewish viewpoint which restores the Sabbaths and the Seven Biblical Festivals as well as the correct manner of atonement. Such emphasis is almost totally lacking in the Christian

church today. Also, a renewed emphasis in proper tithing and righteous giving hopefully will replace the current perversion of giving as seen in most churches and on televisions today. What you will come to see is that all these above things, and more, embody the true salvation experience. Let us begin...shall we?

YESHUA WAS A JEW...AND TAUGHT BIBLICAL JUDAISM

I think few will take issue with my statement that in the New Testament Yeshua is pictured as a Jew who believed in Judaism and taught others to be faithful to his religion's precepts and laws forever!

In this article I will quote many verses from the New Testament, and it is important to understand from the outset that although much in the New Testament is unreliable, when we find places in it which agrees with Moses and the Prophets we have found a witness to the Word of G-d as recorded in the Tanakh (the Jewish Bible). Let us not stagger at the comment that "much in the New Testament is unreliable," because in this article I will show you that many of these New Testament verses oppose Moses and the Prophet, let alone Yeshua's teachings, and are irreconcilably contradictory to the Gospel Yeshua preached which can be found along side them in the New Testament. Both passages confirming that Yeshua believed and both taught Moses and the Prophets regarding salvation, as well as verses contradicting what Yeshua taught, have remained included in the New Testament through the ages. These verses remain for a purpose today. They remain to show the careful reader and student the truth amidst fiction as written in the New Testament.

Likewise, the purpose could well be to reassure Jews who are in doubt about their Judaism, and are thinking of leaving Judaism for Christianity, that Judaism and Torah has always been and will always be the road to G-d for the people of G-d; both Jew and Non-Jew. Those unsure Jews and deceived Christians perhaps can have their belief in G-d, Torah, and Israel (Judaism) kindled and can be kept on G-d's pathway by the very same Christian Book through which they have unknowingly deserted their true people and G-d! Indeed, Jews who already have left their faith as well as Christians who are returning to the Jewish faith once given the saints are daily having their eyes opened to the truths I will reveal in this article. Prayerfully, many will return as baal teshuvah and through repentance turn to the G-d of Israel, who surely is waiting with fatherly understanding and forgiveness. Believe Yeshua in this matter - Eternal life is obtained through Judaism. Paul teaches otherwise and contradicts Yeshua on this matter.

For devout Jews who were once Christians and Christians who have studied to see the errors of their prior faith and have returned to a more correct and Biblical Sinai faith, the revelations in this article will be very comfortable corroboration of their firm faith in the holiness of the religion of Yeshua; namely Biblical Judaism. Others who read these verses will bring to them their own heritage and will make of them what they will. In other words they will continue to selectively hear what they choose regardless of the facts presented here.

These pages of reverse proof-texts are intended to strengthen the course G-d set up for Jews as well as Non-Jews and to fortify their faith and devotion to His plan of salvation for all mankind. In effect, here you will discover confirmation of Biblical Judaism's everlasting truth and validity through the words of Yeshua and others in the New Testament. Often this confirmation will conflict with what Paul taught, but more on that later. Now, let's get into it.

WHO WILL YOU BELIEVE.....YESHUA OR PAUL? LISTENYESHUA SPEAKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Matthew 5:17-19,

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one little shall in no wise

pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Try and read the above passage over three or four times. Get the intent of Yeshua into your mind and soul. You can read this over and over and never end your astonishment; especially in light of what you have heard preached in your churches. **Remember, these are Yeshua's words saying he is here to follow the law of Moses, not end the law. Until the world ends, the law as written will be in effect.** Jews and Non-Jews who obey the law and teach it are greatly loved by G-d, while those who transgress the law and teach its transgression are not. Notice that although the word "fulfill" could mean "to complete or end," in this case and context it clearly means "to obey and do." We know this because the following sentence continues the idea that the law will not change until the world ends, which still has not occurred two thousand years later. Just look outside your window.

Luke 16:16-17, "The law and the prophets were until John (the Baptist): since that time the kingdom of G-d is preached, and every man presseth into it. **And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one little of the law to fail.**"

Preaching the kingdom (G-d's rule and reign over mankind through submission to the King's decrees....laws and commandments) is emphasized since John the Baptist, Yeshua said. But the laws of the Torah are still effective and good, to be fulfilled until the world ends. **Notice for yourself that in no way does "until John" signify the end of the law, because the very next sentence substantiates the law's validity forever (easier for heaven and earth to pass....notice again that this has not occurred yet).**

Luke 16:19-20,22-24,27-31, "There was a certain rich man, . . . And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, . . . the beggar died, and was **carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom**: the rich man also died, and was buried; And **in hell** he lift up his eyes, being in torments, . . . And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, . . . I pray thee . . . send him (Lazarus) to my father's house: . . . that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, **They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.** And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent (**Yeshua and not Paul**). And he said unto him, **If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**"

Answer for yourself: Is this a New Testament teaching?

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that Yeshua in the New Testament is teaching that making it to Abraham's bosom (Heaven) was connected to listening to Moses and the Prophets?

Answer for yourself: What is this parable from Luke really teaching?

Notice first that it is Yeshua and not Paul who is doing the teaching in this story. **Yeshua clearly relates in this story that the laws of Moses and the words of the prophets which teach repentance lead the faithful to Abraham's bosom, instead of hell. Moses and the prophets are the pathway to eternal life in heaven according to Yeshua. Yeshua taught this and not Paul.** If you will be honest with yourself most of you are typical Christians who read our articles, and the vast majority have been told by their Pastors and Churches that they are not under the Law (Moses and the Prophets), but rather, they are under grace (Paul). They have been told that the Law (Moses and the Prophets) has passed away for Christians and they are no longer under the Law but under grace (Paul's gospel). **In other words you have listened to Paul more than you have to Yeshua.**

Answer for yourself: But how can the teaching of Paul in this regard be opposite to what Yeshua said, and since opposite, who are you to trust for your eternal life?

Matthew 19:16-19 (Mark 10:17,19) (Luke 18:18,20), "... *Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him . . . if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments . . . Which? Yeshua said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother: and, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself* "

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that "having eternal life" is connected by Yeshua with "keeping the commandments" (all of these except one are categories of the law and commandments called The Ten Commandments and under each of these categories are grouped 613 other laws)?

Answer for yourself: Is Yeshua just referring to the Ten Commandments or is there something we as Non-Jews unacquainted with Yeshua's religion are missing in this teaching?

It may amaze you but upon my study of Biblical Judaism I have discovered that each Tablet of the Law was separated by commandments between man and G-d and between man and man. In other words, the First Tablet of the Law is dealing with how man relates to G-d according to G-d's commandments, and the Second Tablet of the Law is dealing with how man relates with mankind. But more than that, each of the Ten Commandments is best understood as categories consisting of many commandments within the 613 Commandments grouped under each of the ten headings. So in effect, when Yeshua tells this man "thou shalt not steal" he is telling the man to obey all the different facets of the broad commandment, because under such a heading the Bible enumerates the various ways such a commandments can be kept and broken.

Answer for yourself: Is Yeshua teaching that eternal life and salvation in Heaven is connected to keeping and observing the Laws of G-d? The answer to that question is yes.

There you have it. The way to eternal life for both the Jew and the Non-Jew and salvation in heaven, according to Yeshua, is living like a good Jew and submitting to the laws of the commandments of G-d. These detailed instructions by Yeshua are plainly presented.

Notice that in the following verses the man asks what more he needed do. And Yeshua replies, to be perfect he should sell everything he owns and give it to the poor and receive treasure in heaven: "and come and follow me." The man, on hearing this, leaves disturbed because he has great wealth and doesn't want to lose it. There is no indication that the "follow me" means anything else but to accompany Yeshua penniless. The message remains intact that observing Torah law gives eternal life. Perfection is another story.

Mark 12: 28-31 (Matthew 22:36-40), "... Which is the first (great commandment in the law) commandment of all? And Yeshua answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our G-d is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy G-d with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. (On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets)."

So, Yeshua selected Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18 as the greatest two laws. This was very Jewish of him, as most rabbis would completely agree, especially Rabbi Hillel. He chose the Shema prayer, the Jew's affirmation of G-d's oneness and dedication to love of Him together with Judaism's great moral teaching of loving people with the love you have for yourself. What could be more indicative of the essence of Judaism?

Luke 10:25-28, "... *Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy G-d with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said unto him. Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live."*

Answer for yourself: Did you make the connection between "inherit eternal life" and "thou shalt live" as also

referring to eternal life? I hope you did because this is typical of Hebrew parallelism.

Answer for yourself: Have you noticed that in Luke 10:25-28, Matthew 19:16-19, Mark 10:17-19, and Luke 18:18-20 something very important is repeated?

Answer for yourself: What is it?

Namely, that possessing and inheriting eternal life is always connected with doing something.....not with believing something!

Answer for yourself: How does Luke 10:25-28 teach us more than we learn from Mark 12:28-31?

The writer of the Gospel of Luke goes one step further than the just given, Mark 12:28-31. Here we have the New Testament teaching us of the indisputable link between the “doing” of the commandments of G-d and eternal life, which is the reward for obeying them.

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that Yeshua is teaching in the New Testament that eternal life is to be taught from the Law.....the same Law that tells us “what to do” and what you most likely have been told has passed away or which you are no longer under?

It is evident that Yeshua said, in the New Testament no less, that the law of Moses, as epitomized in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, is the pathway to personal salvation and eternal life. Yes, Yeshua said this as found in the New Testament. Let us continue.

Mark 12:32-34, "And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one G-d; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart (alone as the one G-d), and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. ... Yeshua . . . said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of G-d . . ."

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that acknowledging the oneness of G-d, and not the Trinity or triuneness of G-d, is connected with the reward of G-d's kingdom and eternal life?

Answer for yourself: Did you likewise notice that loving G-d and one's neighbor who is created in the likeness of G-d is connected with inheriting G-d's eternal life?

I John 5:3, “For this is the love of [for] G-d, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous

Answer for yourself: Since we are told that loving G-d is connected to eternal life, did you notice the New Testament teaches “how” the love for G-d is to be manifested?

Answer for yourself: Does the New Testament teach us that loving G-d is manifested through the keeping of the 613 commandments? It sure does!

This is a straight follow-through of Mark 12:28-31, which connects the acknowledgment of the oneness of G-d, loving Him, and loving ones neighbor as written in the law, with the reward of G-d's kingdom. Burnt offerings and sacrifices are secondary to the commandments in Judaism and always have been. With no Temple, there is no doubt about this low degree of importance. This passage demonstrates Yeshua's Judaism through and through. Notice likewise that the term "Master" means good teacher, not anything more.

Matthew 7:12 (Luke 6:31), "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so

to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

If you thought that "do unto others" is not Judaic or that it is different from "love your neighbor as yourself" you see here that it is totally of Jewish origin. Yeshua declared that it is the law and the prophets. It is Judaic.

Luke 11:28, "... blessed are they that hear the word of G-d and keep it."

Notice also with me that when the writer of Luke penned this verse, that there was not a New Testament in existence and that the only possible identity we can give to "the word of G-d" is the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings....the Jewish Bible.

Matthew 7:21, "Not every one ... shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Again we find the expressed will of the Father in the Law, Prophets, and Writings...the Jewish Bible.

Matthew 3:15, "... it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness ..."

These powerful statements are tucked in between verses which emphasize other ideas. But they can stand alone. And, standing alone they are Judaism's own. Yeshua believed that the will of G-d is revealed in the word of G-d, the Hebrew Bible. In the Hebrew Scriptures we learn the law of Moses (Torah) and the Prophets. Thereby, we can perform righteousness as G-d desires by adhering to what they teach. This Yeshua believed.

Luke 19:8-9, "... half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Yeshua said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham."

What comes next is very important to keep your ears open. It appears that Yeshua believed that even a partial fulfillment of the commandments of the Torah is sufficient to be accepted by G-d. In the above verse it is recorded for us that Zaccheus repented by observing 2 commandments. In fact, as taught by Yeshua, even by rectifying transgression of the Torah's laws and doing good deeds a person is deserving of salvation. As Jews trust, it is the trying to please G-d, it is the effort, not the success in total compliance with G-d's ordinances which is required of us to be righteous and gains us salvation.

Answer for yourself: How confident should we feel about our salvation if we have followed teachings that state that obedience of the law or the striving to observe the laws and commandments of G-d don't matter any longer because we are saved by "grace" or that this same law that Yeshua connects with eternal life has been taught to us as if it has passed away and of little importance in our lives any longer?

Answer for yourself: Are we absolved by G-d to not try to choose those things to please Him by keeping His commandments? Is this conduct really connected to eternal life as Yeshua taught, or is he wrong and Paul right?

All the more reason to study to learn how to acquire mitzvot and commandments, thereby taking upon yourself the yoke of the Kingdom of G-d. Such obedience to commandments is both pleasing to G-d as well as our demonstration of our love for Him and our fellow man. To do otherwise is not to love G-d, but rather, show our ambivalence toward Him and our neighbor.

Luke 13:28, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of G-d, and you yourselves thrust out."

Keep your ears open for this as well. Here Yeshua said that the fathers of Judaism and the goodly Hebrew prophets are all accepted into the kingdom of G-d. Evidently, good Jews need nothing more than the

Hebrew religion for life eternal in Yeshua's own belief.

NOW FOR THE HARD PART

Notice that Yeshua also said that many of his followers (the “ye” in the above verse) will not get into G-d's kingdom and inherit eternal life and salvation because of their sinfulness.

Answer for yourself: Does this same New Testament teach that “transgression of the law is sin”? Yes.

Answer for yourself: Did you notice what is missing from the above words of Yeshua?

There is no Pauline religious belief system mentioned as a means of salvation for the followers of Yeshua!

There is no Christological "belief" presented here as an antidote for spiritual wickedness for mankind.

There is no “easy believeism” taught by Yeshua or his Apostles as a way to eternal life; on the contrary, every time he and the other Apostles emphasize the same thing; namely an earnest attempt to live by the commandments and laws of G-d for eternal life!

If you have paid attention so far in this article I have shown you repeatedly that Yeshua repeatedly connects eternal life with keeping and observing the Law and Commandments of G-d.

Nowhere does Yeshua teach that a belief “in him” brings for its adherents eternal life! In fact he teaches just the opposite!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John 4:22, "(to Samaritan who is part non-Jew) *Ye worship ye know not what: we (the Jewish people) know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*"

Yeshua "worships" what Jews worship, namely G-d.

Answer for yourself: Salvation is of whom...the Jews (Jewish theology) or the Christians (Christian theology)?

This passage from John 4:22 is even more startling when one realizes that the Samaritan woman who is part Non-Jew mixed with Jewish heritage and ancestry. In other words, she is a mixture; not only of blood line but religious teaching as well. She is a perfect example of the Christian today who follows Paul instead of Yeshua. He has part right and part wrong.

Lets look at Paul where he get some things correct.

I Corinthians 6:9-10, (Paul) "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of G-d? Be

not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of G-d."

Answer for yourself: In this passage are you aware that Paul is in full agreement with Yeshua and his teachings on eternal life?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that there are commandments in the Torah forbidding each of the above conducts?

Although Paul adds some of his own ideas, the listing of "thou shalt nots" is derived from the commandments. He stresses what he considers unrighteousness and Paul says that transgression of the Law prevents people from earning reward of heaven. Paul, here, reveals his faith in the teachings of the Torah and its stance on eternal life. Paul is in agreement with Yeshua and the other Apostles and their teachings on inheriting eternal life. So far so good.

So there you have it....Yeshua understood what Isaiah was saying....

10 And the Lord wished to crush him [corporate Israel.....remember?] He made him ill; **if his soul makes itself restitution (atonement)**, he shall see seed, he shall prolong his days, and G-d's purposes shall prosper in his hand.

As did the exiles in captivity that repented of idolatry and were forgiven, so we see the pattern for all mankind to make atonement through their own repentance. Filter what you learned in this article back through what you previously learned in the first two articles in this series. It should be getting very clear by now that the Christian Church teaches a false atonement and such leads to death and not life. A life lives in repentance whereby one turns from sin (the violation of G-d's Laws) and returns to obedience of the commandments atones for its own sin.

Notice again that Yeshua mentioned in Matt. 19 only the commandments of the Second Tablet of the Law when asked by the man "what must I do to inherit eternal life."

Answer for yourself: Why did Yeshua **only** mention the commandments of the Second Tablet of the Law and not the First Tablet of the Law when asked by the man about procuring Eternal Life in Matt. 19?

Simply because he knew and believed as his Bible taught, that Yom Kippur brings forgiveness of the First Tablet of the Law only, and only through men's obedience and repentance toward the laws between man and man, the Second Tablet of the Law, will men affect their own atonement. This is of major importance and cannot be stated enough.

But I wish I could end here but I cannot. In the next article we will look intently to where Paul deviates from and teaches against Yeshua's teachings concerning eternal life and atonement. In the previous article I have already shown you where Paul lies about atonement through the death of Yeshua as being previously written in the Jewish Scriptures. We searched for such a text and could find none. The only way it can be done was to read Yeshua into the text of Isaiah 53 when clearly the author intended corporate Israel as the subject and not an individual.

Further study by many in this area will be difficult, but as I have tried to show you, such an exercise to recover truth is very necessary because your eternal life is dependent upon whom you believe and follow....Yeshua or Paul. More to follow in article #4.

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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH #4?

Paul shaped the Gentile Church after 70 C.E. in a manner which stripped away all links to Judaism and cursed it at the same time. The New Testament in places says Judaism is bad and abandoned by G-d, while Christianity is good and beloved. In other places the New Testament teaches just the opposite as you were shown in article one of this series. In places the New Testament says the law of Moses is not valid and the Covenant is dead for the Jews. Instead of Moses being taught to all mankind, Paul teaches that the Church's laws and the existing Covenant is dead for the Jews as well as Non-Jews. Instead, the Church's laws and the New Covenant take their place. While Paul advanced separation from Judaism, Yeshua announced Judaism's greatness. The same New Testament in which you just saw Yeshua promote Judaism, in other places debases Judaism through Paul. I just showed you that Yeshua was a practicing, believing Jew who taught faithfulness to his religion's Torah and the Jewish way of salvation. Yeshua affirmed Torah, Moses, and the Prophets as the way to G-d and eternal life. He and his family all observed the Jewish customs, holidays, and Saturday Sabbath in the synagogue. Yeshua said personal salvation is obtained through Judaism and not another way. In fact Yeshua would command that such teachings be taken into all the world whereby all Non-Jews be taught to "observe those things" Yeshua had commanded of his followers. Paul and his brand of Christianity, in contradiction to all that had been both believed and taught before by Moses, the Prophets, as well as Yeshua, has announced a new way to salvation, through belief in Yeshua's vicarious atonement for sins and resurrection, not through faith in G-d and obedience to Him through His commandments, but through belief in Yeshua's death for sins and resurrection from death.

Answer for yourself: Can you find just one time where Yeshua teaches the same salvation doctrine as espoused by Paul or where he taught vicarious atonement? The answer is no!

What I ask you to do is keep the teachings of Yeshua in focus as you read Paul. The New Testament, in places, contradicts itself and contains two completely different salvation messages...Jesus' and Paul's. That is a fact. You must be sharp enough to see it for yourself when you read. No matter what Paul says he cannot invalidate Yeshua's own words in the same book. It is a matter of who you will believe concerning Eternal Life....Jesus.....or....Paul. If you listen to Yeshua, as I have laid out for you, you see that he proclaimed continually Judaism's eternal truths. Paul will not. Now let us look at Paul.

PAUL CONTRADICTS HIMSELF....DID YOU EVER SEE IT BEFORE?

What is the most perplexing for me when studying Paul is that he is not consistent in what he says. Most of you have never probably seen this but I will in the remaining pages attempt to reveal to you

the contradictions that come from the mouth and pen of Paul regarding salvation. When we look at Yeshua his message is consistent with what has always been taught by Moses and the Prophets. But with Paul we have another matter because he won't always agree with what he has said before. But if you are not sharp in your Bible study you can easily overlook such things. Let us begin our critical examination of the message of Paul on salvation.

Remembering what Yeshua just said about eternal life and observance of the commandments let us contrast Paul's view on the matter.

Answer for yourself: Does Paul in Romans 2:13 agree or disagree with what Yeshua has said about eternal life and the observance of the commandments of G-d? Well, let's read it and see.

Romans 2:13 *For not the hearers of the law are just before G-d, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*

So far so good. Paul in this verse agrees with the message of Yeshua regarding acceptance and eternal life with G-d..

But just wait.

Now on the back of the same page in my Bible where the above verse was quoted from Paul, we see **Paul writes something totally different and contradictory to the teachings of Yeshua in Romans 3:28:**

Romans 3:28 *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

Answer for yourself: Did you see that Paul just said the opposite of what he said earlier in Romans 2:13? In light of what I just showed you can you justify Paul's quick turn-around on this doctrinal stance so quickly, let alone a change in the same epistle?

Notice that within the space of 44 verses Paul reverses completely his stance on justification and righteousness through obedience to the law and commandments of G-d. Just 44 verses!

Answer for yourself: Did Paul teach "doing and obeying the Law" for justification AFTER THE CROSS in Romans 2:13? DEFINITELY YES!

Answer for yourself: Does Paul contradict himself in Romans 3:28? DEFINITELY YES!

Answer for yourself: So what are we to believe in the face of such contradictions of Paul when contrasted with the teachings of Yeshua and the other Apostles which teach otherwise than Paul? Are other of Paul's teachings to be viewed cautiously because they might be "wrong?"

Answer for yourself: Seeing this material for yourself, who are you going to believe for your salvation....Yeshua, Moses, and the Prophets and their message of salvation or Paul and his message which contradicts Moses, the Prophets, as well as Jesus?

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you (non-Jews): but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Yeshua, and by the Spirit of our G-d.

Please take note that the above verse says that those who "were" transgressors had been helped by the

Christological message of Paul and belief in "his gospel" which taught justification of the unG-dly through belief in the death and resurrection of Yeshua for eternal life.

Answer for yourself: How did that happen?

CAN PAUL KEEP A STRAIGHT THOUGHT?

1 Cor 6:9-10 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of G-d? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. (KJV)

If you did not catch it everyone of the above sins are dealt with in the Law of G-d and in the Covenant and Law of G-d for the non-Jew. Let us understand what is really being said by Paul in this verse. Let us remember that Paul has just previously taught in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 that the heathen who are guilty of the transgression of the Laws of G-d is led to death and separation from G-d, let alone the loss of eternal life. But what few fail to see is that Paul will move away from such a stance at places in the New Testament and relax G-d's requirement for salvation to those he is wishing to "win" to his personal beliefs concerning Yeshua. Having understood this, then we can understand his message intended for Non-Jews whereby he uses "Yeshua" literally as bait to get the Non-Jew to believe in "Paul's Yeshua" as a way for their eternal life instead of the way G-d had spoken for all time as found in the writings of Moses, the Prophets, as well as taught by Jesus as shown when I contrasted the different salvation messages of Jesus and Paul. Let us understand that Paul used cunning (become all things to all men in order to win some) in not telling the heathen he has to accept the Torah right off the bat, but rather shrewdly uses this "Pauline Yeshua" and relaxation of the Torah in his effort to win converts from the heathen gradually. Ironically Paul's adherents among the Non-Jews, in patterning themselves after such a Jewish Rabbi and his ethical teachings, would gradually develop lives of ethical and moral conduct which would assure that they become more G-dly than before. Such is repentance which is the first step in coming to G-d. Of course, if you give up evil you are closer to G-d, Christianity's way, Judaism's way, or any other way.

But there is one important difference from those who Paul was attempting to teach and you...the reader of this article. You are not like the heathen, but rather, most likely have been raised in church most of your life.

Answer for yourself: With your religious background and your love for G-d most of your life what excuse do we have not to obey G-d fully and choose those things which please him which I have demonstrated is His Law?

Luke 1:46-47,50-55.

"And Mary said, My soul Both magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in G-d, my Savior. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever."

Answer for yourself: Did Mary, Yeshua' mother, call the G-d of Judaism, the same G-d who gave her People the Torah for salvation her Savior or did she, based on her new revelation, call her son Yeshua the "new" Savior?

Mary knew what most Christians don't. That's because today's Christians have read and believe Paul more than the Synoptic Gospels which teach Jesus' salvation message. G-d alone is the Savior not Yeshua or His

Messiah. Hence, Jews have salvation by G-d the Father and need no second or alternate source of salvation. The Jew's understanding of their Bible and their revelation is the "light" that lights the world and the hope of the Gentile world; it always has been and always will be! Above Mary spoke of G-d's greatness and His help of His servant, Israel. She spoke of G-d's message to Abraham's children, that the Covenant is eternal. This was the understanding of Mary after she was allegedly informed that she would have, according to the New Testament, a miraculous virgin birth and that the child would be the Messiah. As you surely can see, she spoke as a traditional, believing Jewish person, not the holy figure of Christianity.

Luke 1:6.

"And they (Zacharias and Elizabeth) were both righteous before G-d, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

Answer for yourself: According to the New Testament does “walking in the commandments and ordinances of the Lord” allow a person to be “blameless” before G-d? It sure does.

Jews as well as Non-Jews can be free of sin, blameless, following the law of Moses, as exemplified by these two people. Therefore, we know according to the New Testament witness that the law does give justification for eternal life.

Again let us see what Paul has to say on the matter.

Romans 4:3. (Paul)

"For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed G-d, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

Answer for yourself: First of all most Christians have never understood this passage correctly. You most likely have heard this passage your whole life. But do you know what believing truly consists of as spoken of in this verse?

Believe without response, or as James said it, “faith without works is dead,” is the meaning of the passage. Abraham believed G-d according to the revelation of G-d and RESPONDED because of that belief. He took his son to Mount Moriah to be offered to G-d. Abraham had faith and he had a concrete response to that faith. Consequently, righteousness in G-d's eyes is believing G-d's instructions and doing as G-d commands. In Abraham's situation, it was offering his son Isaac as a sacrifice. In our situation, it is obeying and following G-d's commandments in His Torah and His laws, not just believing they exist.

Answer for yourself: Do you find that following G-d's commandments somewhat difficult or foolish to keep and observe since the vast majority of Christianity today teaches (because of Paul) that the Christian is no longer under the law but under a grace which allows him to break and not keep these laws at will or substitute those of his own making?

Lets see what Paul has to say about being righteous and walking in the commandments and ordinances of G-d.

Answer for yourself: Is this Paul's doctrine as well and does he agree with Yeshua and the Apostles on this major issue? No, again we see where Paul contradicted the teachings of Yeshua.

Rom 3:20-22

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of G-d without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of G-d which is by faith of Yeshua Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Remembering what you previously read in the first article concerning the teachings of Yeshua, let us examine closely the above passage from Paul for contradictions to what both Yeshua, Moses, and the Prophets taught.

1. Moses (the Law) and Prophets NEVER taught that obedience of G-d's laws did not justify, in fact it was just the opposite they taught; namely, that obedience to the laws of G-d does justify.
2. Moses (the Law) and the Prophets NEVER taught that righteousness existed apart from obedience to the laws of G-d, in fact they taught just the opposite..they NEVER taught a "righteousness apart from the Law".
3. Paul discounts what Moses, the Prophets, and Yeshua all taught and held in common, and substitutes his own theology that replaces 4000 years of Biblical Truth with a "BUT NOW" theology of justification before G-d apart from the Law through belief in Paul's own understanding of Yeshua' death and resurrection.

Answer for yourself: Who are we to believe? What do the other Apostles who knew Jesus personally have to say? Do they agree with Paul or do they contradict Paul?

THE APOSTOLIC COMMUNITY DISAGREES WITH PAUL...ALL THE TIME

1 John 5:2-3,

". . . we love the children of G-d, when we love G-d, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of G-d, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

Earlier I stated that we love G-d by keeping his commandments. Now we see the second phase of the Greatest Commandment: loving His children and our neighbors (such actions are expressed in the Second Tablet of the Law...all of the commands are between man and man). Notice also that ironically only by loving our neighbor are we actually loving G-d! Such loving of G-d and our neighbor requires fidelity to His laws, which are not hard to bear or perform. So, we read here in the New Testament that the commandments of the Torah are to be kept and can be kept. These laws should be observed to demonstrate our love of G-d and our fellow man.

Answer for yourself: Can I obey literally all of G-d's laws? I may not but it is not because I can't. I sin and fail to observe them due to my choices.

It may be beyond human experience to perform all our duties to G-d, always and perfectly. But, G-d gave the commandments which are not hard to uphold, when you use all your good intentions with all your heart. G-d's laws require your effort, not perfection. Spiritual maturity is growing in the obedience to the Commands of G-d during one's life..such is love for G-d and reveals one's spiritual growth.

Again let us look at Paul.

Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom G-d hath

set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of G-d; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus

Again you should notice Paul is teaching a completely different message from what Yeshua, Moses, Prophets, and the Apostles taught. Again Paul stands alone in his belief. No where is any of Paul's theology can we find references to what Yeshua, Moses, the Prophets or other Apostles taught. We must go to astral, solar, and cosmic sun-worship to find Paul's doctrines:
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Rom 10:9-16

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that G-d hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For those who don't know...the above passage held so dear by Christians was not in the first collection New Testament writings in 150 A.D. but "appears" in the collection of writings of Irenaeus in 180 A.D.; so no apostle wrote it...but rather Gentiles as they crafted their own theology which we have swallowed hook, line, and sinker.

Again we see that Paul has a different way of salvation from what was taught by Yeshua, Moses, the Prophets, and the Apostles as demonstrated in the first article in this series. Paul stresses "faith only" for righteousness and not what Yeshua, Moses, the Prophets, and the other Apostles taught; namely walking in the commandments of G-d for righteousness.

Answer for yourself: Who are you going to trust for correct teaching for eternal life...Paul or Yeshua, Moses, the Prophets, and the Apostles?

If you are honest with yourself up to now I have repeatedly shown you that Yeshua's message revolved around keeping the Commandments and ordinances of G-d. Yeshua both taught and knew for certain that love for G-d and those created in His image could only be accomplished by adhering to a standard of righteousness (G-d's laws) set by G-d and not by man. Thus the need and availability of G-d's laws and commandments, which when earnestly attempted to keep produces acceptance and salvation.

Remember G-d requires our effort and not our perfection.

Again look at Paul and his views on the law.

1 Timothy 1:8

1 Tim 1:8 8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; (KJV)

Romans 7:12,14,16,22,

"Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. For we know that the law is spiritual: . . . I consent unto the law that it is good. For I delight in the law of G-d after the inward man:"

Answer for yourself: Does it stand to reason that G-d would need to replace something that is holy, just, spiritual, and good?

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that Paul even said that he delights in the law of G-d after the inward spirit?

2 Timothy 3:16-17.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of G-d, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of G-d may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that when Paul wrote this in his letter to Timothy that there was only the Jewish Scriptures (Law, Prophets, Writings) in existence and that the New Testament would not be canonized till 397 A.D. (almost 300 years later)?

Answer for yourself: Are you also aware that Paul is saying that the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings are, at the time of writing of this epistle which is around 30 years after Yeshua's death, profitable for DOCTRINE, REPROOF, CORRECTION, AND INSTRUCTION?

Answer for yourself: Don't you find it rather strange that something that is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction for the first church is considered passed away by today's church?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that Paul's writings and his theology were not, even by him, considered Scripture?

You should not find these facts surprising since the creation of a New Testament or the creation of an alternate view of salvation and how to attain it was the furthestmost thing from anyone's mind at this time....except Paul's.

1 Peter 1:25.

"But the word of the Lord (the Law, Prophets, and Writings) endureth for ever...."

Understanding when Peter wrote this Paul's teachings were very limited in scope and accepted by only a few. In fact scholars today teach us that in no time during Paul's life did he have over 50 adherents to his message. In fact Paul would later say "all in Asia have forsaken me." All in Asia? This again shows you his message had a very limited scope since men from James continually followed him around to "undo" his teachings. Thus you can better understand why Paul was required to appear before James twice in his life. Literally this was to answer charges as seen in Acts 21:21:

"And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs."

What I have demonstrated to you in this article is that Yeshua continually walked after the customs of Moses and the Prophets. Paul did not. Tragically we have grown up in Churches which did not follow Yeshua, the Prophets, or the customs as well. We grew up most likely in Churches that followed Paul and literally oppose the teachings of Yeshua, the Prophets, and the Apostles.

Answer for yourself: How are we to reconcile that the Law endures forever but your church teaches that Christ is the end of the Law and that the Law has ceased and that we are no longer under the Law but grace?

Amazingly, the verses presented above from the pen of the Apostle Paul and Peter affirm the validity of the laws and the commandments of the Torah. They are described as sacred and beneficial, effective and everlasting. So you must face the fact that after the cross Paul at one time believed the laws of G-d to be holy,

just, spiritual and good. So did Peter for that matter.

Stop here and ask yourself this:

Answer for yourself: If the Torah is all these things of G-d, shouldn't the laws be performed and Biblical Judaism, which is the embodiment of such laws, be observed by all Jews and Non-Jews?

Romans 10:5,

"For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them."

Answer for yourself: Did you again notice that the Apostle Paul states in agreement with Moses that "righteousness is of the law" and "that those do those things in the law" shall "live" by them (eternal life)?

But again another conflict of Paul is seen below.

Romans 3: 21

But now the righteousness of G-d without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Answer for yourself: Can you find me just one Jewish Scripture that shows that the Law and the Prophets taught a "righteousness without the Law?" **No...because there is none...this is a blatant lie by Paul and if you don't know the Old Testament well then you will never know that Paul lies in this verse.**

Answer for yourself: How are we to understand Paul's comments about a righteousness "without the law" in light of Yeshua's teachings that connect all righteousness with observance of the commandments?

Answer for yourself: How do you reconcile that Paul speaks of "**righteousness without the law**" in Romans 3:21 and "**righteousness which is of the law**" in Romans 10:5?

Answer for yourself: Are you willing to trust contradictions like this from Paul for your eternal life?

Answer for yourself: Although we are warned by Paul not to believe another "gospel," is it not evident to you that in comparison to Yeshua and his message about eternal life that ironically it is Paul who teaches "another gospel"?

Answer for yourself: Which of the two teachings are we to trust for our eternal life as taught by Paul...."the man which doeth those things (law) shall live (eternal life) by them" [Romans 10:5] or [Rom 10:9] "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Yeshua, and shalt believe in thine heart that G-d hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved"?

The Hebrew Bible teaches that the Torah's laws lead to virtue, which is rewarded by everlasting life. Paul, in this passage from Romans 10:5 admits that this is the message of Moses in the Holy Scriptures, who communicated G-d's will to the Hebrew people. Then he contradicts again this only 4 verses later!

James 5:16,

". . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

I John 3:22,

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things

that are pleasing in his sight."

Answer for yourself: Could some of our prayers not being answered and our lack of receiving what we ask of G-d be because we believe we are under grace and not under the law and commandments of G-d and don't attempt to know let alone keep as many of them as possible?

These two verses, from two different Apostles, show that keeping commandments and being righteous are connected. Both lead to G-d's hearing us, being pleased, and helping us. The verse quoted is very Judaic in nature, and that's a fact.

James 2:8.

"If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well:"

Answer for yourself: Is James telling us we "do well" if we fulfill and keep the law? Sure is.

A person is good if he obeys the golden rule as given in the law of Moses.

James 1:27, (James) "Pure religion and undefiled before G-d and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Here is the golden rule made specific and said to be the basis of religious requirements. Also, to be pure from worldly evils in general makes for a religious person. These are Jewish ideas, totally.

Let us look again at Paul.

Galatians 3:21,

*"Is the law then against the promise of G-d ? G-d forbid: for **if** there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law."*

Here is where you have to read close as well as remember what you have already learned from reading Yeshua and the other Apostles regarding the law and its connection with eternal life. Strange as it may be to read, Paul is, in the first part of the verse anyway, seemingly lending support to the validity of the law of Moses. Now for a problem which most fail to grasp its significance. Paul is double-minded. Remember I told you that he contradicts not only himself but Yeshua and the other Apostles? Here again is another place where Paul deviates from the message of the other Apostles as well as the early church. For Paul says **"if" the law could be effective Moses' law would suffice for salvation. Paul is in reality stating that it is his personal feeling that no such law exists which is connected to salvation. For Paul the condition "if such a law existed" indicates that such a law and condition does not exist...at least for Paul!**

Answer for yourself: What? Is this a complete reversal by Paul of what he has said previously in some of his other epistles let alone a complete contradiction of the teaching of Yeshua and the other Apostles? It sure is.

Answer for yourself: Well, have you with your own eyes earlier in this article already seen that Yeshua said that keeping the commandments is the path to salvation and the law is effective to this end? If you read the article you have. This produces quite a dilemma for the Christian.

Answer for yourself: Does Paul agree or disagree with the teachings of Yeshua regarding salvation and eternal life? He does not!

Therefore, Paul, if he "believes" Yeshua, must conclude that righteousness is obtained by one's

effort to follow and pattern one's life after the Scriptural laws. But this is not the message of Paul therefore we must question if Paul really "believed in Yeshua."

Notice that Paul actually contradicts Yeshua on this essential matter and, in effect, created Christianity's separation from its Hebraic roots in Judaism.

Paul claims that sin is not overcome, but is created, by the law. Ironically, it is Paul's teaching, not Yeshua's, which invalidated the law for the budding Church. Such destroys the teachings of Yeshua and the other Apostles!

WERE WE WARNED ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE PAUL BY YESHUA? HAVE WE HEEDED THE WARNING?

Let's read what Yeshua said about this kind of opposition. In Matthew 10:24 (Luke 6:40) (John 13:16) Yeshua said,

"The disciple (Paul) is not above his master (Yeshua), nor the servant (Paul) above his lord (Yeshua)."

Answer for yourself: So we ask, whose statements take precedence...Yeshua's or Paul's?

Answer for yourself: Who is to be believed...Yeshua or Paul?

You have to decide that for yourself. We only desire to lay the materials out for you in such a way that you can make an intelligent decision.

Answer for yourself: What will you trust for your salvation...the message of Yeshua or Paul?

Answer for yourself: Which is truly linked to eternal life and G-d's salvation.....Christologies (believing in Yeshua) and his identity which was decided for us by the Catholic Church) or Judaics (following the faith of Yeshua)?

Answer for yourself: What is the real message of salvation of G-d since the New Testament teaches two ways which are mutually exclusive of each other.....faith in Yeshua or adopting the faith of Yeshua?

Let me warn and encourage all of our readers that if you should "believe" on Yeshua to be saved, believe his teachings about the eternal and effective holy law of G-d revealed by Moses and begin to do them. Begin a life before G-d where you tell Him that His laws and commandments are important to you and that you choose to try to do them to the best of your ability because you know they please Him. Begin to live by as many as possible for in them you demonstrate your love of G-d and those created in His image. And you will be saved as a Jew or a Non-Jew.

Paul also writes as follows:

Romans 14:14,

"I know. . . that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean."

Certainly, this is true. Jews consider things unclean because G-d announced it in the Torah, not because they

are unclean of themselves. The law of kashruth (kosher) is G-d's law, as detailed by those who seek Him. G-d's ordinances create uncleanness, not the thing itself. And Jews and Non-Jews who want to please G-d and get close to Him keep the kosher laws. This is what G-d desires of us.

Romans 3:1-2,

"What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of G-d."

Romans 9:4, Romans 10:2,

"Who are Israelites: to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of G-d, and the promises: For I bear them record that they have a zeal of G-d . . ."

Romans 11:29,

"For the gifts and calling of G-d are without repentance."

Acts 2:5

"And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men . . ."

Jews have a fervor for G-d and are devout, said Paul. In other words, Biblical Judaism promoted enthusiasm for G-d. Jews were given the Covenant, the law, the prophets, and the promises. Jews minister to G-d by being His Chosen People. There is benefit, much benefit, in being Jewish. Paul even bolsters the firm foundation of the Torah, G-d's gift, lasting for eternity, without G-d changing His mind, without repenting of His Torah. That is what Paul actually said.

Notice that Paul, however, in a complete reversal of what he said elsewhere, is recorded to having believed that all these positive features of being Jewish are canceled, and of no avail, due to the Jew's lack of belief in Yeshua the Christ. We will leave Paul's reasoning and reversal to others. Instead, we ask you to keep in mind his positive appreciation of Judaism. And also remember that Yeshua said, in effect, that Judaism is of G-d. Yeshua, himself, taught that "Jews for Judaism" is the way even for the Non-Jew. We have shown abundant evidence of this in our present article.

Answer for yourself: Who is the authority you choose, Yeshua or Paul?

Ephesians 6:2-3,

"Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Matthew 15:4 (Mark 7:10),

"For G-d commanded (Moses said), saying, Honor thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death."

These verses are Paul's and Yeshua's utterances, condemning anyone who doesn't bestow honor upon his parents, as taken from the Ten Commandments. This means dutifully regarding them and respecting them, and implicitly honoring your heritage as well. This commandment is considered important enough to be put forward separately. Therefore, shaming your parents and their teaching by turning from them and the G-d of their heritage is prohibited and deserving of worldly death as well as loss of life in the hereafter. This is also

what we read elsewhere in the New Testament.

Luke 5:37-39.

"And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better."

Yeshua's saying appears to fit Judaism and its offspring, Christianity. To carry this analogy through, the new wine, Christianity, should not be placed into the old, Judaism. This, of course, is just what happened. In order for it to be good, the new should be nurtured separately. Both are then properly maintained, the old as it should be and the new as it should be. This did not occur. Sadly, the new has caused great harm to the old by claiming to succeed it, while mixing with it. And the new, by so doing, has harmed itself. Isn't that the proper conclusion to be drawn? Taken one step further, Yeshua also said that those who know the old, Judaism, prefer it.

Answer for yourself: Shouldn't you, as a Non-Jew and most likely a follower of Yeshua, prefer it too?

Answer for yourself: Whose teachings will you trust to lead you to eternal life...Paul's [which are filled with contradictions of Yeshua, Moses, the Prophets, as well as the other followers and Apostles of Yeshua who knew him personally and walked with him 40 days after his resurrection], or Yeshua's [which agree totally with Moses and the Prophets and which contains not one contradiction among them]?

I would think having read this article it is rather obvious....Shalom.



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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH #5

At the heart of Judaism and Christianity lies some notion of sacrifice. In both traditions sacrifice provides a symbol for connecting a person to G-d: it makes possible repentance and a restored relationship with G-d. Jewish and Christian notions of sacrifice and salvation were affected by the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE. This event provided a key shift in their understanding of atonement.

For Judaism, sacrifice was not necessarily to be viewed as an external religious ritual but a matter of the heart—in line with the biblical prophetic tradition. For Christianity, Yeshua became the sacrifice which replaced all Temple sacrifices. Christ's death became the sacrifice which replaced the need for personal repentance for atonement.

Answer for yourself: How correct is this Christian teaching?

The point of departure between the early Jewish Christians and Pharisaic Judaism was twofold. Firstly, the Christians made Yeshua's death the atoning sacrifice; and secondly, they made it universal in scope rather than particular:

The link between the Jewish and Christian views of atonement lies in the concept of sacrifice. The notion of sacrifice seems very distant from most modern Western people, but that may be because they do not understand its purpose. Many people seem to view cultic sacrifice as a practice of superstitious primitive peoples who think that their gifts can placate the divine wrath or make up for their sins. Viewed as such, sacrifice indicates an amoral understanding of G-d's justice and human guilt.

However, this interpretation misunderstands the nature and purpose of sacrifice. Primarily, it is neither propitiation of the gods' anger nor satisfaction for sin but sacrifice is a medium whereby the worshippers are related to the divine, a 'ferry-boat between heaven and earth'. This is true of all religions that have used sacrifice, including the religion of ancient Israel. They performed sacrifices as part of the process of atonement, but, contrary to what the Christian Church taught on the matter, the Jews did not believe that their sins were magically removed when an animal was slaughtered on the altar, as if something took place that made their own moral actions irrelevant. This understanding has escaped most Christians I know.

Answer for yourself: Dear Christian, if this was the belief of the first followers of Yeshua should it not also be our belief as well?

That means we need to focus on a renewed value for repentance in a believer's life in response to the Commandments of G-d. Sacrifice was understood as the ritual that symbolically connected the sacrificer to their G-d (the animal on the altar was symbolic of the sacrificer's soul on the altar, which could only be there because the sacrificer had previously repented and made himself right

with G-d and his fellowman). Such was an external witness to all of the sacrificer's prior effective repentance and right standing before G-d. Sacrifice is not then to be viewed as an alternative to repentance but as that which makes sacrifice and right standing with G-d possible. Godfrey Ashby noted that...

'expiatory sacrifice should never be seen as a rival to other means of response, such as expressions of repentance, but as the provided vehicle for confession and reparation.'

Sacrificial acts show the penitence of the sinner and give concrete expression to his or her desire to repent (it is an external work that demonstrates an internal work). In this way, the sacrifice is part of the process whereby the sinner is reconciled to G-d.

THIS HAS NEVER CHANGED... REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE CHURCH SAYS

This understanding of the process of atonement did not change when the Second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE. The Jews soon realized that they would somehow have to preserve their religion without the temple sacrifices. The rabbis turned to the fact that sacrifice was never effective as an external rite in itself without repentance and that sacrifice was always the demonstration of the prior internal work within a man's heart by G-d.

Stop and read that last sentence again. Somehow this has been tragically overlooked and misrepresented by the Christian Church over the ages. This has to stop.

Sacrifice was never thought to automatically cleanse people apart from their own repentance. Atonement cannot be effective without the genuine expression of sorrow for sin and a sincere desire to reform. The rabbis, in absence of the Temple and the external demonstration of one's internal repentance as seen in sacrifice, therefore put forward and reemphasized the view that atonement is still possible through the individual confession of sins and repentance as it always had, apart from any cultic ritual or priestly sacrifice. Some changes were necessary, and Scriptural authority for such changes can be found in Deut. 17.

CHANGES??????

The high priest no longer confesses for the people on Yom Kippur; now it is the duty of all Jews to confess their own sins (same for Gentile believers). This confession is no longer externalized in ritual form with animal sacrifices but in deeds of lovingkindness done for one's neighbor. The way to this life of righteousness and love is to be found through following the Torah.

The rabbis supported this view by quoting the prophet's words that 'G-d desires mercy and not sacrifices'. However, this is not meant to imply a rejection of sacrifice as such as we as Christians have erroneously been taught. One should realize that, when the prophets said G-d took no delight in the offerings of Israel, this was only a rejection of sacrifice performed without the right intention and repentance prior to the killing of the animal. Ironically the call from the prophets is to perform sacrifice correctly, not to abolish it. It is sacrifice emptied of its content and detached from its context (contrite and broken heart over one's sin) that is denounced by prophets and psalmists. To have condemned all offering of sacrifice would have been, in effect, to have condemned all public worship.

Likewise, in quoting the prophets, the rabbis were not claiming that sacrifice was immoral or undesirable. They were simply trying to deal with a situation in which they could no longer offer sacrifices, which forced them to reconsider the deeper understandings of atonement. Therefore, they stressed the human intention to repent that underlay the sacrifice and that remains in effect even without the ability to sacrifice which was

imposed upon them from without.

SACRIFICE WITHOUT A TEMPLE...YOU BET

This does not mean that the idea of sacrifice has completely disappeared from Judaism. The prayer service itself was constructed as a form of sacrifice so that, as the rabbis said (quoting Hos. 14:2),

'we will offer the fruit of our lips'.

Furthermore, traditional Judaism looks forward to a restoration of physical sacrifice in the new Jerusalem, demonstrating that the cult had a role that has remained unfulfilled since the destruction of the temple. There is a sense, then, in which Judaism has continued to be a religion of sacrifice, even though sacrifice is no longer offered physically. Repentance requires some form of 'sacrifice' as its external expression, just as sacrifice requires repentance as its internal basis. Neither can exist without the other.

Sacrifice is also essential to the Christian concept of atonement. The first Christians were Jews who were familiar with the temple cult in Jerusalem as the means of atonement. Therefore, it is not altogether strange that they applied the language of sacrifice to the death of Yeshua. They believed that Yeshua was like the high priest at the temple, interceding with G-d on their behalf, making a holy offering to overcome the gap that separated them from G-d. Like the high priest, Yeshua did not provide a substitution for their own moral efforts to atone for their sins (failure of the second Tablet of the Law). Like other Jews, the first Christians believed their own repentance was essential to appropriate the value of the sacrifice. This does not mean that they thought the purpose of Yeshua's sacrifice was merely to prompt them to repent; rather, they believed his sacrifice provided the external form (just as animal sacrifices had done previously) in which their desire to repent and be forgiven was expressed.

In the Christian view, Yeshua's sacrifice and human repentance are inseparable, so atonement occurs in one's own personal appropriation of Yeshua's work. The Christian identifies with Yeshua's work through faith in him; hence, one's own obedience to the commands of G-d and suffering is included in acceptance of his suffering on one's behalf. Yet in churches that teach the Law has passed away such is impossible!

Yeshua is in this sense not a substitute for us, who acts without our participation, but a representative of us who reconnects us to G-d (by his example...if we follow it). The first Christians believed sacrifice requires our response of repentance to be effective, just as repentance requires sacrifice. The two are concurrent in early Christian thought just as they are in Judaism, because the Christian view evolved out of the Jewish concept of sacrifice.

SO WHERE DID THE IDEA THAT YESHUA'S DEATH WAS A SACRIFICE AND ATONEMENT ORIGINATE?

Although the Christian view of atonement was rooted in Judaism, there were still major differences in the way the doctrine developed in the Jewish and Jewish/Christian/Essene traditions. One obvious difference between the death of Yeshua, understood as a sacrifice (death by martyrdom was considered by the Essenes as an atoning sacrifice) and that offered by the high priest of Judaism (Biblical Judaism) is that in the apocalyptic view held by the Dead Sea Scroll peoples (the Essenes) the martyr offered up his own life as the sacrifice for the community himself. This is a major difference. Biblical Judaism as well as the Torah taught, as I have shown you in the previous articles in this series, that man atones for his own sin through repentance and restitution. The Essenes, a fringe apocalyptic group in the first century B.C.E., held beliefs not always accepted by Yeshua. This is of major importance

because Yeshua was a Pharisee in good standing in the House of Hillel. This was conservative Phariseism. Such a Pharisee group to which Yeshua belonged held traditional beliefs as taught in the previous articles. Over against that is the Essenes which taught otherwise where one could die for the sins of the community. In other words, the Essenes believed one could die and provide an atonement for many if he was a martyred tzeddek (righteous man).

Understanding that much of the Essenic beliefs were adopted by the apocalyptic first Christians, one might claim that this idea clearly separates the Christian view of atonement from the Jewish view, but this is not strictly true. The idea that one may suffer (suffer and not die) for the sins of another is found already in Isaiah 52-53, the "suffering servant" poem to which early Christians so often referred. Even before Yeshua's lifetime, other Jewish writings proposed the idea that the death of martyrs could atone for the sins of the community of Israel...but Israel only (notice atone for Israel and not Brazil or Spain).

The Apocalyptic Christians changed this idea to make it universal, that the death of the martyr atoned for all men worldwide. Such is a major deviation from the original intent.

The original concept of martyrdom as atonement for a community, Israel, stressed the importance that one must be a part of G-d's People...the Israel of G-d which is provided to Gentile believers by engrafting by faith and resultant obedience to the commands of G-d. The idea of martyrdom was developed more extensively during the period of persecution in the first and second centuries CE. This is understandable since the Maccabean war contained the slaughter and martyrdom of myriads of righteous Jews. One can find numerous references to it in the Jewish literature of the times. It was believed that the righteous ones who die for their faith not only cleanse themselves from sin but are also able to intercede with G-d on behalf of all Israel. In this sense, their lives are a sacrifice for the sins of others. Even though this idea was formulated most explicitly in texts written after Yeshua's lifetime, it did not appear then for the first time, so it is probable that the early Christians were familiar with it from the inter-testamental times. The belief in the atoning power of Yeshua's death, then, is not alien to Judaism, for it evolved out of a Jewish understanding of martyrdom as a form of representative atonement by the Essenic community. Today most Jews and Christians today are unaware of the roots of this form of atonement.

YET THERE ARE REAL DIFFERENCES

In spite of this similarity, however, there were two crucial differences that separated the early Christian conception of atonement from ideas of other Jews: it made the death of one individual the central act of atonement, and it made this atonement universal in scope.

First, by making the death of Yeshua central, Christians separated themselves from those Jews who either had no personal relationship to Yeshua or could not see why he had to be the central means of salvation from sin. Christian Jews as well as Gentile Christians claimed that Yeshua was central to salvation because he was the messiah, but this claim involved a view of the messiah that was very different from the typical Jewish view. In the view of the Prophets and most of the Jews, the messiah was to be the agent of G-d's rescue of Israel from suffering, not one who atoned for their sins. Nowhere in the Old Testament and Jewish Scriptures was it ever recorded that the Messiah was to die for sin!

You need to step back and read that sentence again.

Many of the early Christians, but not all of them however, viewed the mission of the messiah as sacrificial, first and foremost and overlooked the multitude of unfulfilled prophecies that discredit Yeshua as being the Messiah long awaited by Israel. As stated previously many some but not all Christians believed that through Yeshua's death and resurrection could he redeem Israel. This was made possible by the popularity of the Apocalyptic literature generated in response to the foreign threats to Israel by foreign nations prevalent at that time. Since so many Jews were dying at the hands of the unrighteous Gentiles the surviving Jews sought to give great

significance to their deaths by attributing an atoning efficacy to it. But be not mistaken, this view was popular among the fringe movement of Judaism and by and large the traditional conservative branch of Biblical Judaism did not hold such beliefs. Conservative Biblical Judaism, of which Yeshua was a part, did not hold to such beliefs!

By interpreting the concept of the messiah and applying it to Yeshua in this way, the first Christians gave a significance to his death above all other atoning sacrifices. This was a mistake.

UNIVERSAL ATONEMENT OR COMMUNITY ATONEMENT?

Second, the messianic significance attributed to Yeshua's death led to the view that the atonement he brought is universal in scope. The first Christians expanded the message of salvation beyond the boundaries of Israel in that Yeshua was said to have died for the sins of everyone in the world. It was this idea that made the mission to the gentiles possible, and very soon the idea was being translated into terms that made sense to them. There were already many popular myths of gods who die and are reborn to bring new life to the world, and the gentiles may have understood Yeshua's death in such mythic terms. Understand that even though the Essenes and apocalyptic believers in Yeshua as Messiah attached to him their concept of atoning martyrs, they changed the scope from community atonement to universal atonement.

At the same time, we should realize that the sacrificial concept of Yeshua's death was not developed in response to gentile ideas alone but, included the Jewish conception of the righteous one who reconciles us to G-d by his sacrifice of suffering and death. These ideas were borrowed from the motif of Israel who suffered as G-d's Suffering Servant at the hands of unrighteous Gentiles. All fell into place as Yeshua was crucified by the Romans. Everything fit the Isaiah motif of Israel who also suffered at the hands of the Gentiles as taught in Isaiah 52-53. Although the centrality and universality attributed to Yeshua's death distinguished Christian views from those of non-Christian Jews, these ideas did not negate the Jewish form and content of their understanding of his death.

The bottom line is that if we do not understand the Christian view of atonement as originally Jewish, we cannot today explain its development within the primarily Jewish community of the early Christians. Thus the meaning of his death as taught from the Christian perspective is highly suspect in light of the evidences I have provided over the last 5 articles. If you read and understood the materials presented, then you can see like I and many others who have seen for themselves, that ideas have been attached to the death of Yeshua which are totally foreign to the Jewish Bible and which ultimately lead one to believe one's standing before G-d is assured because of what happened to Yeshua when in reality one's standing before G-d has always been and will continue to be dependent upon one's repentance as Isaiah said in the first place. To read into Isaiah concepts you have heard preached about Yeshua which are totally false, although you don't know them to be, does irreparable damage to the truth of the Holy Scriptures.

To further your study now, I strongly suggest you request our series on [Isaiah 53](#) whereby you can see for yourself that the concepts read into Isaiah by the Christian Church are totally false and without substance. Shalom.

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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH #6

Comment: - According to the Bible atonement for sins can be accomplished by other ways than by blood sacrifice. This is an undeniable fact which discomforts most Christians. Let us examine the facts.

FLOUR CAN MAKE ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL...BLOOD SACRIFICE IS NOT NECESSARY

Leviticus 5:10

10 And he shall offer the second [for] a burnt offering, according to the manner: and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him. 11 But if he be not able to bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put [any] frankincense thereon: for it [is] a sin offering. 12 Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, [even] a memorial thereof, and burn [it] on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it [is] a sin offering. 13 And the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him: and [the remnant] shall be the priest's, as a meat offering.

MONEY CAN ATONE FOR THE SOUL...BLOOD SACRIFICE IS NOT NECESSARY

Exodus 30:15

15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when [they] give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls. 16 And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

JEWELRY CAN ATONE FOR THE SOUL....BLOOD SACRIFICE IS NOT NECESSARY

Numbers 31:50

50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.

PRAYER CAN ATONE FOR THE SOUL...BLOOD SACRIFICE IS NOT NECESSARY

Hosea 14:2

2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive [us] graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. 3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, [Ye are] our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

“ALMOST ALL THINGS”...HEBREWS DOES NOT SAY “ALL THINGS”

Hebrews 9:22

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

There is remission of sins by several means other than the shedding of blood, as the previous passages say, BUT this last verse contradicts this.

It has been said “Just as it is unreasonable and unjust for all of humanity to be punished for the deeds of one man {Adam}, it is equally unreasonable and unjust for one man to die on the cross for the misdeeds of all humanity.” Let us investigate that statement.

LOOKING AT YESHUA AS A SACRIFICE FOR SINS...CAN WE?

After investigating atonement in the Bible thoroughly, there are many problems concerning considering Yeshua as an acceptable sacrifice or the lamb of G-d. Let us investigate the matter in depth. Sacrifices and sin offerings for unintentional sins and guilt offerings were all slaughtered and burned on the alter and then all of it eaten by the priests. Yeshua's body was not burned nor was he killed on the Brazen Altar. Neither was his corpse eaten by the priests or his followers.

The offering had to be perfect and without blemish or spot. By the time Yeshua would have been ready for sacrifice he was blemished -- crown of thorns on his head, pierced side, and he was spat upon, therefore not perfect. Thus you can see that Yeshua did not fulfill all the requirements for the sin offering, instead he died on a cross and was buried in a tomb instead of dying on an alter and eaten.

It is honest questions like these that prompted me to study in detail doctrines taught by the Church which I had accepted most of my life unquestioningly. When I asked my spiritual authorities it never seemed to fail that they were, for the most part, unprepared to answer such difficult questions as I posed here.

Now understand it is not my wish to denigrate Yeshua or his ministry. I have the highest respect for him and what he, and his original followers accomplished. In fact, I have come to know G-d because of him. However, I desire truth in the inward parts, and if what is taught by the church which passes for orthodoxy cannot stand the test of questioning or critical inquiry, then should you or I accept it any longer?

The ministry have detailed articles dealing with Biblical atonement for your evaluation if you desire. Inquire with us and we will see you get the information necessary for you to make an intelligent decision for G-d as well

as for truth. Shalom.





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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH # 7

One of the cornerstones of Christian theology is that the only way to achieve atonement for sins is through the offering of a sacrifice whose blood is shed in our place. The Greek Testament makes this very clear in Hebrews 9:22 **"and almost all things** are by the Law purged with blood: and without the shedding of blood is no remission."

Answer for yourself: It says "almost all things;" but are you aware that there is a big difference between "almost all things" and "all things?"

The inclusion of the word "almost" opens the door for the New Testament believer to investigate what OTHER THAN BLOOD brings remission of sins. Coupled with this is the understanding that the "lamb of G-d" who was sacrificed for sins on Yom Kippur ONLY atoned for the sins of the First Tablet Law and not for sins of the Second Tablet of the Law.

Answer for yourself: Understanding that Yeshua's offering of himself as the Lamb of G-d fulfilled both type and shadow the Lamb of G-d in Scripture through his death, then if his death only atoned for the sins of the First Tablet of the Law, then what atones for the sins of the Second Tablet of the Law?.

Answer for yourself: Is this idea consistent with the teachings of the Tanakh (the Hebrew Bible), or do the Jewish and Christian bibles diverge on this issue?

Christians generally insist that the absolute need for a vicarious blood sacrifice is rooted in the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament), and cite as proof Leviticus 17:11

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul."

As a Christian, you have probably heard many sermons on the topic of atonement, and have undoubtedly read many studies which support the contention that there is "no atonement without blood." But the truth of the matter is that neither the Book of Hebrews or the Old Testament says that. Of course you are also aware that this is a teaching which is not shared by traditional Jews and for a very good reason which has escaped the Gentile Christian church because of their misinterpretation of the passages in their Bibles as well as because of superficial reading of the whole Bible.

Answer for yourself: Have you ever wondered how the Jewish people could reject what to you seems so clear?

This study has been prepared to give you the opportunity to consider a different perspective on the vital issue of atonement and thereby make adjustments to your religious belief system as well as to your conduct and

behavior which is based upon it. The tragic state of affairs of the matter is that traditional Gentile Christianity as practiced today is guilty of the sins of the Second Tablet of the Law and not responding in appropriate manners of repentance to atone for it, for as I showed you, these sins are not dealt with through sacrifice and blood (Yeshua's death).

ANOTHER LOOK AT LEVITICUS 17:11-POSSIBLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN EVER LEARN

You might remember that in junior high school, we were often given an assignment to write the title for a story; what is the central idea of a passage. Let's look at Leviticus 17:11 in context in order to make sure we understand the "central" idea of the passage.

"And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who consumes any blood, I will set My face against that person who consumes blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul. Therefore, I say to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall consume blood, nor shall any stranger who sojourns among you consume blood.'"

What should immediately be apparent is that the topic of this passage is not how to secure atonement from sins, but the prohibition against consuming blood. We are told parenthetically that the reason for this prohibition is that the blood contains the vitality (soul) of the animal (Genesis 9:4, Deuteronomy 12:23) and consequently, when we bring an animal sacrifice, its soul (life) which is in its blood serves as the atoning agent (Isa. 53:10), and not another part of its body. The prophet Isaiah informs us that G-d's suffering servant soul, which was offered in his death, was pleasing to G-d and G-d accepted it as an "offering for sin." Notice that it is not the "blood" which was accepted for an offering for sin, but rather the "life/soul" of the Suffering Servant. That means it is not the "death" or "the blood" which accomplished anything, but rather Yeshua's G-d honoring life lived (in Hebrew the "life" which is in the blood is the word for "soul"), which was lived completely obediently to G-d's Commandments [by which he never sinned] which was so pleasing to G-d that He accepted his life as an offering for sin. So when you read in the New Testament or head "saved by the blood of Yeshua" understand we are "not under the blood or anything like that." This is a completely erroneous Gentile interpretation of the sacrificial system which it completely misunderstands. When saying "saved by the blood of Yeshua" we need to understand the concept Paul is relating which is we are "saved" by Yeshua giving his G-d obediently and honoring life to G-d or ours in his death where his blood was shed as the vehicle of his death which offered up his "soul as an offering for sin." Now, let us continue.

REPAIRING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH G-D

Since Leviticus 17 doesn't come to teach us about the principles of atonement as we have erroneously been told, we will have to look elsewhere for the Bible's most important teaching on how to repair our relationships with G-d which continually is adversely affected by our sin.

Before proceeding, let's consider another point about what is, and what is not being said in Leviticus 17:11. The passage does say that since blood symbolizes the life/soul of the animal, G-d has given it to us as a means of atoning for our sins (it carries the animal's soul which is sinless).

Answer for yourself: But does the verse clearly teach that it is the only means G-d has provided to make atonement?

As with any other Biblical study, we will have to examine this question in light of the Bible as a whole. But for now, we should note that our verse merely says that blood can serve as an atonement. It is an effective means of atonement, but by no means the only form of atonement.

In the Torah, blood sacrifices were not the only path to atonement; there were other ways to achieve forgiveness.

NON-BLOOD ATONEMENTS THAT ARE IN BOTH THE OLD TESTAMENT AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

For example, incense served to atone for the people in Numbers 16:46-47, and giving charity is described in Exodus 30:15-16 and Numbers 31:50 as `making atonement for your souls (the same expression as in Leviticus 17:11). In reality, blood sacrifices were the least effective of all the means of atonement mentioned in the Bible. One important limitation to the effectiveness of sacrifices is that they were only brought for unintentional sins (ie. someone didn't know that kindling a fire was prohibited on the Sabbath, or they were aware of this, but thought it was Sunday when kindling the fire). Now for a real scary thought: Sacrifices did not help to atone for sins that were done intentionally (Leviticus 4, and Numbers 15:22-31).

Examining the Christian interpretation of Leviticus 17:11 generates some serious problems.

Answer for yourself: What happens if someone can't afford to purchase an animal for his sin offering?

Answer for yourself: Is it possible that G-d would institute a system of atonement that could only be used by the wealthy?

The Torah took this into account and allowed the poor person to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons if he couldn't afford a lamb (Leviticus 5:7).

Answer for yourself: However, what if someone was so destitute, that he couldn't afford even these small birds?

"But if his means are insufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall not put oil on it or place incense on it, for it is a sin offering." (Leviticus 5:11)

Since flour could be used for a sin offering, it is clear that blood was not a prerequisite for atonement. Another example will drive home the point. The proposition that only blood sacrifices could secure atonement creates a dilemma.

Answer for yourself: Could it be that G-d would set up a system of atonement that wouldn't be available to all people at all times?

Answer for yourself: Does it stand to reason that G-d would devise an atonement system in which those who were deprived of necessary "religious theology" because they lived in another part of the world at the time and who never knew about salvation only through Yeshua and receiving him would be lost?

Answer for yourself: Are we better suited now to understand Peter's revelation at Cornelius' house where he remarks in Acts 10:35: now I know that "in every nation he that feareth him (G-d) and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him (G-d)?"

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that Peter makes this startling discovery and remark BEFORE he ever began preaching about Yeshua to Cornelius?

Answer for yourself: Would it surprise you to know that the New Testament even says in Acts 10:33 that Cornelius sent for Peter in order to "hear all things that are commanded of G-d" and did not sent for Peter to come and tell him the latest theological beliefs about Yeshua?

Answer for yourself: Can you now see for yourself and make the connection with the Commandments of the Second Tablet of the Law which the Lamb of G-d on Yom Kippur (Yeshua) did not provide atonement for, and

the necessity for believers in G-d (Gentiles and Jews) to obey them correctly?

Answer for yourself: Since all Commandments of the Second Tablet of the Law concern actions taken between man and man, and not man and G-d, can you begin to see the importance of obeying G-d's will and Commandments correctly in your relationships with others; such as the commandments on giving your tithe correctly which is commanded to be handled in certain ways by you and the clergy according to the mandated pattern in Scripture?

Answer for yourself: Are you beginning to see that although you think you are obeying G-d, for example by giving your 10% tithe to your church each month, that if the tithe you give is not used and put in designated places according to G-d Law and Scripture by your church, then you have sinned along with them for violating the Law?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that sin is breaking the Law (ie. Law of tithe for example) according to I John 3:4: Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law, and that these sins (Second Tablet of the Law...commandments affecting man blessing other men through giving alms for example) have no atonement provided by the blood of the lamb?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that if you don't tithe correctly as commanded by the Bible by giving you 10% between 3 areas only (1/3 of 10% goes to poor, sick, lame, blind, deaf, etc.; 1/3 goes to yourself to assure you and your family celebrate the Sabbath and Biblical Festivals, and 1/3 goes to support the teacher, choir, and janitor.....) then you violate G-d's Commandments and have not atonement provided for such sins of omission because the Lamb of G-d only atoned for the sins of the First Tablet of the Law only?

While the Temple stood, sacrifices did serve as part of the atonement process.

Answer for yourself: But what is the fate of Jewish people who don't have access to the Temple?

Answer for yourself: What were the Jewish people supposed to do after 586 B.C.E. when the first Temple was destroyed and they were exiled to Babylon?

Answer for yourself: What did the Jewish people do in the times of the Maccabees when the Syrian-Greeks were in control of the Temple and didn't allow sacrifices?

THE TYPICAL CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW HIS FAITH BETTER

Many Christians erroneously claim that Rabbinic Judaism came up with novel, non-Biblical measures to deal with atonement after the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE.

Answer for yourself: But is that the truth?

Actually, it wasn't Talmudic innovation at all, because G-d in the Bible you carry to church each Sunday anticipated the possibility of the cessation of sacrifices. When King Solomon finally laid the finishing touches on the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, he inaugurated it with a moving dedication speech (I Kings 8; II Chronicles 6). In this lengthy speech of almost 50 verses, you will notice that Solomon doesn't speak about sacrifices at all! This omission would be strange if the most crucial part of the Temple were the sacrifices. Actually, the central focus of the Temple was the Holy Ark (Exodus 25) containing the Torah. The Temple was first and foremost a symbol of G-d's presence and revelation to the Jewish people (I Kings 8:13, Exodus 25:8).

Towards the end of his speech, Solomon deals with the possibility of the Jewish people being denied access to the Temple in the eventuality that they are exiled from the land of Israel. **"If they return (repent and obey)** to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies (thus without a Temple it would be impossible to make blood sacrifices for atonement) who have taken them captive, **and pray** to You toward their land which You have given to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built

for Your name; then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven Your dwelling place, and maintain their cause, and **forgive Your people who have sinned against You and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You...**" (I Kings 8:46-50).

Answer for yourself: Do you see for yourself that in the absence of blood sacrifices G-d is expected to accept man's repentance and prayer for forgiveness of sins?

Answer for yourself: Did King Solomon understand and expect forgiveness of sin without blood sacrifice? He sure did.

This very important, but often overlooked passage (because most Christian Churches use only the New Testament basically) puts the spotlight on the Christian misunderstanding of Leviticus 17:11. **The Bible is clearly teaching that sacrifices weren't necessary in order to atone for sins.** Prayer and repentance are cited here as effective means for securing atonement. Certainly, when the Temple stood, and one could afford an animal, a sacrifice was brought as part of the atonement process for unintentional sins. Leviticus 17:11 teaches that when we bring such an animal as a sacrifice, we aren't allowed to consume its blood, because as the life force, it is the part of the animal that affects our atonement.

Christian dogma holds that the crucifixion of Yeshua at Calvary served as the final atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Christianity insists that this is not just a Pauline innovation, but reflects the requirements of the Jewish Bible, and tries to establish this by pointing to Leviticus 17:11 as the key to atonement in the Tanakh. However, if this passage is examined, as we will do later in this article, it will be clear that Yeshua could never serve as an atoning sacrifice because he gave his "blood". Obviously, the shedding of blood by pricking my finger or killing my cat won't fulfill the Biblical requirements for atonement because the "life" of the injured party was not given. The Torah delineates how sacrifices are to be brought, and understanding that, it's main reference is not the blood but the "soul" (life) that is in the blood. Yeshua gave his life (soul) as the offering for sin; it just so happens that his soul was in his blood. The blood is the vehicle for the soul. Yeshua's soul was given as "the" offering effecting atonement for sin and not his red blood cells.

"For the life (soul) of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it (soul) to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls..." (notice the blood had to be placed on the altar or should I say the soul had to be placed on the altar in order to substitute for another soul). Clearly, not any spilled blood is accepted by the Torah as a sacrifice. Yeshua's crucifixion may qualify as an atonement according to the Greek Testament, but since his blood was not offered on the altar, it is not in line with what the Torah mandates. Again you can see the importance of repentance, prayer, charity, etc., as effective methods in man's atonement, especially as you see the requirements for blood to serve as an atonement and how it would be difficult to accomplish in Yeshua's death.

Some will draw attention to several other factors which would render the crucifixion of Yeshua an unacceptable sacrifice. According to the Biblical rules in Leviticus, all sacrifices had to be offered by a Priest who descends from Aaron. This was not the case in the death of Yeshua, who was crucified by Roman soldiers. Additionally, Biblical law prohibited any sacrifice which was blemished or maimed (Leviticus 22:19-21). However, prior to his crucifixion, Yeshua was whipped and beaten (Matthew 27:26, Mark 15:19, John 19:3) which would render him unfit. Furthermore, Yeshua was circumcised in the flesh, which according to Philippians 3:2 and Galatians 5:12 is considered mutilation. We have no answers for some of the problems encountered in the offering of Yeshua, but one thing we can be sure of: G-d did delineate in His Word alternate ways of effecting remission of sin and atonement. It is our strong recommendation, especially in light of Yeshua's teaching in Matt. 19 where the man who asked "what must I DO to inherit eternal life" (notice the question was not what he was to believe) was told he "lacked one thing." As for us, and our hope for you, is that in the resurrection we are not told "we lack one thing for eternal life" since most of our lives we have been told otherwise...that we are saved by the blood of Yeshua. You should by now, in just reading these seven pages, be wondering strongly to yourselves what things you are lacking in doing which will be required in the resurrection which you have up to now falsely believed were taken care of by Yeshua's sacrifice. The bottom line, in a nutshell, is that the anti-Semitic and anti-Judaic brand of Christianity we have inherited today has moved us far from the truths of Yeshua and what

is really involved in our salvation.

Frequently, Christians react to this line of reasoning by protesting that it is improper to be so literal, and that Yeshua's death was more of a symbolic or spiritual sacrifice. This would be fine if the Bible provided for such ethereal offerings, but such is not the case. The Greek Testament, however, does insist that Yeshua was a real sacrifice, literally fulfilling the Biblical requirements of such: "But coming to Yeshua, when they saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs...in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled: 'Not a bone of him shall be broken.'" (John 19:33-36)

The Gospel of John portrays Yeshua as the Paschal lamb which was not supposed to have any of its bones broken (Exodus 12:46, Numbers 9:12). Since the author of John insists that Yeshua was a real sacrifice to the extent that the Biblical rules of the Passover were fulfilled in him, we can't dismiss the problems concerning Yeshua's sacrifice cited above as legalistic nit-picking.

One wonders why the Greek Testament chose to type Yeshua as a Paschal lamb rather than the sacrifice for the Day of Atonement, because atonement is **not** associated with Passover in any way form or fashion. We know from Exodus 12 that the Passover sacrifice did not serve as an atonement for sins, rather it commemorates the exodus from Egypt. Even when the lamb was slaughtered in Egypt and its blood smeared on the doorposts, it did not serve to atone for the sins of anyone. It was a sign for the angel of death to pass over Jewish homes during the plague of the first born. The only people in danger were first born males, the blood wasn't a help to other people in the family, and didn't serve as an atonement for the first born. A more fitting prototype for Yeshua would have been the Yom Kippur sacrifice, which was an atonement for the sins of all the people. It is interesting that according to Leviticus 16:10,21-22, the animal which effectuated the atonement for the sins of the nation was not killed, but sent live out into the desert. Again, the shedding of blood is not for atonement.

However the Greek New Testament, literally re-written by the Gentile Catholic Church when taken from the Jewish oral traditions about Yeshua, went to some great lengths to demonstrate that the atoning death of Yeshua was predicated upon the Jewish Bible (which such is not the case). In the book of Hebrews, a verse from the book of Psalms is quoted as evidence that the sacrifice of Yeshua was part of G-d's original plan for the world.

"Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body You have prepared for me" (Hebrews 10:5 referring to Psalms 40:6).

In verse 10 of our passage from Hebrews, we are told that the body spoken of refers to the body of Yeshua. However, the Greek Testament took some great liberties in quoting from the book of Psalms, which never mentions a body being prepared at all:

"Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; my ears You have opened; Burnt offerings and sin offerings You have not required" (Psalm 40:6).

The author of Romans asserts that the Jewish scriptures spoke about the Messiah coming in order to eradicate sin from Israel:

"And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written, 'The deliverer will come from Zion and remove ungodliness from Jacob'" (Romans 11:26 citing Isaiah 59:20).

Answer for yourself: What is unique about this verse quoted by Paul in Romans 11:26?

Paul omits all references to repentance from Isaiah 59:20 in quoting the verse in misquoting it in Romans. What we need to understand is that Paul misquotes the verse, not just any verse, but a verse critically important in understanding what is required for our salvation!

However, if you take the time to check the original source in Isaiah you will see for yourself the flawed foundation of the claim made in the book of Romans.

"And a redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the Lord."

Answer for yourself: What are we to understand in the salvation process which Paul obscures and which the Christian Church has based itself faulty upon for centuries?

Isaiah didn't teach that the Messiah's purpose is to remove sin; rather, he will come to the Jewish people when they show themselves worthy by turning away from sin. In other words G-d's redeemer comes ONLY for those who are repenting and turning from their violations of the Commandments of G-d, and turning back to G-d in repentance and obedience to the Commandments of G-d. Yeshua did not come for everyone as you can see.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT VICARIOUS ATONEMENT?

One wonders why throughout the four Gospels, Yeshua never speaks about his death serving as a sacrifice to atone for the sins of the world.

Answer for yourself: Is the idea that an innocent person can be killed instead of those who are guilty consistent with what the Bible teaches?

- After the sin of the Golden Calf, G-d expressed His intention to destroy the Jewish people. Moses intercedes, and offers to die in their place. In response, G-d says "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book!" (Exodus 32:32-33). Throughout the Bible, G-d says that one person cannot die for the sins of another:
- "Fathers shall not be put to death for their sons, nor shall sons be put to death for their fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin" (Deuteronomy 24:16, II Kings 14:6).
- "But everyone will die for his own sin; each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge" (Jeremiah 31:30).
- "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself" (Ezekiel 18:20).
- "No man can by any means redeem his brother, or give to G-d a ransom for him" (Psalms 49:7).
- "So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who has shed it!" (Numbers 35:33).

Although Romans 4:5 says that Yeshua justifies the ungodly, the Tanakh teaches that

"He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them are an abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 17:15).

Answer for yourself: Since G-d is the same yesterday, today, and forever and changes not, then how are we to expect or believe, in light of consideration of the whole Bible and understanding clearly the dynamics of the sacrificial system, that repentance and turning back to G-d in obedience to Commandments we previously have been breaking, is not of major importance in the salvation process?

We approach this troublesome question with assurance, that the sins of the First Tablet of the Law, sins between man and G-d are atoned for in the death of Yeshua as G-d's Suffering Messiah, however those of the Second Tablet of the Law remain without atonement, for G-d designed all through His Word that we should learn of concepts like prayer, repentance, obedience, restitution, giving of charity and alms through correct principles of tithing, etc., are acceptable to G-d for our atonement as co-laborers with G-d in our own salvation.

Let us not forget that we are to “work out our salvation with fear and trembling,” not believe only for our salvation.” Such is the Church’s greatest lie which has deceived millions.

Answer for yourself: If indeed, Yeshua came as the final sacrifice to atone for the sins of the world, why does the Tanakh predict that the Temple will be rebuilt and sacrifices resumed?

- "Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples." (Isaiah 56:7). If you know anything about the history of the Temple and Second Temple Judaism, that prophecy has not been accomplished yet, and as of yet Gentiles will come up to Zion to pray in G-d's House of Prayer which is yet to be rebuilt.
- "From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, My dispersed ones will bring My offerings." (Zephaniah 3:10)
- "All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; they will go up with acceptance on My altar, and I shall glorify My glorious house." (Isaiah 60:7)
- "And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever." (Ezekiel 37:26)
- "And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years" (Malachi 3:3-4).
- "And every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the Lord of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them." (Zechariah 14:21) "And it shall be the princes part to provide the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the libations...to make atonement for the house of Israel." (Ezekiel 45:17)

The Christian claim that our sins can only be forgiven if blood is shed on our behalf also seems to limit the power of G-d. It's ludicrous to say that G-d's ability to forgive us is dependent on anything. One of the most basic teachings in the Bible is that since G-d is merciful, He often forgives us simply because He is merciful.

"Who is a G-d like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love"
(Micah 7:18; Psalm 103:7-18).

Even when we don't seek G-d appropriately, He has the ability to reach out to us with love and forgive us:

"Their heart was not steadfast toward Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant. But He, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity...remembering that they were but flesh." (Psalms 78:36-39)

"You have not brought Me the sheep of your burnt offerings...or the fat of your sacrifices, but you have burdened Me with your sins...Nevertheless, I will wipe out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins." (Isaiah 43:23-25)

One of the clearest indications that Christianity is off base in its insistence on the centrality of blood sacrifices is that none of the prophets speaks about it. There isn't one instance in the prophetic books where the Jewish people are told that in order to get right with G-d they need to get covered by the blood, be under the blood, or plead the blood.

Answer for yourself: If that's the case, what is the fundamental teaching of the Tanakh on the issue of atonement?

Answer for yourself: What theme is reiterated time and again by the holy prophets in the Bible?

- "That every man will turn from his evil way, then I will forgive their iniquity and their sin." (Jeremiah 36:3). This says it in a nutshell.
- "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him; and to our G-d, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7).
- "I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and You did forgive the guilt of my sin." (Psalm 32:5).
- "And if My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face (see Ezra for "seeking" is study) and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14). "But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die. All his transgressions which he has committed will not be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has practiced he shall live...When a wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and practices justice and righteousness, he will save his life...Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you (Ezekiel 18:21-22,27,30).
- "By loving-kindness and truth iniquity is atoned for..." (Proverbs 16:6).
- "If you return to G-d you will be restored; if you remove unrighteousness far from your tent...then you will delight in G-d..." (Job 22:23-27).
- "Depart from evil, and do good, so you will abide forever." (Psalm 37:27, cf. Ezekiel 33, Zechariah 1:3, Jeremiah 26:13).

The central teaching of the Bible is that only a break with our past and a sincere turning in repentance can restore our relationships with G-d. If I go off the path, I have to put myself back on track, and G-d will forgive me. Even when sacrifices were offered, they in and of themselves didn't effect atonement. The sacrifice was part of the process, it helped bring us to the core of atonement which is achieved by TESHUVAH, returning to G-d by forsaking our evil ways and praying for forgiveness. One of the main teachings of the prophets was to chide Jewish people who thought that sacrifices were the essential element of atonement:

"What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me? says the Lord. I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed cattle. And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats...Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come let us reason together says the Lord, 'Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they will be like wool, if you consent and obey...' (Isaiah 1:11-18).

As you see in the above passage G-d does not desire the senseless slaughter of animals which accomplish nothing if the person bringing the sacrifice has not already, prior to bringing his sacrifice, confessed his sin, been remorseful over his sin, repented of his sin, prayed, and made restitution where possible if his sin was between man to man. Just going through the "motions" never pleased G-d and most Christians read this passage failing to realize that G-d is not doing away with the sacrificial system; on the contrary, He is admonishing those who are failing to obey it properly!

SO HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME AND WHAT SHOULD I DO?

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." (Proverbs 15:8).

Answer for yourself: Do you realize that if what you do based on your religious belief system, which you think is right and obedient to G-d's Law, but is in the final analysis really disobedience, but you were not aware of it being disobedience because of improper instruction by religious authorities which had it wrong, then you are guilty of sin and the death of Yeshua (if you believe in this) would not cover such sins anyway since these sins are of the Second Tablet of the Law and were never covered by blood sacrifice anyway?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that your tithe is derived from Commandments dealing with the Second Tablet of the Law and if you are not obeying it correctly then any false belief in any sacrifice of Yeshua will not cover such disobedience?

Answer for yourself: Can you now understand why Bet Emet and other such ministries endeavors to teach you the truth and separate it from religious fiction since it is appointed for all men to die and then the judgment?

- **"To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." (Proverbs 21:3).**
- **"For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of G-d rather than burnt offerings." (Hosea 6:6).**
- **"Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken more than the fat of rams" (I Samuel 15:22).**
- **"With what shall I come to the Lord, and bow myself before the G-d on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your G-d." (Micah 6:6-8, cf. Amos 5:22-24, Jeremiah 7, Psalm 69:31-32).**

Answer for yourself: Since repentance, and not blood is the Biblical form of atonement, can you now better understand how in I Kings 8, Solomon explained that even if the Jewish people don't have access to the Temple, they still have access to G-d?

This will illuminate a famous story found in the book of Jonah. G-d sends Jonah to the evil city of Nineveh (Gentiles) to warn them of their impending destruction. Jonah doesn't come into the city and tell the people that unless they begin offering sacrifices they are doomed. Their response to his warnings is to repent: they fast, pray, and turn from their evil.

Answer for yourself: What is G-d's response?

"When G-d saw their deeds that they turned from their wicked way, then G-d relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them, and He did not do it" (Jonah 3:10).

In similar fashion, Daniel advised king Nebuchadnezzar on how to atone for his transgressions:

Dan 4:27 27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. (KJV)

This principle will also help explain a passage in the book of Hosea. Hosea was a prophet to the 10 northern tribes in the kingdom of Israel during a time when there was a civil war going on between them and the two tribes of the kingdom of Judah in the south. Because of the strife, the tribes up north couldn't get to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer sacrifices.

Answer for yourself: Since they were deprived of “blood” in the form of blood sacrifices, did this leave them with no way of atoning for their sins? The prophet advises:

"Return, O Israel, to the Lord your G-d, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to Him, 'Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously, for we will render as bullocks the offerings of our lips'" (Hosea 14:1-2).

We are able to approach G-d directly with prayer, which is possible at all times; and G-d assures us that sincere prayer can achieve forgiveness for our sins:

- "Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O Lord, the G-d of my salvation. And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of G-d are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. These, O G-d, You will not despise" (Psalms 51:14-17, II Samuel 12:13).
- "I will praise the name of G-d with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that has horns and hoofs" (Psalm 69:30-31).
- "For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in loving-kindness to all who call upon You. Give ear, O Lord to my prayer, and give heed to the voice of my supplications" (Psalm 86:5-6).
- "And listen to the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear from heaven Your dwelling place, hear and forgive" (II Chronicles 6:21).

THE BIGGEST QUESTION YOU WILL EVER BE ASKED

Answer for yourself: Are Christians consistent with the Jewish Bible and the G-d who changes not when they claim that atonement is only possible with a blood sacrifice?

Answer for yourself: As so often said by Christian pastors today who are devoid of the facts and knowledge of the Bible, did the Rabbis just make up the idea that we can restore our relationship with G-d through prayer and repentance because they don't believe in the Yeshua portrayed to them by the Gentile Church and his proposed message of salvation ONLY thorough Yeshua? YOU DECIDE!

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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH # 8

THIS IS WHERE ALL THE MISUNDERSTANDING BEGINS

Context Of Leviticus 17:10-11

Lev 17:10-11

10 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. 11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

The subject of this verse, as well as the context of the verses at hand, is not to describe and instruct about the efficacy of blood as an atonement, but rather to command G-d's people to recognize the sanctity of blood and not treat it as did the heathen who drank it in their pagan rituals. But yet we can learn a very important lesson "about atonement" from this verse if we will only stop and "think."

The admonition was to the Jew as well as the “non-Jew.”

1616 ger (gare); or (fully) geyr (gare); from 1481; properly, a guest; by implication, a foreigner: KJV-- alien, sojourner, stranger.

Answer for yourself: From verse 20, what is the relationship of the Gentile non-Jew to Israel? He is part of the Israel of G-d. This means what?

Answer for yourself: What actually is given upon the altar for our atonement...the “life”/“soul” of the animal or the “blood”?”

In the blood” is a modifier of the subject of the sentence. If you read the passage slowly and think you will see, as do all who study for themselves and not just listen to rhetoric, that it is the “life force” or the “life” which is placed upon the altar as an atonement for sins and not “the blood.”

Answer for yourself:: Having this understanding, what is the meaning of the word used for “life” in the Hebrew?

5315 nephesh- a soulself,, life, a creature, a person, an appetite, a mind, a living being, a desire, an emotion, a passion

- a) what breathes, the breathing substance or being, a soul, the inner being of man
- b) a living being
- c) a living being (with life in the blood)
- d) the man himself, self, a person or an individual
- e) the seat of the appetites
- f) the seat of emotions and passions
- g) the activity of mind
- h) the activity of the will
- i) the activity of the character

5315 nephesh (neh'-fesh); from 5314; properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental):

KJV-- any, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature, X dead (-ly), desire, X [dis-] contented, X fish, ghost, + greedy, he, heart (-y), (hath, X jeopardy of) life (X in jeopardy), lust, man, me, mind, mortally, one, own, person, pleasure, (her-, him-, my-, thyself-), them (your)- selves, + slay, soul, + tablet, they, thing, (X she) will, X would have it.

Answer for yourself: What is the Hebraic meaning of the word “atonement”?

3722 kaphar- to cover, to purge, to make an atonement, to make reconciliation, to cover over with pitch

- a) (Qal) to coat (to cover) with pitch
- b) (Piel)
 - 1) to cover over, to pacify, to propitiate
 - 2) to cover over, to atone for sin, to make atonement for
 - 3) to cover over, to atone for sin and persons by legal rites
- c) (Pual)
 - 1) to be covered over
- d) to make atonement for
- e) (Hithpael) to be covered

Answer for yourself: Does the book of Hebrews teach us that “all” things are by the law purged with blood, and that without the shedding of blood there is no atonement?

Well, surprisingly it does not say that, and if you will read it for yourself in the KJV Bible you will see that for yourself.

Heb 9:22

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Are we to believe then that All Things were purged by “blood” (or the “soul” within the blood), or it is possible that atonement can come for things “other” than blood?

CHRISTIANITY’S INCONSISTENCIES ARE WITHOUT LIMITS

Most Christians I know will quote Hebrews 9:22 until the cows come home, but hardly any ever notice that the credibility of “blood” being used as an atonement finds its foundation in the Law. Even Hebrews 9:22 says “by

the law” as it look for authority. Usually most Christians apply blood sacrifice and atonement to the life of Yeshua, and in doing so make a “blanket coverage” for the atonement of “all sins.” But we cannot do that. If we appeal to the Law for authority for blood atonement, then we must let this same Law be our authority in all matters relating to the same atonement.

What is staggering when your first become aware of it is the fact that blood atonement ONLY, and I stress ONLY, brought atonement for UNINTENTIONAL SINS and NOT INTENTIONAL SINS.

Lev 4:1-2

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you hear that?

Answer for yourself: How does this relate to the death of Yeshua?

Answer for yourself: If we apply this understanding of “life” instead of “blood” for atonement, then what does this do with the traditional Christian teaching that we are saved by the blood of Yeshua?

Answer for yourself: Was it Yeshua’s life and soul, or his red blood cells that would quality for atonement?

Answer for yourself: Do we need to look elsewhere than Yeshua for atonement for INTENTIONAL SINS since the blood of animals, and even Yeshua, could never atone for intentional sins?

Answer for yourself: According To David, the writer of the Psalms, is Blood/Sacrifice the only method for Atonement in the Bible? No. Read on.

Psalms 40:6

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened [to hear your Law and Commands...the Torah]: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

The Hebrew word for Sacrifice:

2077 zebach (zeh'-bakh); from 2076; properly, a slaughter, i.e. the flesh of an animal; by implication, a sacrifice (the victim or the act): KJV-- offer (-ing), sacrifice.

2077 zebach- sacrifice

- a) sacrifices of righteousness
- b) sacrifices of strife
- c) sacrifices to dead things
- d) the covenant sacrifice
- e) the Passover
- f) an annual sacrifice
- a) a thank-offering

The Hebrew Word For Offering:

4503 minchah (min-khaw'); from an unused root meaning to apportion, i.e. bestow; a donation; euphemistically, tribute; specifically a sacrificial offering (usually bloodless and voluntary):

4503 minchah- a gift, a tribute, an offering, a present, an oblation, a sacrifice, a meat-offering

- a) a gift, a present
- b) tribute
- c) an offering (to G-d)
- d) a grain-offering

KJV-- gift, oblation, (meat) offering, present, sacrifice.

The Hebrew word for desire:

2654 chaphets-

- 1) to delight in, to take pleasure in, to desire, to be pleased with (Qal)
 - a) used of men
- 2) to take pleasure in, to delight in
- 3) to delight, to desire, to be pleased to do
 - b) used of G-d
- 4) to delight in, to have pleasure in
- 5) to be pleased to do
- 6) to move, to bend down (Qal) to bend down

The Hebrew word for ears:

241 'ozen-

- 1) ear, as part of the body
- 2) ear, as an organ of hearing
- 3) (subjective) to uncover the ear to reveal; the receiver of divine revelation

The Hebrew word for sin offering:

2401 chata'ah- a sin, a sin-offering

- a) a sin
- b) a sin-offering

2401 chata'ah (khat-aw-aw'); feminine of 2399; an offense, or a sacrifice for it: KJV-- sin (offering).

SO WHAT HAVE WE SAID WITH THESE WORDS DEFINED IN THE HEBREW?

Answer for yourself: What is David really saying in this verse?

David is telling us that the killing and sacrificing of animals is not what G-d really wants of desires, for that is too easy and requires nothing from the sacrificer. Rather, he is telling us that G-d wants something more difficult from us, namely, for us to open our ears to hear His Word in order that we can live obediently to its precepts and commandments.

Answer for yourself: When did animals as sin offerings begin? After the golden calf. Think about that for a moment and wonder what and how man before the golden calf incident made himself right with G-d if there were no "sin offerings with animal sacrifice...yet. Sin offerings with animal sacrifice was a "punishment" upon Israel for "their" sin and literally pictures G-d stepping back from them because of such sin...from now on there was to be an "intermediary" called the Priesthood between Israel and G-d.

Answer for yourself: Are we to understand that sin offerings only began with the golden calf as this is the “Law” which was added to which Paul remarks? Yes

Gal 3:19

19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions (golden calf),....

Answer for yourself: To which law does Paul refer...moral and ethical laws, or the laws of ceremonial sacrifice including the Aaronic Priesthood along with its Temple sacrifices? The Priesthood and the sacrifices accompanying it which was the result of the sin of the golden calf.

Answer for yourself: Does the writer of the book of Hebrews quote Psalm 40:6 in the New Testament?

Actually no, for he misquotes and changes the entire meaning intended by King David who originally wrote it. Where King David is calling men everywhere to open their ears and hear what G-d is telling them, the verse is changed completely by the writer of Hebrews in order to make it apply to Yeshua. Where as King David is telling us G-d does not want sacrifice but obedient lives in response to His Word as it is heard and lived out by mankind, the writer of Hebrews removes totally man's responsibility to listen and obey G-d's Word as G-d's ultimate desire in question and puts the whole of pleasing G-d upon the death of Yeshua without corresponding response of hearing and obedience by mankind. If you had not compared the verse yourself, you would have read the book of Hebrews thinking that David had said that, when in reality he never did.

Leviticus? No again. Where the “life” was pleasing to G-d and used for atonement in Leviticus, now the emphasis is upon “death” (crucified body...blood) in Hebrews as the pleasing instrument.

Answer for yourself: Where is the G-d that never changes and Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever in these quotes as taken from the New Testament?

Answer for yourself: Could it be that we have misunderstood atonement as Christians, and the Jewish people have been right all along?

REPENTANCE AS A FORM OF ATONEMENT

We all remember King David and his indiscretion with Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11:2-27). David received atonement not through animal sacrifice, but through a brief confessional prayer as seen in 2 Sam. 11:12:13:

2 Sam 12:13

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

Notice that David only responded with six words: “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan was quick to point out that G-d heard his prayer of confession and had already forgiven him. This event in David's life would affect him the rest of his life and have a major impact upon the rest of his

writings. Through this profound experience with Nathan, David came to understand that blood sacrifice is not an ideal atonement for sin. In psalm 51 King David beautifully describes how sincere repentance is what G-d always desired over animal sacrifice.

Ps 51:16-19

- 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of G-d are a **broken spirit**: a broken and a **contrite heart**, O G-d, thou wilt not despise.
- 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 **Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness**, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Something was to be required before animal sacrifices, in fact, it paved the way for them and make them acceptable. Such were the broken spirit and contrite heart of the repentant.

The Hebrew word for "broken"

7665 shabar- to break, to break in pieces

- a) (Qal)
 - 1) to break, to break in (or down), to rend violently, to wreck, to crush, to quench
 - 2) to break, to rupture (figurative)
- b) (Niphal)
 - 1) to be broken, to be maimed, to be crippled, to be wrecked
 - 2) to be broken, to be crushed (figurative)
- c) (Piel) to shatter, to break
- d) (Hiphil) to cause to break out, to bring to the birth
- e) (Hophal) to be broken, to be shattered

The Hebrew word for "spirit"

7307 ruwach- a wind, breath, a mind, a spirit

- a) breath
- b) a wind
 - 1) used of heaven
 - 2) a quarter (used of the wind), a side
 - 3) a breath of air
 - 4) air, gas
 - 5) vain, an empty thing
- c) spirit (as what breathes quickly in animation or agitation)
 - 1) spirit, animation, vivacity, vigor
 - 2) courage
 - 3) temper, anger
 - 4) impatience, patience
 - 5) spirit, disposition (as troubled, bitter, discontented)
 - 6) disposition (used of various kinds), unaccountable or uncontrollable impulse
 - 7) prophetic spirit
- d) spirit (used of the living, breathing being in man and animals); as gift, preserved by G-d, G-d's spirit, departing at death, a disembodied being
- e) the spirit (as the seat of emotion)

- 1) desire
- 2) sorrow, trouble
- f) the spirit
 - 1) as the seat or organ of mental acts
 - 2) rarely used of the will
 - 3) as the seat (especially) of moral character
- g) the Spirit of G-d
 - 1) as an inspiring ecstatic state of prophecy
 - 2) as an impelling prophet to utter instruction or a warning
 - 3) imparting a war-like energy and executive and administrative power
 - 4) as endowing men with various gifts
 - 5) as an energy of life
 - 6) an ancient angel and later the Shekinah

Hebrew word for "heart"...(play close attention)

3820 leb- the inner man, the mind, the will, the heart, understanding the inner part, the midst

- 1) the midst (of things)
- 2) the heart (of man)
- 3) the soul, the heart (of man)
- 4) the mind, knowledge, the thinking, reflection, the memory
- 5) inclination, resolution, determination (of will)
- 6) the conscience
- 7) the heart (used of moral character)
- 8) as the seat of the appetites
- 9) as seat of the emotions and the passions
- 10) as the seat of the courage

Hebrew word for "despise"

959 bazah- to despise, to hold in contempt, to disdain

- a) (Qal) to despise, to regard with contempt
- b) (Niphal)
 - 1) to be despised
 - 2) to be despicable
 - 3) to be vile, to be worthless
- c) (Hiphil) to cause to despise

OBEDIENCE IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN A BLOOD SACRIFICE

We know that G-d cannot lie, nor the prophets or David, the writer of Psalms. We accept these as the foundations of your faith. Yet we have an irreconcilable problem when what is written in the Old Testament is compared with what is written in the New Testament. For example as shown before, Hebrews 9:22 leads us to believe that blood is the ONLY method for atonement, but in actuality it says "almost all things," thus indicating that other ways are available for atonement. We are led to assume that animal sacrifices were the antitype of the crucifixion. Yet Samuel and Micah inform us that obedience is far superior to a blood sacrifice.

1 Sam 15:22

22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? [NO]...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. (KJV)

The above is a rhetorical question and the answer is obvious.

8085 shama` - as a verb:

- 1) to hear, to listen to, to obey
 - a) (Qal)
 - 1) to hear (perceive by ear)
 - 2) to hear of or concerning
 - 3) to hear (have power to hear)
 - 4) to hear with attention or interest, to listen to
 - 5) to understand (language)
 - 6) to hear (used of judicial cases)
 - 7) to listen, to give heed
 - a) to consent, to agree
 - b) to grant request
- 2) to listen to, to yield to
- 3) to obey, to be obedient

Answer for yourself: Is G-d teaching us that it is better to listen to Him, to hear His Word by our ears, to listen with interest, to understand, agree with what we have heard and thus obey than the sacrificial system? Yes.

7181 qashab- to hear, to be attentive, to heed, to incline (used of ears), to attend (used of ears), to hearken, to pay attention, to listen

- a) (Qal) incline, to attend (used of ears), to hearken, to pay attention, to listen
- b) (Hiphil) to pay attention, to give attention

7181 qashab (kaw-shab'); a primitive root; to prick up the ears, i.e. hearken: KJV-- attend, (cause to) hear (-ken), give heed, incline, mark (well), regard.

- a) (Niphal)
 - 1) to be heard (used of voice or sound)
 - 2) to be heard of
- b) to be regarded, to be obeyed
- c) (Piel) to cause to hear, to call to hear, to summon
- d) (Hiphil)
 - 1) to cause to hear, to tell, to proclaim, to utter a sound
 - 2) to sound aloud (a musical term)
 - 3) to make proclamation, to summon
 - 4) to cause to be heard as a masculine noun:
 - 5) sound

Answer for yourself: Does “to hearken” carry basically the same meaning as “to obey”? Yes.

Micah 6:6-8

- 6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high G-d? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?
- 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
- 8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy G-d? (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that in the presence of sacrifices, that G-d desires more that His subjects “do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly”?

First of all we notice that G-d “requires” something of us:

1875 darash- to resort to, seek, seek with care, enquire, require

- **a) Qal**
 - 1) to resort to, to frequent (a place), (to tread a place)
 - a) to consult, to enquire of, to seek
 - b) used of G-d
 - c) used of heathen gods, necromancers
- 2) to seek deity in prayer and worship
 - a) G-d
 - b) heathen deities
- 3) to seek (with a demand), to demand, to require
- 4) to investigate, to enquire
- 5) to ask for, to require, to demand
- 6) to practice, to study, to follow, to seek with application
- 7) to seek with care, to care for
 - b) (Niphal)
 - 1) to allow oneself to be inquired of, to be consulted (used only of G-d)
 - 2) to be sought, to be sought out
 - 3) to be required (used of blood)

1875 darash (daw-rash'); a primitive root; properly, to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically to worship: KJV-- ask, X at all, care for, X diligently, inquire, make inquisition, [necro-] mancer, question, require, search, seek [for, out], X surely.

Answer for yourself: What does it mean to “do justly”?

4941 mishpat (mish-pawt');

from 8199; properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV-- + adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, X worthy, + wrong.

4941 mishpat- judgment, justice, ordinance

- **a) judgment**
- **1) act of deciding a case**

- 2) a place, a court, a seat of judgment
- 3) a process, a procedure, a litigation (before judges)
- 4) a case, a cause (presented for judgment)
- 5) a sentence, a decision (of judgment)
- 6) an execution (of judgment)
- 7) time (of judgment)
- b) justice, right, rectitude (attributes of G-d or man)
- c) ordinance
- d) decision (in law)
- e) right, privilege, due (legal)
- f) proper, fitting, measure, fitness, custom, manner, plan

Answer for yourself: What is the term for “mercy”?

2617 checed-

- 1) goodness, kindness, faithfulness
- 2) a reproach, shame

Answer for yourself: What does it mean to “walk”?

3212 yalak-

to go, to walk, to come

- a) (Qal)
 - 1) to go, to walk, to come, to depart, to proceed, to move, to go away
 - 2) to die, to live, manner of life (figurative)
- b) (Hiphil) to lead, to bring, to lead away, to carry, to cause to walk

Answer for yourself: What does “humbly” mean in the Hebrew?

6800 tsana`-

- 1) to be humble, to be modest, to be lowly; (Qal) to show humility
- 2) (Hiphil) to be modest

PRAYER REPLACES THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM...BECAUSE IT HAD ALWAYS EXISTED BEFORE SACRIFICES

Hosea 14:2-3

2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. 3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: How has the writer of the book of Hebrews again changed the quote from the Hebrew Scriptures, and were you aware before now?

Heb. 13:15

- 15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to G-d continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: Can you see how problematic it was for the writer of Hebrews to quote Hosea 14:2-3 correctly?

To do so meant that the writer of Hebrews and his premise of “only blood” could not hold water, for after all Hosea had told his readers that they only need take “words” with them in their return to the LORD as they substitute for the bulls and blood of sacrifices praise and prayer unto G-d.

Answer for yourself: What is omitted entirely by the writer of Hebrews in alluding to the verse in Hosea? Any mention of the substitute of bulls as a form of atonement for prayers and praise as a form of atonement.

DID G-D EVER FOREWARN THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND PREPARE THEM FOR A TIME WHEN THEY WOULD NOT HAVE A TEMPLE AND BLOOD SACRIFICES FOR ATONEMENT? HOW COME CHRISTIANITY NEVER POINTED THIS OUT TO ME?

Of course G-d did. King Solomon prophetically looks into the future and relates the condition of the Jewish people in their future exile as he inaugurates the newly completed first temple. King Solomon prophetically anticipates the claims of Christendom, and assures them of the future generations of the Jewish diaspora that when the temple and Jerusalem are no longer here, confessional prayer will bring about a complete atonement for all transgressors. Throughout his whole prophetic declaration, King Solomon never says that the future Jewish exiles must believe in a crucified redeemer for an atonement. Let us examine what he actually said.

1 Kings 8:46-50

- 46 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;
- 47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;
- 48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:
- 49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,
- 50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: (KJV)

2 Chr 6:36-39

- 36 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;
- 37 Yet **if** they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and **turn** and **pray** unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;
- 38 **If** they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have

built for thy name:

- 39 **Then** hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, **their prayer** and their supplications, and maintain their cause, **and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.** (KJV)

EZEKIEL ON ATONEMENT

Throughout this chapter, Ezekiel warns Israel that the doctrine of vicarious atonement is antithetical to the will of G-d. In addition, the prophet assures the Jewish people that it is the act of repentance alone that atones for sin.

Answer for yourself: In the following verses, does Ezekiel mention anything about blood or a crucified Messiah throughout this crucial chapter which has as its theme the doctrine of sin and atonement?

Ezek 18:1-4

- 1 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,
- 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?
- 3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.
- 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. (KJV)

Ezek 18:19-23

- 19 Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.
- 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.
- 21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
- 22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.
- 23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? (KJV)

Ezek 33:10-11

1. 10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?
2. 11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (KJV)

ALMSGIVING AND ATONEMENT

Prov 10:2

- **2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. (KJV)**

Prov 11:4

- **4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. (KJV)**

Prov 16:6

- **6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. (KJV)**

Hosea 6:6

- **6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of G-d more than burnt offerings. (KJV)**

Dan 4:24

- **24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: (KJV)**

JEREMIAH WARNS ABOUT THE OVEREMPHASIS ON THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

Jer 7:3-7

- **3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the G-d of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.**
- **4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.**
- **5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;**
- **6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:**
- **7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever. (KJV)**

Jer 7:21-23

- **21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the G-d of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.**
- **22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:**
- **23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your G-d, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. (KJV)**

RESTORATION OF SACRIFICES IN THE MESSIANIC AGE TO COME

Isa 56:7

- 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. (KJV)

Jer 33:17-18

- 17 For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;
- 18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. (KJV)

Zech 14:21

- 21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts. (KJV)

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Ezek 43:22-25

- 22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.
- 23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
- 24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD.
- 25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. (KJV)

Answer for yourself: If Yeshua was the final sacrifice once and for all as Hebrews 10:10, 18 teaches, and the animal sacrificial system was merely a foreshadowing of Calvary (Heb 9-10), why will animal sacrifices be re-instituted in the Messianic era?

In light of what I have shown you, and understanding the many corruptions, changes, and alterations we have shown you in the New Testament as it was re-worked by Rome and the Anti-Semitic Gentile church, how then are we to understand such passages as these in light of what we just studied?

Rom 6:10

- 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto G-d. (KJV)

Heb 9:12

- 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption (KJV)

Heb 10:10

- **10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yeshua Christ once for all. (KJV)**

Heb 10:18

- **18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. (KJV)**

Answer for yourself: How can these passages which exist in a document full of errors, inaccuracies, additions, and changes, and other passages like them in the New Testament, have any validity when compared with what I have shown you in this article alone which existed previously in the Law, Prophets, and Writings?

DOES THE BIBLE GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF NON-JEWS REPENTING AND THUS HAVING THEIR SINS FORGIVEN WITHOUT BLOOD SACRIFICES?

Yes. The people of Ninevah.

Jonah 3:5-10

- **5 So the people of Nineveh believed G-d, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.**
- **6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.**
- **7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:**
- **8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto G-d: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.**
- **9 Who can tell if G-d will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?**
- **10 And G-d saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and G-d repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. (KJV)**

DOES THE BIBLE YESHUA USED, THE OLD TESTAMENT, TEACH US ABOUT AND PROMISE US ATONEMENT THROUGH REPENTANCE ALONE?.....SURE DOES

Isa 55:6-9

- **6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:**
- **7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our G-d, for he will abundantly pardon.**
- **8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.**
- **9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (KJV)**

SO ARE WE TO THINK THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE CANNOT BE RIGHT WITH G-D SINCE DEPRIVED OF A TEMPLE AND BLOOD

SACRIFICES TODAY?

Hosea 3:4-5

- **4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:**
- **5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their G-d, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days. (KJV)**

SO WHY ALL THIS FUSS OVER YESHUA AS THE PASSOVER LAMB WHEN THE FESTIVAL OF PASSOVER HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ATONEMENT ANYWAY.....SHOULD NOT YESHUA HAVE DIED ON YOM KIPPUR TO BE AN ATONEMENT?

In light of everything said so far, please understand that we are not trying to destroy anyone's faith in G-d or in Yeshua as the "non-Jews" example of G-dliness manifested through the flesh. Yet, we must be truthful to the Hebrew Text as well as the corruption, alterations, additions, and deletions in the Greek text once we come to understand them. Our faith must rest in truth, and not in desire to want to believe what we were told when we were little. G-d is seeking them to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, and such a quest means we must be ruthless in our pursuit of truth. Having said that, understand our religious belief system must be based upon truth and not fantasy or anti-Semitic lies. Thus we at Bet Emet deal with issues most are afraid to address or even mention. Too often thoughts of doubt remain unspoken, when if exposed to the light of linguistic analysis, cultural and contextual analysis, have understandings that reveal G-d's wisdom and awesome plan of redemption.

Answer for yourself: So How Can The Writer Of Hebrews Go Against What The Many Prophets Said Which They All Were In Agreement On?

Shalom....See you in the last article.



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WHAT DID THE DEATH OF YESHUA ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH # 9

JUSTIFICATION WITH G-D: BELIEF, BLOOD, OR REPENTANCE AND OBEDIENCE?

Hoses 6:6 6. For I desired <2654> (8804) mercy <2617>, and not sacrifice <2077>; and the knowledge <1847> of G-d <430> more than burnt offerings <5930>.

The Hebrew Word For "Delight"

Lexicon Hebrew 2654

02654 chaphets {khaw-fates'} a primitive root; TWOT - 712,713; v AV - delight 39, please 14, desire 9, will 3, pleasure 3, favour 2, like 2, moveth 1, would 1, at all 1; 75

- 1) to delight in, take pleasure in, desire, be pleased with
 - 1a) (Qal)
 - 1a1) of men
 - 1a1a) to take pleasure in, delight in
 - 1a1b) to delight, desire, be pleased to do
 - 1a2) of G-d
 - 1a2a) to delight in, have pleasure in
 - 1a2b) to be pleased to do
- 2) to move, bend down
 - 2a) (Qal) to bend down

The Hebrew Word For "Mercy"

Lexicon Hebrew 2617

02617 checed {kheh'-sed} from 02616; TWOT - 698a,699a; n m AV - mercy 149, kindness 40, lovingkindness 30, goodness 12, kindly 5, merciful 4, favour 3, good 1, goodliness 1, pity 1, reproach 1, wicked thing 1; 248

- 1) goodness, kindness, faithfulness
- 2) a reproach, shame

The Hebrew Word For "Sacrifice"

Lexicon Hebrew 2077

02077 zebach {zeh'-bakh} from 02076; TWOT - 525a; n m AV - sacrifice 155, offerings 6, offer 1; 162

- 1) sacrifice
 - 1a) sacrifices of righteousness
 - 1b) sacrifices of strife
 - 1c) sacrifices to dead things
 - 1d) the covenant sacrifice
 - 1e) the passover
 - 1f) annual sacrifice
 - 1g) thank offering

The Hebrew Word For "Knowledge"

Lexicon Hebrew 1847

01847 da`ath {dah'-ath} from 03045; TWOT - 848c; n m/f AV - knowledge 82, know 6, cunning 1, unwittingly 2 + 01097 2, ignorantly + 01097 1, unawares + 01097 1; 93

- 1) knowledge
 - 1a) knowledge, perception, skill
 - 1b) discernment, understanding, wisdom

Before, during, and after the destruction of Solomon and Herod's Temples there were blood sacrifices made by Jewish people. This continued for both the Jewish people, as well as those who were believers in Yeshua up and until 70 C.E (both Jew and Gentile). Bringing of blood sacrifices after the crucifixion of Yeshua by believers "in Yeshua" pose a difficult problem for the traditional Christian who has been taught his whole life that Yeshua did away with the sacrificial system. The evidence for believers in Jesus continually bringing blood offerings and sin offerings following his death proves to us, as found in [Acts 21](#) for example, that the early church held different ideas about atonement than what we as Christians and followers of Jesus today have inherited from the Gentile Church following the destruction of the Temple and the scattering of the Jewish Church.

Answer for yourself: Just how did the Jews get forgiveness and justification from sin if they do not believe in Yeshua as their Messiah or that his sacrifice atoned for all their sins?

Answer for yourself: Does the Bible teach that forgiveness of sin is impossible outside a belief in Yeshua? No and we will see that clearly in a moment.

Answer for yourself: Does your church teach that forgiveness of sin is impossible outside a belief in Yeshua? Most likely.

Answer for yourself: Is it possible for the Jewish people to be justified before G-d yet be blinded to the identity of Yeshua? As foreign the idea is to the typical Christian, I believe that after you have examined the evidence presented you may have to say "Yes;" especially in light of the fact that the part in Romans 11 that says the Jews were "blinded" was written after 180 A.D. and only then included among the Pauline literature!

The traditional Christian's response to the above question is usually "No way." In this article I will challenge you with the Bible and the teaching of the Bible on the issue. What you will see in this article will challenge traditional Christian teaching on "salvation" as you have heard and know it.

Answer for yourself: Is the Bible to be our authority for our belief and practice, or our denominational doctrines which, as you know, vary immensely among the 22000 or more denominations that exist today? You

have to answer that for yourself.

BELIEF- FAITH-ACTION:

The Bible states emphatically that no one was or is justified / forgiven by any way other than faith. Following are several quotes from the Encyclopedia Judaica (vol. 3, pp. 654-656):

"In Judaism the need for a profession of belief did not arise and rabbinic synods saw no necessity for a drawing up of concise formulas expressing Jewish beliefs. Theologically speaking, every Jew is born into G-d's covenant with the people of Israel, and membership in the community does not depend on credal affirmations of a formal character. Jewish beliefs are voiced in the form of prayer and in the twice-daily recital of the Shema...Deut. 6:4 "Listen (Heb. Shema) Israel, G-d is our Lord, G-d is One," (The Living Torah)].

The formulation of articles of Jewish faith is largely a medieval development, even though Philo (first century C.E.) had spoken of eight essential principles of scriptural religion: (1) existence of G-d; (2) His Unity; (3) divine providence; (4) creation of the world; (5) unity of the world; (6) the existence of incorporeal ideas; (7) the revelation of the Law (Torah; oral and written); and (8) its eternity . . .

The fundamentals by Maimonides [1135-1204] are: (1) The existence of G-d which is perfect and sufficient unto itself and which is the cause of the existence of all other beings. (2) G-d's unity which is unlike all others of unity. (3) G-d must not be conceived in bodily terms, and the anthropomorphic expressions applied to G-d in Scripture have to be understood in a metaphorical sense. (4) G-d is eternal. (5) G-d alone is to be worshipped and obeyed. There are no mediating powers able freely to grant man's petitions, and intermediaries must not be invoked. (6) Prophecy. (7) Moses is unsurpassed by any other prophet. (8) The entire Torah was given to Moses. (9) Moses' Torah will not be abrogated or superseded by another divine law nor will anything be added to, or taken away from it. (10) G-d knows the actions of men. (11) G-d rewards those who fulfill the commandments of the Torah, and punishes those who transgress them. (12) The coming of the Messiah. (13) The resurrection of the dead."

The Hebrew word Emunah has a two-fold connotation - theological and human. It signifies a like faith and trust in G-d, and faithfulness, honesty, and integrity in human relations. These two concepts of **Emunah** do not conflict with each other. In Judaism, unlike other religions (and we must never forget that Yeshua is Jewish and always adhered to Judaism and not Christianity), faith is not some mystical quality charged with supernatural powers capable of winning divine favor and grace. Faith is a dynamic, a motive of faithfulness, **and faith is of value only in so far as it is productive of faithful action**; nor is there any faithful action that is not rooted in faith in G-d. The man of faithfulness is an **Ish Emunah (man of faith)**, and the man of faith is a **Ba'al Emunah (possessor of faith)**. For it is the man of the highest faith in G-d who is the man of the greatest faithfulness in dealing with his fellow man; and it is only the man of faithfulness who can truly be considered a man of faith.

From the above information we can see that it is belief in G-d and not sacrifices that produce the beginning of a relationship with G-d. Abraham, a ben Noah, is the archtype of all people of faith.

"And he (Abraham) believed in the LORD (YHVH); and he (YHVH) counted it to him (Abraham) for righteousness" (Gen. 15:6).

It was his belief in YHVH that caused Abraham to move from the land of his father and make his home in a strange land. **But Abraham's belief (faith), to be acceptable by G-d, had to produce actions based upon such faith!** IT MUST BE NOTED THAT ACTIONS DID NOT PRODUCE THE FAITH! One must have faith first! This is the formula that is shown throughout Tanakh. The members of the Nazarene Sect possessed this same belief.

"For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath something of which to glory, but not before G-d. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed G-d, and it was counted unto him for righteousness (literally Justification, Strong's # 1343).

Lexicon Greek 1343

1343 dikaiosune {dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay} from 1342; TDNT - 2:192,168; n f AV - righteousness 92; 92

- 1) in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to G-d
- 1a) the doctrine concerning the way in which man may attain a state approved of G-d!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 1b) integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2) in a narrower sense, justice or the virtue which gives each his due

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him (YHVH) that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness (literally justification). [Strong's # 1343]. (Rom. 4:2-5).

"Even as Abraham believed G-d, and it was accounted to him for righteousness (Justification, Strong's 1343). Know ye, therefore that they who are of faith, the same are the sons of Abraham " (Gal. 3: 6- 7).

Answer for yourself: Whom did Abraham believe that brought him righteousness? G-d (YHVH)..

"For without faith it is impossible to please him (YHVH); for he that cometh to G-d must believe that he (YHVH) is, and that he (YHVH) is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (YHVH) " (Heb. 11: 6).

Answer for yourself: Who are we to come to..Yeshua or YHVH? YHVH

Answer for yourself: Who made it possible for Gentile to know YHVH and understand those things necessary whereby we could come to YHVH? Yeshua

"Thou believes" that there is one G-d; thou doest well. The demons also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead. Was not Abraham, our father, justified by works (not faith alone), when he had offered Isaac, his son, upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works and by works was faith made perfect (complete)? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed G-d, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness (literally justification); and he was called a friend of G-d: (Jas. 2:19-23).

Answer for yourself: Will faith in Yeshua without proper works result in "complete faith?" No.

Answer for yourself: Should our faith in Yeshua not be so much in his identity but his message which commanded actions that pleased his Father? Yes.

LOOKING AT OUR EXAMPLES

The Nazarene Sect went one step further than what is mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Nazarenes equated faith in G-d with faith in His messiah (**HIS MESSAGE**). To the early Jerusalem Church if one believed in G-d this would result in believing that Yeshua (Yeshua) was G-d's Messiah who came with an authoritative message and warning.

"And this is life eternal, that they might KNOW thee, THE ONLY TRUE G-D, and Yeshua Christ (Messiah) whom THOU (G-d) hast sent (Jn. 17. 3).

3 And <1161> this <3778> is <2076> (5748) life <2222> eternal <166>, that <2443> they might know <1097> (5725) thee <4571> the only <3441> true <228> G-d <2316>, and <2532> Yeshua <2424> Christ <5547>, whom <3739> thou hast sent <649> (5656).

Answer for yourself: Is there a connection between eternal life and acquiring know-ledge of G-d? Yes.

Let us examine the Greek word used in "they might know:"

Lexicon Greek 1097

1097 ginosko {ghin-oc'e'-ko} a prolonged form of a primary verb; TDNT - 1:689,119; v AV - know 196, perceive 9, understand 8, misc 10; 223

- **1) to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel**
- **1a) to become known**
- **2) to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of**
- **2a) to understand**
- **2b) to know**
- **3) Jewish idiom for sexual intercourse between a man and a woman**
- **4) to become acquainted with, to know**

We are to "know G-d." "Knowing" is in the present tense and active voice. That means each one is himself responsible to acquire knowledge of G-d and His ways through study of His holy Word. Failure to study G-d's Torah has deceived millions into believing they are right with and in proper relationship with G-d because they belong to a church or hear 30 minutes of preaching a week. They are deceived and are in error.

Answer for yourself: Does the Bible teach us that we can know for sure that we "know G-d?" Yes.

1 John 2:3 And <2532> hereby <1722> <5129> we do know <1097> (5719) that <3754> we know <1097> (5758) him <846>, if <1437> we keep <5083> (5725) his <846> commandments <1785>.

Answer for yourself: Is the word "know" as in "know him" the same word used in John 17:3... "here is life eternal...that we know G-d?" Yes.

Answer for yourself: Does knowing the commandments and keeping them assure us of eternal life? Yes.

"But these are WRITTEN, that ye might BELIEVE that Yeshua is THE CHRIST' (Messiah), 'THE SON OF G-D) (not G-d the son); and that believing, ye might have life through his (G-d, remember Abraham believed G-d) name" [G-d's Name] (Jn. 20:31).

Thus life (eternal life) comes through believing through the same name that Abraham believed in...namely; Yahweh and not Yeshua. Have faith in G-d!

Abraham believed "G-d" (he believed what G-d had said) and then it was accounted unto him as righteousness.

Answer for yourself: Why am I making a difference between believing G-d vs believing in Jesus? Simply because the Gentile writers and redactors of the New Testament have put into the mouth of Jesus as well as others who write of him many doctrines that the historical Jesus, let alone the Messiah, could never have believed and which are totally foreign to the faith of the Jews. Literally paganism has been put into the mouth of Jesus and others in the New Testament in many, but not all places. The hard thing for the average believer to do is to discern the meat from the bone and this can be done only after years of study.

Answer for yourself: Would you believe the Bible more than what you often hear preached when shown that what you heard preached is in error when compared to the Bible? Don't be so quick to answer for many I know who say "yes" end up not repenting when shown error; they would rather continue following the errors and traditions of men for that is all they have ever known. To walk in a new direction when shown your errors is possibly one of the greatest manifestations of faith that man can exhibit before G-d.

John states the purpose of his writing:

- ***1. ". . . that they mighty KNOW Thee (G-d...not your church or denominational doctrines), THE ONLY TRUE G-D (YHVH), and Yeshua Christ (Messiah) WHOM THOU HAST SENT"***
- ***2. ". . . these are written, that ye might BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST (Messiah), THE SON OF G-D."***

In view of the above statements made by the writer let us read John 3:16 in the following light. Get ready for the shock of your life!

"For G-d so loved the world that He (G-d) gave His (G-d) only begotten Son (Yeshua the Messiah) that whosoever believeth in Him (G-d) should not perish but have everlasting life."

Answer for yourself: Did you notice a monumental difference in the correct wording above over what you have accepted previously?

Answer for yourself: Have we mistakenly misunderstood to whom our faith as Christians is to be directed toward? We sure have.

Answer for yourself: Are we to direct our faith to another or G-d alone as did Abraham? G-d alone as did Abraham.

FAITH IN THE G-D (YHVH) OF YESHUA JUSTIFIES...NOT FAITH "IN YESHUA"

Let us examine three references that show clearly that it is faith in the G-d of Yeshua, not faith in Yeshua which results in justification.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Yeshua, and shalt BELIEVE IN THINE HEART (MIND) THAT G-D RAISED HIM (Yeshua) from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom.

10:9).

Answer for yourself: In this passage who is the active participant...*Yeshua* or G-d? G-d.

Answer for yourself: Does the above passage say we are to have faith in the acts of G-d; one of which is the resurrection of *Yeshua*? Yes.

Answer for yourself: Does the passage say that we are to confess that *Yeshua* is Lord (the Gentile's example and whose authority we follow) as well as relegating our faith to the G-d of *Yeshua* and not *Yeshua*? Yes.

Answer for yourself: Would it bother you to know that the above passage, Rom. 10:9-10, was not in the writings collected in 150 A.D. when the first New Testament was organized but only after 180 A.D. would such passages show up in the Second collection of writings we call the New Testament? What is also very troubling is that the collector of the First New Testament in 150 A.D. (Marcion) was staunchly pro-Pauline and there is no reason why such an anti-Jewish passage would not have been collected and used by Marcion in his tirade against the Jews.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord (YHVH .. Joel 2:23) shall be saved " (Rom. 10:13).

Answer for yourself: Is Rom. 10:13 a quote from the Hebrew Scriptures and the book of Joel 2:32? Yes.

Answer for yourself: Are we to call upon YHVH or *Yeshua*?

Answer for yourself: Does the "Lord" in this verse (Rom. 10:13) as quoted from Joel refers to YHVH or *Yeshua*? Let us examine Joel 2:32 to determine correctly.

Answer for yourself: Would it bother you to know that the above passage, let alone the whole of Romans chapters 9-11, were not in the New Testament until after 180 A.D.? As stated earlier such passages were not available for men like Marcion and others to use since they did not exist until after 180 A.D. when Irenaeus presents us with his response to Marcion; it is called the official New Testament (the second one).

Let us examine the passage from Joel 2:32 from which the Gentile writers of the New Testament derived their theology

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call <7121> (8799) on the name <8034> of the LORD <3068> shall be delivered <4422> (8735): for in mount <2022> Zion <6726> and in Jerusalem <3389> shall be deliverance <6413>, as the LORD <3068> hath said <559> (8804), and in the remnant <8300> whom the LORD <3068> shall call <7121> (8802).

The Hebrew word for "LORD" is as follows:

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03068 Yehovah {yeh-ho-vaw'} from 01961; TWOT - 484a; n pr dei AV - LORD 6510, G-D 4, JEHOVAH 4, variant 1; 6519 Jehovah = "the existing One"

1) the proper name of the one true G-d...YHVH/Jehovah

Answer for yourself: Is Paul quoting a Scripture to tell us to call upon YHVH or *Yeshua*? You can clearly see now that we are to call upon Yahweh but if you are honest you find this passage always taught as if one is to believe on "Jesus."

Answer for yourself: Have we been taught to trust *Yeshua* or Yahweh for your salvation and to call out to

Yeshua or Yahweh for salvation? Yeshua on both counts, yet the original Scriptures teach otherwise. Get ready for another shock to your system.

"Who by him (Yeshua) do (we Gentiles) BELIEVE IN G-D, WHO RAISED HIM (Yeshua) FROM THE DEAD and gave him (Yeshua) glory, that YOUR FAITH AND HOPE MIGHT BE IN G-D" (and not Yeshua) (1 Pet. 1. 21).

Answer for yourself: Was the purpose of Yeshua to get us to have faith in him or in his Father YHVH? YHVH.

Answer for yourself: As Gentiles, who were strangers from the covenant promises, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, without hope and without G-d in the world, are we to understand that the purpose of Yeshua and his ministry was to get us to G-d and not get us to himself (Yeshua)? Yes, he came to get us to G-d.

Answer for yourself: Can you as a Christian say and understand that we Gentiles came to believe in G-d (YHVH) because of His Messiah who gave his life that the message of the commandments might be taken to the world in the Great Commission (teach them to observe those things I commanded you)? Yes.

In the verses cited, it is faith in the G-d who raised Yeshua, not faith in Yeshua that brings justification. This is literally an atomic bomb to the Christian church which focuses on Yeshua to the exclusion of YHVH, faith in Yeshua to the exclusion of faith in YHVH, and on the New Testament writings to the exclusion of the Hebrew Bible. The Nazarenes view of the first century (Yeshua's church) was that faith in G-d would result in believing that Yeshua was the Messiah of YHVH. This is not the same as faith in "the blood" of Yeshua, but in the Father of Yeshua.

Clearly the Nazarene Sect viewed justification as coming from faith in G-d, not from blood sacrifices (whether animal or human as taught about Yeshua). Justification means to declare just. The belief (faith) in G-d resulted in them being declared just as they obeyed the commandments of YHVH. James, the brother of Yeshua, declared that justification will result in works (action). The context of the passage would reflect the specific action taken.

Isaiah was a favorite source for the Nazarenes. Let us examine Isaiah's view of ransom / justification / redemption.

"Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together. Who hath declared this from ancient time? Who hath told it from that time? Have not I, the Lord (YHVH)? And THERE IS NO G-D ELSE BESIDES ME, A JUST G-D AND SAVIOR; THERE IS NONE BESIDES ME. Look unto ME (YHVH) AND BE SAVED, ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH (Heb. Adam i.e., all mankind-Gentiles); For I am G-d, and there is none else. (Isa. 45. 21-22).

Answer for yourself: Does Isaiah tell the Gentile world to look to Yeshua to be saved or to YHVH to be saved? Look unto YHVH.

The death of Jesus served as a catalyst that brought repentance to the Jewish religious establishment in the first century C.E. by the taking the Laws of Noah to the world for manifestations of obedience of their new faith in the ONE true G-d...YHVH. The Nazarene community knew quite well that Gentile faith without works was a dead faith; thus the teaching directed toward them "to observe those things Yeshua had commanded...for the words he spoke were not his, but his Father's in heaven.

Remember the former things of old; for I am G-d, and THERE IS NONE ELSE; I am G-d, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure (Isa. 46:9-10).

Thus saith the Lord (YHVH), THY REDEEMER, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord (YHVH) thy G-d, who teacheth thee to profit, who LEADETH THEE BY THE WAY THAT THOU SHOULDEST GO" (Isa. 48:17).

The Hebrew writings as well as the writings of the Nazarenes agree. It is faith in G-d (YHVH) which makes one just in the sight of YHVH. It is this faith that responds in obedience to YHVH's mitzvot (commandments).

I have quoted the Jewish (Judaism's) concept of faith and works in the above section. We have seen the Nazarene (Messianic) Sects' concept of faith, both are in agreement, FAITH COMES BECAUSE OF BELIEF IN G-D (YHVH).

JUSTIFICATION: FAITH OR BLOOD? BLOOD - FACTS:

Answer for yourself: What do we do with all those passages dealing with the idea of blood and blood sacrifices since what we supposed was "faith in Yeshua" in reality is "faith in G-d" instead? This will be the subject of our next section.

Answer for yourself: Was a blood sacrifice required each time a Jew sinned? No!

Answer for yourself: Was a blood sacrifice the only way to obtain atonement (a covering for sin): No!

The person making the sacrifice brought the sacrifice to the Temple ONLY after he had acknowledged his transgression and previously confessed. Let us look at passages in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers for the requirements of a sacrifice. Your further study is recommended in the Encyclopedia Judaica vol. 1, index p. 730 regarding various aspects of sacrifices.

Answer for yourself: What about those Jews who lived in Asia Minor and other parts of the world who did not have access to the Temple for animal sacrifices? How did they obtain forgiveness?

They could not run down to Jerusalem each time they needed to make a sacrifice.

The key verse for those (unenlightened and knowledgeable Christians) who would try to make blood sacrifices the only means of atonement is Leviticus 17. 11.

"For the life of the flesh is the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

Rashi makes the following observation. Because life is dependent upon the blood, G-d designed blood as the medium that goes upon the Altar for atonement, as if to say, 'Let one life be offered to atone for another.' So it is not appropriate for it to be eaten. Notice two things:

1. **The shedding of blood brings atonement.**
2. **Blood is not to be eaten by any man.**

Answer for yourself: What does this verse not say?

It does not say that a blood sacrifice is the only means of gaining atonement!

Answer for yourself: Should the New Testament writings contradict the Hebrew Old Testament Scriptures? No. Does it? Yes. Where? Many places...for example...

Hebrews 9:22 And <2532> almost <4975> all things <3956> are <2511> <0> by <2596> the law <3551> purged <2511> (5743) with <1722> blood <129>; and <2532> without <5565> shedding of blood <130> is <1096> (5736) no <3756> remission <859>.

The Greek Word For "Purged"

Lexicon Greek 2511 2511 katharizo {kath-ar-id'-zo} from 2513; TDNT - 3:413,381; v AV - cleanse 16, make clean 5, be clean 3, purge 3, purify 3; 30

- 1) to make clean, cleanse
 - 1a) from physical stains and dirt
 - 1a1) utensils, food
 - 1a2) a leper, to cleanse by curing
 - 1a3) to remove by cleansing
 - 1b) in a moral sense
 - 1b1) to free from defilement of sin and from faults
 - 1b2) to purify from wickedness
 - 1b3) to free from guilt of sin, to purify
 - 1b4) to consecrate by cleansing or purifying
 - 1b5) to consecrate, dedicate
- 2) to pronounce clean in a levitical sense

Answer for yourself: Does Heb. 9:22 say "all things" are purged by blood or "almost all?" Almost all.

Answer for yourself: Does the Bible teach that without the shedding of blood that there is no forgiveness of sins or does Heb. 9:22 teach that only? No the Bible does not, but Heb. 9:22 is bogus. Heb. 9:22 teaches that in error, for having previously proven repeatedly that there is not a "New Covenant" existing yet, but only a renewed Old Covenant, there is absolutely no warrant for changing the Words of G-d in the Hebrew Scriptures as has been done by those wishing to create a new religion about Yeshua instead of following the religion of Yeshua.

NON-BLOOD ATONEMENT AS TAUGHT BY THE BIBLE

Answer for yourself: Will you let the Bible dictate what you are to believe and not Catholic theology which has been written into the New Testament manuscripts in places which contradict Moses and the Bible Yeshua used, as well as where Biblical and Jewish doctrines were, in Gentile estimation, to be changed? I hope so.

Leviticus 5:11-13 'But IF HE BE NOT ABLE (if he is too poor) to bring two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, then he that SINNED shall BRING his offering THE TENTH PART OF AN EPHAH OF FINE FLOUR FOR A SIN OFFERING; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon; FOR IT IS A SIN OFFERING...And the priest shall MAKE AN ATONEMENT FOR HIM AS TOUCHING HIS SIN that he hath sinned in one of these, and IT SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM; and the remnant shall be the priest's as a meal offering.'

This passage reveals that A PERSON can bring his own atonement offering and that flour can be offered for sin when one cannot afford turtledoves (blood).

Exodus 30.16 "And thou shalt TAKE THE ATONEMENT MONEY OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL...to make AN ATONEMENT FOR YOUR SOULS." Money was given as a ransom / atonement for the people when they were numbered.

This emphasizes the concept of giving that is connected to the tithe (Matt. 19 and Matt. 25 giving to the poor is connected to eternal life).

Isaiah 6:4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. {door: Heb. thresholds} 5 Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. {undone: Heb. cut off} 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, [which] he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: {having...: Heb. and in his hand a live coal} 7 And he laid [it] upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

This passage emphasizes confession of sin for atonement.

Answer for yourself: What is the main action that purges sin in Isa. 6:4-7? The merciful sovereignty of G-d mixed with our awareness of our sin as revealed by His Torah and our great need of G-d's grace.

Isaiah 27:8-11 In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind. {it shooteth...: or, thou sendest it forth} {he...: or, when he removeth it with} 9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this [is] all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up. {images: or, sun images} 10 Yet the defenced city [shall be] desolate, [and] the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof. 11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, [and] set them on fire: for it [is] a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.

Answer for yourself: What is the main action that purges sin in the Isa. 27:8-11 text? The destruction of idolatry by zealous believers in YHVH.

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked <7563> forsake <5800> (8799) his way <1870>, and the unrighteous <205> man <376> his thoughts <4284>: and let him return <7725> (8799) unto the LORD <3068>, and he will have mercy <7355> (8762) upon him; and to our G-d <430>, for he will abundantly <7235> (8686) pardon <5545> (8800). {the unrighteous...: Heb. the man of iniquity} {abundantly...: Heb. multiply to pardon}

The Hebrew Word For "Forsake"

Lexicon Hebrew 5800 05800 `azab {aw-zab'} a primitive root; TWOT - 1594,1595; v AV - forsake 129, leave 72, leave off 4, faileth 2, fortify 2, help 2, committeth 1, destitute 1, refuseth 1, surely 1; 215

- 1) to leave, loose, forsake
- 1a) (Qal) to leave
- 1a1) to depart from, leave behind, leave, let alone
- 1a2) to leave, abandon, forsake, neglect, apostatize
- 1a3) to let loose, set free, let go, free
- 1b) (Niphal)
- 1b1) to be left to
- 1b2) to be forsaken
- 1c) (Pual) to be deserted

- 2) to restore, repair
- 2a) (Qal) to repair

The Hebrew Word For "Way"

Lexicon Hebrew 1870 01870 derek {deh'-rek} from 01869; TWOT - 453a; n m AV - way 590, toward 31, journey 23, manner 8, misc 53; 705

- 1) way, road, distance, journey, manner
- 1a) road, way, path
- 1b) journey
- 1c) direction
- 1d) manner, habit, way
- 1e) of course of life (fig.)
- 1f) of moral character (fig.)

The Hebrew Word For "Thoughts"

Lexicon Hebrew 4284 04284 machashabah {makh-ash-aw-baw'} or machashebeth {makh-ash-eh'-beth} from 02803; TWOT - 767d; n f AV - thought 28, device 12, purpose 6, work 3, imaginations 3, cunning 1, devised 1, invented 1, means 1; 56

- 1) thought, device
- 1a) thought
- 1b) device, plan, purpose
- 1c) invention

The Hebrew Word For "Return"

Lexicon Hebrew 7725 07725 shuwb {shoob} a primitive root; TWOT - 2340; v AV - return 391, ...again 248, turn 123, ...back 65, ...away 56, restore 39, bring 34, render 19, answer 18, recompense 8, recover 6, deliver 5, put 5, withdraw 5, requite 4, misc 40; 1066

- 1) to return, turn back
- 1a) (Qal)
- 1a1) to turn back, return
- 1a1a) to turn back
- 1a1b) to return, come or go back
- 1a1c) to return unto, go back, come back
- 1a1d) of dying
- 1a1e) of human relations (fig)
- 1a1f) of spiritual relations (fig)
- 1a1f1) to turn back (from G-d), apostatize
- 1a1f2) to turn away (of G-d)
- 1a1f3) to turn back (to G-d), repent
- 1a1f4) turn back (from evil)
- 1a1g) of inanimate things
- 1a1h) in repetition
- 1b) (Polel)
- 1b1) to bring back
- 1b2) to restore, refresh, repair (fig)
- 1b3) to lead away (enticingly)
- 1b4) to show turning, apostatize

- 1c) (Pual) restored (participle)
- 1d) (Hiphil) to cause to return, bring back
- 1d1) to bring back, allow to return, put back, draw back, give back, restore, relinquish, give in payment
- 1d2) to bring back, refresh, restore
- 1d3) to bring back, report to, answer
- 1d4) to bring back, make requital, pay (as recompense)
- 1d5) to turn back or backward, repel, defeat, repulse, hinder, reject, refuse
- 1d6) to turn away (face), turn toward
- 1d7) to turn against
- 1d8) to bring back to mind
- 1d9) to show a turning away
- 1d10) to reverse, revoke
- 1e) (Hophal) to be returned, be restored, be brought back
- 1f) (Pulal) brought back

The Hebrew Word For "Mercy"

Lexicon Hebrew 7355 07355 racham {raw-kham'} a primitive root; TWOT - 2146; v AV - ...mercy 32, ...compassion 8, pity 3, love 1, merciful 1, Ruhamah 1, surely 1; 47

- 1) to love, love deeply, have mercy, be compassionate, have tender affection, have compassion
- 1a) (Qal) to love
- 1b) (Piel)
- 1b1) to have compassion, be compassionate
- 1b1a) of G-d, man
- 1c) (Pual) to be shown compassion, be compassionate

The Hebrew Word For "Pardon"

Lexicon Hebrew 5545 05545 calach {saw-lakh'} a primitive root; TWOT - 1505; v AV - forgive 19, forgiven 13, pardon 13, spare 1; 46

- 1) to forgive, pardon
- 1a) (Qal) to forgive, pardon
- 1b) (Niphal) to be forgiven

Answer for yourself: What are the main actions bringing forgiveness in Isa. 55:77? Repentance in thought (renewed minds) and deeds of life.

Jeremiah 50:20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and [there shall be] none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

"I will pardon" is in the imperfect tense:

Lexicon Hebrew 8811 08811 Imperfect

- The imperfect expresses an action, process or condition which is incomplete, and it has a wide range of meaning:
- It is used to describe a single (as opposed to a repeated) action in the past; the imperfect adds color and movement by suggesting the "process" preliminary to its completion.
- The imperfect is used to express the "future", referring not only to an action which is about to

be accomplished but one which has not yet begun:

WE MUST LISTEN TO THE PSALMS

Psalms 69:30 I will praise <1984> (8762) the name <8034> of G-d <430> with a song <7892>, and will magnify <1431> (8762) him with thanksgiving <8426>. 31. [This] also shall please <3190> <0> the LORD <3068> better <3190> (8799) than an ox <7794> [or] bullock <6499> that hath horns <7160> (8688) and hoofs <6536> (8688). 32 The humble <6035> shall see <7200> (8804) [this, and] be glad <8055> (8799): and your heart <3824> shall live <2421> (8799) that seek <1875> (8802) G-d <430>. {humble: or, meek}

The Hebrew Word For "Seek"

Lexicon Hebrew 1875 01875 darash {daw-rash'} a primitive root; TWOT - 455; v AV - seek 84, enquire 43, require 12, search 7, misc 18; 164

- 1) to resort to, seek, seek with care, enquire, require
- 1a) (Qal)
- 1a1) to resort to, frequent (a place), (tread a place)
- 1a2) to consult, enquire of, seek (pray)
- 1a2a) of G-d
- 1a2b) of heathen gods, necromancers
- 1a3) to seek deity in prayer and worship
- 1a3a) G-d
- 1a3b) heathen deities
- 1a4) to seek (with a demand), demand, require
- 1a5) to investigate, enquire (study)
- 1a6) to ask for, require, demand
- 1a7) to practice, study, follow, seek with application (obedience)
- 1a8) to seek with care, care for
- 1b) (Niphal)
- 1b1) to allow oneself to be enquired of, consulted (only of G-d)
- 1b2) to be sought, be sought out (study)
- 1b3) to be required (of blood)

Answer for yourself: What are the dynamics that affected forgiveness? Praise, prayer, and study.

Psalms 78:37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant. 38 But he, [being] full of compassion, forgave [their] iniquity, and destroyed [them] not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. 39 For he remembered that they [were but] flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

Answer for yourself: What are the dynamics involved in this forgiveness? The mercy of G-d alone.

The above passages show that the individual Jew could obtain forgiveness in various ways: repentance, prayer, study, meal and flour offerings, money, jewelry, or simply out of the pure mercy of G-d. A blood sacrifice was not the only means of atonement.

Hosea, the prophet, states: "For I desire MERCY, and NOT SACRIFICE, and THE KNOWLEDGE OF G-D MORE THAN BURNT OFFERINGS" [which were blood sacrifices] (Hosea 6:6).

Answer for yourself: Is the knowledge of G-d from His Word and Torah greater than any blood sacrifice? Yes.

Answer for yourself: How can we obtain the knowledge of G-d? Study.

Answer for yourself: How could Abraham believe G-d without a knowledge of Him? The answer is he could not!

Answer for yourself: How did the great men of the Hebrew Bible obtain justification / atonement / ransom when they lived outside the land of Israel (remember there was no way for him to continuously bring blood offerings on a routine basis throughout the year for atonement and forgiveness)? G-d provided other ways just as effective as blood and burnt offerings (other ways than blood).

Answer for yourself: What about all those who lived for G-d after the destruction of Solomon's Temple (422 B.C.E.)? There were always other ways than blood and these "non-blood" atonements were not created "after the fact" so to speak.

Answer for yourself: What did the people do to be rightly related to G-d from the destruction of the First Temple until Ezra and Nehemiah returned and began the rebuilding of the Temple?

These people without Temple, priesthood, or offering, by faith in G-d maintained a relationship with Him. They believed G-d as did their father Abraham, and it was accounted to them for justification. Their belief was exhibited in G-dly actions prescribed by His Torah and not "good works" alone, for every good work is not a godly work. Many good works are motivated by the unconscious self, and since the heart is desperately wicked and we cannot know it, the only sure way to be sure that we "know HIM" is for us to keep His COMMANDMENTS and not our best intentions.

Ezekiel 11:16 "Thus saith the Lord G-d: Although I have cast them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, YET WILL I BE TO THEM A LITTLE SANCTUARY (Hebrew Temple) in the counties where they shall come."

Numbers 15:38-39 "Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a cord of blue; And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own hearts and your own eyes, after which ye used to play the harlot."

There were certain laws which only could be observed in the land. There were others that could be only observed when the Temple stood. While out of the land and without the benefits of the Temple, the individual Jew could look at the fringes on his garment and be reminded of the commandments of G-d. He would also be reminded that G-d would be to him a little Temple in the land of his so-journey. When the individual Jew acknowledged the commandments he would identify himself with G-d who dwelled in the Temple.

Each time the ancient Hebrew looked upon his "garment," the knots and "color" of blue reminded him of all the laws, ordinances, and commandments.

In keeping with our discussion of faith, the individual Jew did not need a set of dogma. He had a relationship with G-d based on belief in G-d not blood from animals. No Orthodox Jew I have ever spoken with indicated that a Jew was justified / atoned / redeemed by blood. It was a belief in G-d that produced G-dly actions that maintained his fellowship and relationship with YHVH.

Jonah, a Jewish prophet, who goes to a city of bnai Noah, Nineveh, proclaimed the judgment of G-d, "... yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jonah 3:4). The result of this message is

spelled out in the text of the third chapter.

"So the people of Nineveh BELIEVED G-D, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them . . . the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, let neither man nor beast, nor herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water. . CRY MIGHTILY unto G-d; yea, let them TURN (lit. repent) everyone FROM HIS EVIL WAY (from sins in general), AND FROM THE VIOLENCE (Hebrew-robbery," which is one of the seven laws of Noah) THAT IS IN THEIR HANDS...AND G-D SAW THEIR WORKS, that they turned from their evil ways (sins in general and specifically).

When the people repented of their sins G-d did not overthrow the kingdom. The text does not say that the people did not have faith in G-d before the coming of Jonah. What the text does say is the people of Nineveh were guilty of theft. When this is called to their attention "the people of Nineveh believed G-d," (they believed that He would overthrow them). This shows they possessed a knowledge of G-d before Jonah came to them. They did not offer a blood sacrifice. They *"cried mightily unto G-d . . . and G-d saw their works (G-dly actions in response to their repentance), that they turned from their evil ways."* Like Abraham, and all men of faith, their belief in G-d resulted in G-dly actions.

I am aware of passages in the New Testament writings that would suggest a justification / atonement / redemption based on blood sacrifices. There are verses that show a human sacrifice, which is specifically prohibited in the Hebrew writings. Following is a partial list of passages: Luke 22:20; I Corinthians 11:25-27; Ephesians 1:7; 2:13; Colossians 1:14,20; Hebrews 9:12,18,20,22; 10:19,29; 13:12,20; 1 Peter 1:2,19; I John 1:9; Revelation 1:5; 5:9; 12:11.

Answer for yourself: Having seen what is presented in this article, is it possible we have not fully and correctly interpreted the death of Yeshua, for after all, he did not die on the altar in the Temple? This bears more study.

Following is a partial list of passages from the Hebrew Scriptures which show that G-d specifically prohibited human sacrifice. Some would say that Yeshua was different. He was god-man. Regardless who they say he is or was does not abrogate the clear teaching of the Hebrew Scriptures. All the teaching of Yeshua and his followers had as their basics the Hebrew Scriptures.

'Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy G-d; for every abomination of the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods. For even their sons and daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods. Whatsoever thing I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it' (Deut. 12:31-32).

'And they served their idols, which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons ' (Psa. 106:36-37)

And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the Son of Hinnon, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart' (Jer. 7:31).

Answer for yourself: What can we deduct from the above references?

G-d views human sacrifice as an abomination. He hates it and issued a specific prohibition regarding such sacrifices. There were to be no additions or deletions from the prohibition.

Answer for yourself: Could the Gentile Christian church, in retrospect, possibly interpreted the death of Yeshua in ways which were unacceptable to the faith of Yeshua, and could possibly the Jew be right today in

many areas where Gentile Christianity has erred in their interpretation? This again bears your personal study.

Human sacrifice was viewed as an offering to demons.

Jeremiah reaffirms the commandment from Deuteronomy. Human sacrifice did not come as a command from G-d, "neither came it into my (YHVH'S) heart (mind or thoughts)."

Answer for yourself: How does this stack up with "Messiah being crucified before the foundation of the world" (a totally solar belief by sun-worshippers-intersection of the celestial and the elliptical orbits of sun and earth making a "cross" where they intersect...the sun/son on the cross)? Have we been taught wrong by the Gentiles for two thousand years and accepted the wrong meaning given to the death of Jesus due to the rejection of Jewish beliefs by the Gentiles some 2 thousand years ago?

The sum of the matter is that no person has ever been justified by blood from humans.

True Saving Faith always results in G-dly actions which are responses to G-d's Word, Law, and Commandments; which in reality is the fruit of our saving faith.



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DID THE APOSTLE PAUL CONTINUE TO BRING BLOOD SACRIFICES AFTER THE DEATH OF YESHUA...AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR CHRISTIANITY TODAY?

Before we begin let me see if we can agree on a premise before reading this article.

A Christian's religious belief system, when tested and exposed to contradictory facts from Biblical languages, Biblical history, Biblical culture, and archeology, must in the Spirit of Truth and Repentance, be flexible enough to change

If you can admit to the truth of the above statement, then read on. If not, you need not continue.

If you were like me then most likely you grew up in the Christian church. Having done so you probably, like myself, were fed a steady diet of the book of Hebrews. In that book which is traditionally attributed to Paul as being the author, we are told that Yeshua was the ultimate sacrifice.

In particular we read:

- Hebrews 9:12-14 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us....How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to G-d, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living G-d?
- Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
- Hebrews 10:1-2 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2. For then would they not have ceased to be offered?
- Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all
- Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified
- Hebrews 10:18 Now where remission of there is, there is no more offering for sin

After writing these passages the writer goes even so far as to say in Hebrews 10:20...."by a new and living way which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his body" and Hebrews 10:22 "let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith..."

NOW FOR THE HARD PART

Although it cannot be proven for certainty, the tradition of the Church maintains Pauline authorship for the book of Hebrews. As early as the second century Paul was regarded in the East as the author, and during the third century his authorship was the accepted view. In the West, where the epistle was known from earliest times, Pauline authorship was rejected and did not gain acceptance until the fourth century.

Having said that, then we should expect to find examples in Paul's life where he lives out the doctrines of salvation espoused in the book of Hebrews... especially the one concerning the finality of Jesus Christ's death as the final atonement for sin?

Answer for yourself: Does the Apostle Paul, in his life after the cross, share with us examples whereby he shows us that he believes that Yeshua "once for all" redeemed us from sin? Astonishingly, no he doesn't! In fact I will show you in a minute he does just the opposite!

Answer for yourself: Can we find examples in the Apostle Paul's life where he goes against the teachings of the book of Hebrews and continues to bring blood sacrifices for sin as an atonement after the cross? Yes. We will examine the book of Acts and the book of Numbers to prove it to you shortly.

Answer for yourself: Did Paul demonstrate through a Nazarite vow and its accompanying blood sacrifices (Num. 6) that he was obedient to the rules and laws of the Pentateuch and the Mosaic Law, thereby producing a state of approval before G-d after the cross? Yes.

Answer for yourself: How could obedience to the laws of G-d (including those dealing with blood as well as non-blood atonements) produce a state of approval when we are told different today? It sure does and does so easily. If we look up the word used for "law" in the New Testament we find the correct meaning in the Greek:

The Greek word for "law" is as follows:

Lexicon Greek 3551

3551 nomos {nom'-os} from a primary nemo (to parcel out, especially food or grazing to animals); TDNT - 4:1022,646; n m

AV - law 197; 197

- 1) anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, a law, a command
- 1a) of any law whatsoever
- 1a1) a law or rule producing a state approved of G-d
- 1a1a) by the observance of which is approved of G-d
- 1a2) a precept or injunction
- 1a3) the rule of action prescribed by reason
- 1b) of the Mosaic law, and referring to the context. either to the volume of the law or to its contents
- 1c) the name of the more important part (the Pentateuch), is put for the entire collection of the sacred books of the OT

IT CAN BE SHOWN THAT THAT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THE APOSTLE PAUL BRINGS BLOODY SIN OFFERINGS AFTER THE

CRUCIFIXION OF YESHUA.....SO WHAT GIVES?

That's right it can! Let us now examine the word "offering" as used of the type of sacrifice Paul is recorded as having made in fulfillment of the Nazarite vow in Acts 21:26.

Acts 21:26

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

(KJV)

The Greek word for "offering" as used in the text is as follows:

Lexicon Greek 4376

4376 prosphora {pros-for-ah'} from 4374; TDNT - 9:68,1252; n f

AV - offering 8, offering up 1; 9

- 1) the act of offering, a bringing to
- 2) that which is offered, a gift, a present. In the NT a sacrifice, whether bloody or not: offering for sin, expiatory offering

Answer for yourself: Did you notice that this offering could be bloody or not? Yes. So we have to keep studying deeper to get to the truth cause as of now it is unclear which type of offerings Paul brought.

Answer for yourself: How do come to the correct understanding about whether Paul brought blood sacrifices on non-blood sacrifices? Easy. We let the context of the passage define it for us.

And since this offering occurs after the cross - the ramifications of such an offering if is "blood" has staggering consequences for traditional Christianity and Christian doctrine.

INVESTIGATING PAUL'S OFFERING IN DETAIL

We need only to look at what was required in numbers 6 for one who undertook a Nazarite vow.

Since this is a Nazarite vow as described in Acts 21, which occurs almost 30 years after the death of Yeshua, we must look no further than the commandments surrounding the Nazarite vow and these are recorded for us in Numbers chapter 6 to determine if the offerings attendant with it are "bloody" or not:

Numb 6:13 (KJV) And this [is] the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: 14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings, 15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings. 16 And the priest shall bring [them] before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering: 17 And he shall offer the ram [for] a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering. 18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation [at] the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put [it] in the fire

which [is] under the sacrifice of the peace offerings. 19 And the priest shall take the sodden **shoulder of the ram**, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put [them] upon the hands of the Nazarite, after [the hair of] his separation is shaven: 20 And the priest shall wave them [for] a wave offering before the LORD: this [is] holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine. 21 This [is] the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, [and of] his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, **so he must do after the law of his separation.**

Answer for yourself: First of all, did you notice that one who undertook a Nazarite vow was required to bring peace offerings as well as sin offerings?

Answer for yourself: Don't you find this rather strange in light of what Hebrews teaches, yet we have Paul's example to the contrary?

Answer for yourself: If Paul is the writer of Hebrews, and if he ascribed to such doctrines taught in Hebrews then why is he doing just the opposite?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that these peace and sin offerings required the killing and spilling of an animal's blood which had to be sprinkled on the altar?

Answer for yourself: Having read Numbers 6, do you see for yourself that blood sacrifices had to be brought in fulfillment of the Nazarite vow which Paul was obedient to over 30 years after the cross? I hope so.

Answer for yourself: Does it look like it to you that Paul believed, as seen in his actions, that Yeshua was the last sacrifice once and for all? No way.

Answer for yourself: Does it appear to you that the writer of the book of Hebrews 10:1-2 is correct when it states that blood sacrifices for sin had "ceased to be offered?" No way. Evidently Paul surely does not seem to believe it by his actions.

Answer for yourself: Can you say that by Paul's actions he believe that the offering of the body of Yeshua was a once for all sacrifice for sin? You sure can't!

Answer for yourself: How can we believe Hebrews 10:14 where it says we are "perfected forever" by the sacrifice of Yeshua when just 30 years later the Apostle Paul was still bring sin offerings to the Temple (after the death of Yeshua)?

Answer for yourself: Over the course of thirty years had Paul forgotten that "Now where remission of there is, there is no more offering for sin" as Hebrews 10:18 professes? Evidently he did not ascribe to such a teaching as evidenced by his life and actions.

Answer for yourself: How can we draw near to G-d with a true heart when we have been taught a doctrine by our Christian church which cannot be substantiated by looking at Paul's life when he is the one believe to have written it in the first place?

Answer for yourself: Why would Paul bring "blood sacrifices" and "sin offerings" if the Law had been down away with in Yeshua's death or if Yeshua's death had been understood as the final sacrifice of all sacrifices? He most assuredly would not have done so.

Answer for yourself: From the examples I have shown you, how can you in true faith believe that there is a "new way" when it can be shown by Paul's life that there is not any new way at all, but that the only way given to G-d by man was still followed by him as well as gentile converts he taught?

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that maybe for the first time you are seeing the many conflicts in the New Testament which lie just before the surface of the English translation?

Answer for yourself: Will you admit to yourself that what you have just saw throttles mainline Christianity and its teachings about the death of Yeshua as a final atonement for sin? (request our in-depth teachings on atonement and get the answers you need..they are free).

Answer for yourself: Are you aware that not just in Hebrews, but all through the New Testament we have passages which pass for "truth," which upon just a little investigation can be shown to be Gentile fabrications created by Roman and Gentile authors to change the faith of Yeshua into a faith about him and replace Biblical Judaism intended for all mankind with neo-paganism which was their heritage?

Answer for yourself: In other words, are you aware that as a typical Christian you practice a replacement faith which can be shown to be in error by anyone well versed in both the Jewish as well as the Greek Scriptures?

You might ask yourself why no one besides me has pointed this out to you before. I can assure you that there are multitudes coming to the realization to which I bring you today. The Last Days are upon us and as the Prophet Hosea states that in the Last Days G-d will restore the roots to the faith of the Gentiles. Simply, the vast majority of Christian pastors and teachers today are not qualified in the study of the Scriptures to lead anyone as evidenced by what I showed you today. I too like you was led astray by my spiritual leaders as well as my Seminary. Such is the sad reality to which I was born, and only departed after many years of in-depth study to find the truth when my studies challenged much of what I had accepted "by faith." Faith should only confirm and not contradict Biblical facts! But the roots of Gentile anti-Semitism created a new theology to replace what G-d had given all mankind. The legacy remains today and most are not aware.

The fact that Paul does bring blood sacrifices **COMMANDED BY THE LAW** testifies to him and should to us that the Law had not passed away after Yeshua's death as a pattern for life for believers in Yeshua and his message as we so often have been told. But more than that it demonstrates two things:

- **1. That Paul evidently did not think that Yeshua's death was a sacrifice to end all sacrifices.**
- **2. That Paul still felt the need to obey the Law after the death of Yeshua, even laws concerning sin offerings as an atonement for sin.**

Answer for yourself: Is that the message you have received from your church?

Answer for yourself: Has your church or clergy studied deeply enough to search out these truths buried beneath the pages of your Bibles or have they accepted the "echoes" of the past as truth even when the text of your Bibles correctly interpreted says different?

Answer for yourself: What does that do to the traditional teachings we hear week after week in our churches preached by those who repeat what they have heard and not studied out for themselves? Should we feel secure?

Answer for yourself: Dear Christian, can you now see that the Law had never passed away after the cross and we have severely misunderstood the message of the Bible and in its place accepted the traditions of men...many of which are in error and contradict the truths given by G-d? I hope so.

Answer for yourself: Can you begin to guess at the staggering consequences facing you since not only the Law has not passed away, but it seems Yeshua's death was not understood by the first believers as a final atonement for sin as we have been told?

Answer for yourself: As most who read these thought-provoking articles are Christians, do you understand that you, like I did before I learned the truth, have lived most of your lives as "Lawless Believers" and are trusting for your atonement something other than the Bible teaches and what Paul actually believed?

Needles to say we have a great contradiction. Paul's life speaks otherwise than what is attributed to him in his letters. What we have to come to terms

with is that much of what is believed written by Paul is rhetoric put into the mouth of Paul by the early Gentile Church. For you have seen hidden beneath the lines of your Bible evidence which contradicts much of what we are told Paul wrote. The both cannot be reconciled!

It is almost too scary to consider the many sins we have committed "under grace" without the guidance of G-d's Law which would have regulated our conduct and behavior if followed. Bet Emet Ministries continues to warn the Christian concerning the Law and its demands made upon one's worship of G-d through the correct giving of the Tithe, as well as the sanctification and observance of the many appointed times with G-d as commanded in the Law concerning His Festivals and Saturday Sabbaths. Not only this, but the Law details other than non-blood atonements which often are the subject matter of the teachings of Yeshua in the "red" of our Bibles, but our unfamiliarity with the Bible blinds us to such understanding. The only problem is that we, for the most part, don't know the Law and are not aware of what G-d gave besides animal sacrifices that atones for our sins. We must repent if we truly are believers in G-d and love Him more than our erroneous traditions.

SO WHAT IS THE BOTTOM LINE PASTOR CRAIG?

We at Bet Emet Ministries realize that the vast majority of our readers have never had the opportunities presented to me as well as others who are part of our ministry to study in-depth to the degree that we do.

I personally understand the great handicap this presents to the average Christian believer today. The average believer cannot read either Hebrew or Greek and is at a total loss in coming to terms with the original language in which the Bible was written. Those who try to study rarely go deep enough since lacking the skill to do so to the degree necessary to arrive at pertinent information such as this article has provided. Thus, they find themselves dependent upon their local spiritual authorities for spiritual guidance in the Scriptures.

This is the tragic irony of all! Much within the documents comprising the New Testament can be shown to be Gentile fabrications when viewed against the religion of Yeshua which was Biblical Judaism.

As I have shown you in this article alone, a thorough understanding of the Bible and the Jewish Scriptures is necessary to accurately understand the events of the New Testament. Without such a background one is easily led astray by the "agenda" of the Gentile authors of the books of the New Testament in spite of the fact they carry "Jewish names" (given by Jerome). The real apostles of Yeshua had nothing to do with the writing of the Synoptic gospels, for just a cursory background in Judaism betrays the mistakes and errors within the Synoptic Gospels that pass for "Judaism" to the unlearned, which in reality never were a part of the Judaism practiced in the first century. The pagan religions of the non-Jews who were familiar with mystic blood cults. It is not surprising to find in Mythic cults, as well as others, liturgies in their pagan rites often quoted word or for word in the New Testament. How are we to account for this as if given to us by a Jewish Rabbi who fought and gave his life to strengthen the faith of Moses? The chronology and evolution of the Canon of the New Testament which was disputed, argued, debated, and challenged up until the first millennium after Yeshua.

One you come to an understanding that there was not a consensus of opinion concerning the books we take for granted was "inspired scripture," and that consensus was arrived at only after hundreds and hundreds of years, then your opinion of these documents as "authoritative" will quickly vanish. Not only were books "in" and "out" of the Canon of the New Testament repeatedly, but this nonsense seriously calls into questions the role of the Holy Spirit in the selection process itself. Besides that, if you are acquainted with the theologies of those who did the selection, then you should be horrified that G-d would allow such an important task to fall into the hands of idolaters such as the early Roman Church. Let us not forget it was these people who prayed to the dead, believed in Mary as co-mediator with Yeshua, believed in purgatory, believed in purchasing indulgences to get people out of hell, baptized infants for salvation, etc.

Answer for yourself: It is to these we are to look for “inspired Scripture

I could go on and on, but you see the point. If you would like more in-depth teachings concerning the Hebrew Roots of the Christian Faith, how the original faith taken in the Great Commission was corrupted and later changed by Roman invention and how you can return to “the faith once given to the saints,” please contact us. Shalom.

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